



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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**A Concert at the Castle,
Presented by the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle and
the Bucks County Symphony Orchestra**

DOYLESTOWN, PA – The Bucks County Symphony Orchestra (BCSO) and the Mercer Museum (operated by the Bucks County Historical Society) invite the community to a special evening of entertainment on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

A Concert at the Castle will be held at the Elkins Gallery of the Mercer Museum beginning at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.). Chamber musicians from the BCSO will perform works by George Frideric Handel, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Gioacchino Rossini.

Following the performance, guests will enjoy an intimate reception and exclusive evening access to the Mercer Museum's *Everyday Rhythms: Music at the Mercer* exhibit from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For nearly 20 years, from 1959-1977, the BCSO and the Bucks County Historical Society presented afternoon "Musicales" in the Elkins Gallery. Both organizations are pleased to bring back a nod to this cherished tradition after nearly half a century.

Tickets for this historic event are \$75 per person, and may be purchased at mercermuseum.org/acconcertatthecastle.

A Concert at the Castle

Thursday, May 11, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Mercer Museum

Admission: \$75/Ticket

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Concert 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Reception and Exclusive Exhibition Access 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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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 of Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his residence and 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.

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