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WIND IT UP **19th & Early 20th Century Mechanical Objects** **January 23-June 7, 2009**

Cell phones, computers, gaming systems, and digital cameras are all examples of the types of items which have allowed the late 20th and 21st centuries to become known as a time of digital and electronic prowess in the world. These new devices demonstrate human capability in the realm of technology. For the owner of such items they represent a type of financial or social status.

The desire to own the most advanced and talked about inventions of the day is not a new phenomenon, but if you back up over 100 years ago there were not digital or electronic items to be sought after. Rather conversations hovered around mechanical inventions. Elaborate clocks, intricate music boxes, and amazing toys, are just a few of the household items which will be featured as part of the Pabst Mansion's newest exhibit **Wind It Up: 19th and Early 20th Century Mechanical Objects**. Highlights of the exhibit include:

- ❖ Rare and elaborate French automatons with intricate mechanical movements depicting activities from the everyday to the fantastical
- ❖ Hand carved German whistlers that whistler folk tunes
- ❖ Music boxes ~ from simple children's boxes to elaborate and intricately made orchestral boxes
- ❖ Clocks ~ from American utilitarian to French ornamental

Come see what was all the rage at the turn of the last century!



LIVE demonstrations of select items from **Wind It Up** will be held Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, during the 11am and 2 pm tours for the entire run of the exhibit. An added incentive to visit the Pabst Mansion soon!

The Pabst Mansion regular hours are Monday-Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm and Sunday noon-4:00pm (Closed Mondays mid-January through February). The Pabst Mansion's regular admission fees are **Adults \$8, Seniors/Students \$7, Children 6-17 \$4, Children under 6 are admitted free**. If you have additional questions please contact Dawn Hourigan at (414) 931-0808. *Photos are available upon request.*
