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Special performance of Music from the Pre-Civil War period will be held at Rose Hill Plantation on June 22nd

Reservations required by June 19th.

Union – Enjoy an early evening musical performance in the beautiful ballroom of the Rose Hill Plantation mansion, the former home of Governor William H. Gist and his family. Be transported to the early 1800s as we listen to music that may have filled the dancehalls and ballrooms across the south during the Antebellum Era. Some pieces you will recognize and others may be a surprise. The concert will take place Saturday, June 22nd, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Dr. Brennan Szafron, organist and choirmaster at the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Spartanburg, is returning this summer for this special musical program. Szafron gives intimate and engaging recitals, introducing his audience to musicians and melodies which may be new to the ear or treasured favorites. His concerts, held in the ballroom which resonated with live music in the 19th century, are truly unique. There will be a 15-minute intermission with light refreshments available. At the end of the performance there will be a brief period for questions and discussion.

Reservations are required and must be made by Wednesday, June 19th. Seating is limited to the first 30 registrants. Admission: \$10.00/person. Contact: Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site, 2677 Sardis Road, Union, S.C. Phone: 864-427-5966 or E-mail: rhillsp@scprt.com.

Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site is the antebellum home of South Carolina's "secession governor," William H. Gist. Visitors to the 44-acre park can learn about the lifestyle of a wealthy Upstate plantation family, Gist's contributions to politics, and the importance of cotton in the South. Visitors also get an inside look at the role of enslaved African-Americans and tenant farmers in South Carolina's history.

Normal hours of operation: Park grounds are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. year round. The mansion home is only accessible by guided tour. Tours are held Apr. – Oct., daily at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Winter tours, from Nov. – Feb. are scheduled Thurs. – Mon. at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. The grounds at Rose Hill Plantation may be rented for weddings and other events. We are located at 2677 Sardis Rd., 8 miles south of Union, SC.

The South Carolina State Park Service is a division of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, a state agency that serves as the leading marketing organization for South Carolina tourism. SCPRT also operates 47 state parks and administers federal and state grants for recreational development.

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