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Bucks County Film Premiere:

***Invisible Warriors* Documentary Screening**

Inspiring Stories of an untold generation of African-American War Heroes

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. – The Mercer Museum is pleased to announce the Bucks County premiere film screening of *Invisible Warriors: African American Women in World War II* on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This inspiring documentary, directed by educator and historian Gregory Cooke, tells the untold stories of the African-American women who worked in war production, military and government service during World War II.

Invisible Warriors is an unforgettable conversation among a diverse group of African-American “Rosie the Riveters” who recount overcoming the Great Depression, Jim Crow, sexual degradation, and workplace discrimination to break gender and racial barriers.

“*Invisible Warriors: African American Women in World War II* is needed because it gives agency to 600,000 ‘hidden’ black women who were important contributors to the most consequential event in human history – World War II,” says Cooke.

An Adjunct Writing Instructor in the English and Philosophy Department at Drexel University, Gregory Cooke has been teaching writing, English, and communications (film/journalism) for over 20 years, both in college and in high school.

Since 2004, Cooke has been researching, writing and producing historical documentaries about the African American experience during World War II. His previous film, *Chocolate Soldiers from the USA*, examines the liberating and tumultuous experiences of the 140,000 black soldiers stationed in Great Britain during the war. The film premiered in November 2009 as a work-in-progress at the Hirshhorn Gallery, Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Mercer Museum Vice President of Community Services & Marketing Marjan Shirzad adds, “We are honored to bring the important film *Invisible Warriors* to the Mercer Museum for its Bucks County premiere. Our community programs are an essential means through which we can highlight and amplify stories related to our changing exhibits. By helping to shed light on the untold stories of bravery and triumph of African-American women in the war effort, we offer our community an opportunity to come together and strengthen their understanding of history at the Mercer Museum.”

Cooke will conduct a Q&A after the documentary screening. Space is limited and advance registration is highly recommended. Tickets are \$20 General Admission/\$10 Members/\$10 Veterans and available at mercermuseum.org.

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About the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are operated by the Bucks County Historical Society.

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County’s premier cultural attractions and a Smithsonian affiliate, features both local and national seasonal exhibits as well as a core museum collection of over 50,000 pre-Industrial tools. This permanent collection offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America through sixty different crafts and trades, and is one of the world’s most comprehensive portraits of American material culture.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street in Doylestown, PA and is open year-round. For up-to-date schedule and admission information, please visit mercermuseum.org or call 215-345-0210.

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