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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**The Sounds, Scents and Scenes of the Holidays on Display at Mercer Museum's Free Open House**

**DOYLESTOWN, PA (November 29, 2017)** –The Mercer Museum will open its doors for its annual free **Holiday Open House** on Tuesday, December 12, from 7 – 9 p.m. The festivities kick off with a menorah lighting by Temple Judea Youth Choir Group, followed by the Central Bucks High School East Symphonic Band escorting Santa to the Mercer's Log House where he will be stationed during the evening to hear children's wishes, pose for photos and give out keepsake ornaments.

Holiday Open House performers include the Bucks County Country Gentlemen, Central Bucks High School East Symphonic Band, harpist Darcy Fair, Delaware Valley University Chorale, Got Strings? Youth Orchestra's INRUSH, Mercer Carolers, Temple Judea Youth Choir Group and the Vocal Ensemble of Council Rock South High.

In addition to musical performances, visitors can explore the Mercer Museum's six-story castle, and view the exhibits *Centuries of Childhood: An American Story* and *Under the Tree: A Century of Holiday Trees and Toys*. Right outside of the museum, visitors can sip hot cider and enjoy the Burning of the Greens bonfire.

Across the street, more holiday song and performances will take place at the James A. Michener Art Museum. The museum's galleries will be open for free and guests will delight in performances from the Central Bucks West High School Choir, Dance Arts Collaborative, Palisades High School Madrigal Singers, Ballet Arts of Bucks County and Second Baptist Church of Doylestown Choir.

**About the Mercer Museum**

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier tourist attractions, offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America as seen through the implements used in everyday life. Its collection includes more than 50,000 objects exhibiting the tools of more than 60 different crafts and trades, providing one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of material culture in America. The Mercer Museum is located at Pine Street & Scout Way in Doylestown and is open for self-guided exploration seven days a week. For more information, call 215-345-0210 or visit [mercermuseum.org](http://mercermuseum.org).

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