



MAKING HISTORY

A VISION FOR THE NEW MERCER MUSEUM

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***A NEWSLETTER
INFORMING THE
SPECIAL
FRIENDS AND
LEADERS OF THE
MERCER
MUSEUM'S
CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN
EXPANSION
PROJECT***



Pictured: William Maeglin, BCHS Treasurer, Douglas C. Dolan, BCHS Executive Director, Governor Ed Rendell, and BCHS Trustee Robert G. Loughery

MERCER MUSEUM RECEIVES \$2 MILLION

On Thursday, August 7 in Coatesville, PA, the Mercer Museum received its largest gift to date towards its "Making History" Campaign. The \$2 million gift is part of a matching Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program (RCAP) Grant, designed to invigorate the state's economy. Governor Edward G. Rendell presented the check to BCHS Executive Director Doug Dolan at the Keystone Helicopter Factory, another recipient of an RCAP grant.

Now closing in on \$7 million raised, the "Making History" campaign is doing just that- with construction scheduled for mid-year 2009. "This gift from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," states Dolan, "recognizes how valuable the Mercer Museum is within the cultural community and it's a testament to the importance Governor Rendell places on arts and culture. They are vital elements of economic development."

Former Board Chair and supporter of the RCAP Program, Rob Loughery joined Dolan for the check presentation. "These funds have provided critical investments over the years for important Pennsylvania projects," noted Loughery. "It's a tremendous honor to have the Mercer Museum included on the list." Also in attendance was BCHS Treasurer Bill Maeglin, Senior Vice President at Univest, whose company supported the Museum's campaign and recognizes the need to invest in the valuable resources of our community.

RCAP is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, and historical improvement projects. Through the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made substantial public and private investments in communities and businesses throughout the state to spur economic growth.

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INTERIOR VIEWS OF THE MERCER MUSEUM'S PLANNED EXPANSION



While continuing to serve as a steward of the past, the Mercer Museum will reinvent itself physically and conceptually to meet the needs of new and diverse audiences. Pictured are renderings of the interior of the new construction that will accommodate state-of-the-art exhibitions and experiences that will help people connect more meaningfully with the collection and encourage visitors to return regularly to view the museum's ever-changing exhibits. Along with the new gallery, the new facility will triple the space presently available for educational purposes.

The educational and gallery space will be enhanced by a new and expanded reception area, designed with amenities that include accessible and family-friendly restrooms, exciting shopping opportunities, and an attractive visitor services area. This will provide convenient space for visitors to orient themselves, gather, rest, as well as to build excitement for the adventures that await them in the new galleries and program spaces, and in the original core of the Mercer Museum.

Look for more exciting news in our next issue, coming out in December 2008.



To learn more about Mercer Museum's "Making History" Campaign, please call the Mercer Museum at 215-345-0210 to speak with Executive Director Doug Dolan (ext 134), Campaign Coordinator Susan DeLuca (ext 129) or Campaign Consultant Laura Biersmith (ext 142). You may also visit us on the web at www.mercermuseum.org.

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