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RAISE A GLASS TO THE END OF SUMMER AT FONTHILL CASTLE BEER FEST

DOYLESTOWN, PA: (July 21, 2017) – Fonthill Castle hosts its 4th annual **Beer Fest** on Saturday, August 26 from 2 – 5 p.m. The event is a celebration of beer paired with food and live music in the spectacular outdoor castle setting. The tasting event will feature more than 25 breweries pouring more than 75 varieties of ales, lagers, mead and spirits.

Breweries scheduled to participate in Fonthill Castle Beer Fest include local favorites Tower Hill Brewery, Mad Prince Brewing, Cooperz, Colony Meadery and Boardroom Spirits along with national craft brewers Ballast Point Brewery, Harpoon, Great Lakes Brewing and many others. Participating beer distributors include Origlio, Gretz, Mueller and Stockertown.

Guests will enjoy the smooth sounds of Jazz with Friend and sample an assortment of light fare including soft pretzels, jerk chicken sausage, feta and zucchini fritters, beer braised chicken nachos and mini steak tacos. First Tap VIP guests will nosh on Beer Truffles from Pierre's Chocolates, crab stuffed mushrooms, bacon wrapped scallops, sweet and sour meatballs and pineapple chicken satay. All food is provided by T.H.E Catering Company.

General admission tickets to Fonthill Castle Beer Fest are \$55 per person and \$25 for designated drivers (*No alcohol will be served to designated drivers*). The First Tap VIP ticket is \$100 and features admission to the Fest one hour before the general event and exclusive access to the Draught Lines Lounge for select brews. Registration and prepayment are required for the event. Tickets can be purchased online at fonthillmuseum.org or by calling 215-348-9461. The event will take place rain or shine.

As an additional courtesy to our guests, Fonthill Castle Beer Fest is also partnering with DART to provide free shuttle service after the festival to downtown Doylestown so guests can take advantage of all the restaurants, bars and shops that Doylestown has to offer.

Fonthill Castle Beer Fest is generously sponsored by Bucks-Mont Party Rental, Draught Lines, Mueller Inc., Senator Chuck McIlhinney, Gretz Beer Co., Stockertown Beverage, Strategic Underwriters International, and JR Maxwell Builders, Inc., and Bucks County Transport.

Fonthill Castle is located at East Court Street and Route 313. Parking on the grounds is free. All guests must be 21+ years of age or older and have a valid ID. No children or pets will be

admitted to the event. Proceeds from *Fonthill Castle Beer Fest* support education programs at Fonthill Castle.

About Fonthill Castle

Fonthill Castle, Henry Mercer's amazing concrete castle home, boasts 44 rooms and 18 fireplaces. The interior walls, floors and ceilings are elaborately adorned with an incredible array of Mercer's original handcrafted tiles. The castle is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2012 with special tours, events and activities. The National Historic Landmark has been featured on A&E's "America's Castles," and in Martha Stewart Living Magazine. Fonthill is open daily for guided tours. For hours and pricing, visit fonthillmuseum.org.

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