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Cocktails at the Castle:

A Delectable Journey through Bucks County's Best in Food and Drink

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. – The Mercer Museum's major annual fundraiser, Cocktails at the Castle, returns to Doylestown on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., for an unforgettable night of culinary delights and craft cocktails.

Foodies and history lovers will join to celebrate this legendary evening in a one-of-a-kind castle. Cocktails at the Castle is renowned for its extraordinary focus on crafted cocktails and scrumptious offerings from some of the area's most celebrated restaurants, caterers, and bakeries, all in support of the Mercer Museum's year-round exhibitions, youth education programs and community initiatives.

President & Executive Director Kyle McKoy notes, "We are so excited to welcome the community to another wonderful Cocktails at the Castle. With so many regional favorites returning to share their culinary creations, as well as new additions to the roster, all in an exceptional historic setting, we know it will be the best year yet!

This year's Cocktails at the Castle event features delicious specialties from area favorites including Ann's Cake Pan, Chambers 19 Bistro & Bar, Clusters Handcrafted Popcorn, Corporate Source Catering & SophistiCatered Events, Edible Arrangements of Doylestown, Empanada Mama & Nourish by Mama, Jeffrey A. Miller Catering, Joseph Ambler Inn, Laurie's Chocolates, Luberto's Bakery & Deli, Simply Fresh by McCaffrey's, Nina's Waffles & Ice Cream, Penn Taproom, PA Soup and Seafood House, Piccolo Trattoria, Pierre's Chocolates, Quinoa, Sand

Castle Winery, Sweet Victory Gluten & Dairy Free Treats, Sweetah's Gluten Free Bake Shop, Vela, Wegmans Food Markets – Warrington, Wycombe Vineyards and The Zen Den.

Event attendees will enjoy sampling craft cocktails from our Cocktail Partners at Brown-Forman, Barr Hill, Sagamore Spirit, Don Q, Kinsey Whiskey, St. George Spirits, Infinium Spirits, and Fratelli Branca with assistance from the Breakthru Beverage Group Pennsylvania and Hops/Scotch 22.

Dance the night away with musical acts that set the festive mood including a quartet from the Bucks County Symphony Orchestra playing the VIP Reception, the eclectic band The Gin Canaries playing swinging hits from the 1920's through 1940's, and Philadelphia-based party band Where's Pete to keep the party hopping until the last note is played.

An important fundraising component of Cocktails at the Castle is the online silent auction that features one-of-a-kind experiences and VIP packages, all to benefit a great cause. Bidding for the silent auction is now live, and supporters can bid anytime online before and during the gala. Tickets to the event are not required to bid.

This year's selection of unique auction experiences and deluxe offerings means that there is something for everyone, including a seven-day beachfront vacation on Sanibel Island, a private behind-the-scenes tour of the Mercer Museum's vast collections, a custom watercolor portrait of your home, a golf outing for three at Bucks County's Lookaway Golf Club, a full detailing of your car at Four Seasons Car Wash, up-close Penn State Football Tickets with a Tailgate Experience and so much more.

Cocktails at the Castle is black-tie optional and kicks off with a VIP reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for all guests at 7:00 p.m. with tickets available at \$250 VIP, \$175 Gala Admission, \$150 Members and \$95 Mercer's NextGen (21-30 years old).

Cocktails at the Castle sponsors at the leadership levels include Presenting Sponsor: Wells Fargo Advisors, Pinnacle Sponsor: BLBB Charitable, ESCA Blast, Tower Sponsors: A to Z Party Rental, Dontech, Inc., Penn Color, Inc. Penn Community Bank, Spire Sponsors: Bucks Mont Party Rental, Curtin & Heefner LLP, Linda B. Hodgdon, Thompson BMW, Vizi, Final Sponsors: Advent Security

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For ticket and event information, visit mercermuseum.org/cocktails or contact Eileen Shapiro, Development Coordinator, at eshapiro@mercermuseum.org or 215-345-0210 ext. 132.

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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 museum also features a research library that is a center for local history related to Bucks County and the surrounding region, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

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.

Fonthill Castle was built between 1908-1912, and was the home to Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his home and as a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street, Doylestown, PA and is open for guided one-hour tours. Reservations are not taken in advance, and tours are booked at our Welcome Center each day, on a

first-come, first-served basis.

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