

## THE ARTISTRY OF THE NATIVITY AT THE DEGOLYER HOUSE FACT SHEET

From November 27 to January 3 in the historic DeGolyer House, lavishly decorated for the holidays, The Artistry of the Nativity collection returns with 300 crèches, representing so many cultures from around the world. In addition to the Ray Harrington Collection, which the Arboretum owns, the collection of George Dvorsky will be showcased. Mr. Dvorsky's long career on Broadway and a lifetime spent traveling has allowed him to amass a collection of unique and collectible crèches from around the globe.

**21,000**: Square feet of the DeGolyer House where The Artistry of the Nativity is showcased **1,500**: Ornaments placed on 9 lavishly decorated Christmas trees throughout the house **400**: Hours spent arranging the nativities and decorating the DeGolyer House for the holidays

300: Number of crèches displayed in the DeGolyer House

300: Yards of ribbon used for the lavish décor

**150:** Feet of garland strung throughout

**75:** Years of the historic DeGolyer House

**21:** Days it takes to set up The Artistry of the Nativity and decorate the DeGolyer House for the holidays

**20:** The Artistry of the Nativity exhibition displays nativities dated as far back as the early 20<sup>th</sup> century

- 9: Lavishly decorated Christmas trees displayed in the DeGolyer House
- 6: Number of continents represented in The Artistry of the Nativity exhibition
- 2: Number of collections showcased including George Dvorsky and Ray Harrington

Each of the 300 crèches are made out of unique materials including cork, Waterford crystals, horns, seeds, cornhusks, glass, papier-mâché, wood and coconut shells to name a few.

While viewing The Artistry of the Nativity exhibit, guests are invited to reserve an elegant and festive holiday tea seating during the day or a special Wednesday evening dinner at Restaurant DeGolyer. To reserve tea or dinner at Restaurant DeGolyer, contact Susan Armanovs at 214.515.65811 or <u>sarmanovs@dallasarboretum.org</u>.

For more information about Holiday at the Arboretum or to purchase tickets, visit <u>www.dallasarboretum.org</u> or call 214.515.6500.