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Cocktails at the Castle: **Mercer Museum's Major Annual Fundraiser** **Returns to Bucks County on October 14**

DOYLESTOWN, PA – The Mercer Museum's annual major fundraiser *Cocktails at the Castle* returns to Doylestown, Bucks County, PA on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., for a night of culinary delights and tasty cocktails all for a great cause. This annual tradition supports the Mercer Museum's year-round education programs, exhibitions, and community initiatives. The Mercer Museum is operated by the Bucks County Historical Society.

Guests enjoy an unforgettable evening on the grounds of the Mercer Museum with delicious specialties from a wide array of Bucks County culinary purveyors, along with one-of-a-kind craft cocktail creations, a legendary dessert lounge, and exceptional entertainment throughout the night.

The evening kicks off with the *Pine Street Stroll* cocktail hour, where guests enjoy pedestrian-only access to a party on Pine Street in the heart of Doylestown's Cultural District, as well as in the historic quad on the grounds of the Mercer Museum. Guests take in stunning views of the museum and the historic Log House, all while enjoying music by D.J. Jenny B. of Mo Better Entertainment. Guests also enjoy the special ambience of the outdoor fire pits while sampling a tasty selection of food offerings from area restaurants.

After cocktail hour, local restaurant and catering partners serve carefully curated specialty dishes to guests both inside and outside of the Mercer Museum. This year's current list of culinary partners includes Anna P. Catering, Chambers 19 Bistro & Bar, Cross Culture Indian Restaurant, Doan Distillery, Doylestown Café, Empanada Mama and Nourish by Mama, Jeffrey A. Miller Catering, Le Macaron French Pastries, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Omiza Restaurant, PA Soup and Seafood, Pierre's Chocolates, Quinoa Peruvian & Mexican Restaurant, Simply Fresh by McCaffrey's, Sky Roast Coffee, Station Tap House, Sweet Victory Gluten & Dairy Free Treats, and Wycombe Valley Vineyards, with more to come!

Guests continue to dance the night away to Philadelphia band Where's Pete and cap off the evening with tempting creations in the upscale dessert lounge located in the beautiful

indoor/outdoor tent outside of the Mercer Museum's Great Hall.

Bucks County Historical Society Chief Executive Officer Kyle McKoy says, "We are thrilled to invite the community to another wonderful Cocktails at the Castle fundraising event this year. Many of the area's favorite restaurants share their culinary creations with our guests, and we always have exciting new additions as well. Our exceptional historic setting makes it a night to remember, and it supports our year-round work at the Mercer Museum!"

Tickets to Cocktails at the Castle are \$250 for General Admission and \$200 for Bucks County Historical Society Members.

In addition to the event, an important fundraising component of Cocktails at the Castle is an online silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind experiences and unique packages. Auction participants do not need to purchase tickets or attend the Cocktails at the Castle event, and all bidding is done virtually.

Cocktails at the Castle is made possible by Presenting Sponsor Wells Fargo Advisors, and generously sponsored by: BLBB Charitable; Lin B. Hodgdon; Penn Community Bank; Quire; William & Laurie Schutt, A to Z Party Rental; C&N Bank; Curtin & Heefner LLP; Dontech; Doylestown Boro Buzz; Susan E. Kane; Karley's Rentals; Natech Solutions; Fred & Taffy Schea; Univest; Bank of America; Bucks Country Gardens; Doris E. Carr; Bob & Helen Duffner; Dunlap SLK; Eastburn and Gray, PC; Fred Beans; Gail Linenberg & John Ortoff; Michelle Pedersen; Lisa Pretecum; Scott Marshall & Associates; Ron Strouse & Fred Cresson; Pat Tagliolini, Realtor; and Thompson BMW, with official media partners Bucks County Herald and River Towns Magazine.

Cocktails at the Castle is also supported by this year's beverage partners Belle de Brillet, Diplomático Mantuano, Tequila Herradura, La Marca Prosecco, Old Forester Bourbon, Reyka Vodka, Riporta, Sonoma-Cutrer, Tito's Handmade Vodka, and Woodford Reserve Rye.

For event and auction information and to purchase tickets, visit mercermuseum.org/cocktails. The event is rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable.

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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 17,000 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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