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THE WOODLANDS and CURIO THEATRE COMPANY Present
WILLIAM HAMILTON: NOT YOUR TYPICAL 18TH CENTURY GENTLEMAN

Philadelphia, PA — The Woodlands and Curio Theatre Company will present *William Hamilton: Not Your Typical 18th Century Gentleman*, a brief exploration of the vivid history of the colorful William Hamilton in the Hamilton Mansion at The Woodlands on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

In turns informative and sly, humorous and pathetic, this is not your typical history of a not-so-typical gentleman. Keep your eye out for the “pop-up” performances throughout the evening before we come together to toast the man who knew how to throw the best party in the eighteenth century!

This light-hearted performance will feature fictionalized accounts of the life of William Hamilton, written and performed by members of the award-winning Curio Theatre Company. Presented in the historic eighteenth century home of one of Philadelphia’s most prominent citizens, this one-night-only production chronicles the life of the man behind The Woodlands, based on historical accounts, documents, and letters from his Founding Father contemporaries (including Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Charles Drayton). Known for his good taste, botanical exploits and extensive art collection, William Hamilton remains one of the most influential yet forgotten members of colonial-era Philadelphia and Revolutionary America.

This event is one of several events hosted by The Woodlands this year to commemorate the life and legacy of William Hamilton 200 years after his death.

For more information about the event and to purchase advance tickets for \$15 (major credit cards only), please visit the EventBrite page via <http://curioatthewoodlands.eventbrite.com/>. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$20 (cash or check only). Ticket price includes cocktails and refreshments to be served throughout the event.

THE WOODLANDS is a garden of biographies, a rich reflection of Philadelphia’s history and a point of exploration for understanding the city’s development from colonial times to the present day. The Hamilton mansion, once the centerpiece of the sprawling estate of the collector, botanist and architect, William Hamilton, is a premier example of 18th-century modern classical architecture presaging the Federal style. The Woodlands cemetery, still active today, is the burial site of some of Philadelphia’s greatest thinkers, civic and business leaders, artists and problem solvers whose fascinating life stories inspire us to reflect upon how we can address the issues of our time. The Woodlands’ 54-acre undulating landscape is at once a one-of-a-kind 18th-century English pleasure garden, 19th-century rural cemetery, and a modern green oasis for its neighbors in

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bustling University City and West Philadelphia. The grounds of The Woodlands are open daily from dawn until dusk. More information about The Woodlands is available via the organization's website (www.woodlandsphila.org), Facebook (www.facebook.com/woodlandsphila), and Twitter (www.twitter.com/woodlandsphila).

CURIO THEATRE COMPANY is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization based in West Philadelphia. The Company operated from 2001-2004 as a touring and outreach company composed of professional artists in the Philadelphia region. In January 2005 Curio joined in partnership with the Calvary Center for Culture and Community at 4740 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia. In the fall of 2005 Curio began its first season of performances in the Calvary Chapel, and in the winter of 2008 moved into its new home next door in the Sanctuary. Curio believes in ensemble-based performance for theatre professionals and the development of new and young talent through practical theatre involvement. This philosophy filters down into their theatre school, summer camps, internship and educational outreach programs, and hiring processed. The Company believes in the artistic benefit of using a core company of artists, which allows for the development of exciting and memorable works of imagination, intelligence, and passion from a variety of genres. More information about Curio is available via the organization's website (www.curiotheatre.org).

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ATTENTION, CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHO: Theatre lovers and historians of all ages

WHAT: William Hamilton: Not Your Typical 18th Century Gentleman (the first theatrical collaboration between The Woodlands and Curio Theatre Company)

WHERE: Hamilton Mansion, The Woodlands, 4000 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104

WHEN: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 7:00-9:00 P.M.

HOW MUCH: \$15 online, \$20 at the door

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