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## **2022 Cocktails at the Castle**

**DOYLESTOWN, PA** – The Mercer Museum’s annual fall fundraiser Cocktails at the Castle returns to Doylestown on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., for a night of culinary delights and tasty cocktails, all in support of the Mercer Museum’s education programs, exhibitions, and community initiatives.

Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening on the grounds of the Mercer Museum with delicious specialties from Bucks County culinary purveyors, along with craft cocktail creations and exceptional entertainment.

The evening begins with a “Pine Street Stroll” cocktail hour, where guests can enjoy an elaborate selection of appetizers from Jeffrey A. Miller Catering and the distinct musical sounds of Birdhouse Center, featuring Bronwyn Bird and Justin Nawn on guitar and nyckelharpa, a traditional Swedish instrument.

After cocktail hour, local restaurant and catering partners will serve their specialties to the attendees. This year’s partners include Altomonte’s, Bluestem Botanicals, Chambers 19 Bistro & Bar, Cross Culture Restaurant, Doylestown Café & Catering, Empanada Mama, Genevieve’s Kitchen, Le Macaron French Pastries, Lubertos, McCoolle’s, Mom’s Cookie Bar, Nothing Bundt Cakes – Warrington, Omiza, Pennsylvania Soup & Seafood House, Pierre’s Chocolates, Simply Fresh by McCaffrey’s, Stone & Key Cellars, Sweet Victory Gluten & Dairy Free Treats, and Wycombe Valley Vineyards – with more to come!

Guests will enjoy sampling a curated list of craft cocktails and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the evening. The Mercer Museum’s volunteer event committee is excited bring the annual Cocktails at the Castle tradition to the Doylestown Cultural District.

Attendees will dance the night away with musical acts that set the festive mood including Philadelphia-based party band Where’s Pete to keep the party hopping until the last note is played.

Bucks County Historical Society Chief Executive Officer, Kyle McKoy notes, “We are thrilled to

welcome our community supporters and friends to another wonderful Cocktails at the Castle event this year. With so many regional favorites returning to share their culinary creations, as well as exciting new additions to the roster, all in an exceptional historic setting, we know it will be a year to remember!"

In addition to the event, an important fundraising component of Cocktails at the Castle is the online silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind experiences and unique packages, all to benefit the Bucks County Historical Society.

This year's selection of unique auction experiences and deluxe offerings includes something for everyone: A one-week vacation on Vieques Island in Puerto Rico, a romantic getaway at the Joseph Ambler Inn, a private behind-the-scenes tour of the Mercer Museum's collections, buzzworthy spirit gift baskets, artwork, family outings, local dining and shopping adventures, and so much more.

Bidders do not need to purchase tickets or attend the event and all can bid on auction items virtually. The silent auction will close at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022. All auction items will be available for pick up at the Mercer Museum.

Tickets to Cocktails at the Castle are \$200 for General Admission and \$175 for Bucks County Historical Society Members. All tickets include food from the event's culinary partners, craft cocktails and non-alcoholic mocktails, and musical entertainment.

The event is rain or shine. Tickets are limited, non-refundable, and non-transferable.

Cocktails at the Castle is presented by Wells Fargo Advisors, and generously sponsored by: BLBB Charitable; Tom & Bob Hebel of Bucks Country Gardens; Lin B. Hodgdon; Karley's Rentals; Penn Community Bank; Quire; William & Laurie Schutt; ESCA Blast; Pat Tagliolini, Realtor; Univest Financial; Doris E. Carr; Dunlap SLK; Eastburn and Gray, PC; Natech Solutions; Brian & Louise McLeod; Michelle Pedersen; Fred & Taffy Schea; Shelly Law Offices, LLC; Stark & Stark Attorneys at Law; Ron Strouse & Fred Cresson; Thompson BMW; Susan J. Smith, Esq., on behalf of Williams Family Law, P.C.; and the official media partners Bucks County Herald and River Towns Magazine.

For event and auction information and to purchase tickets, visit [mercermuseum.org/cocktails](http://mercermuseum.org/cocktails).

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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 (BCHS).

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.

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.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA, 18901.  
Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street in Doylestown, PA, 18901.

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are open Tuesdays – Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For up-to-date ticket and schedule information, please visit [mercermuseum.org](http://mercermuseum.org).

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