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# A Night of Music and Storytelling with Musician Mukamuri at the Mercer Museum

**DOYLESTOWN, PA** – The Mercer Museum is proud to present an upcoming concert, *Harmony and Tales: A Night of Celebrating Music and Storytelling with Mukamuri* on Friday, October 20, 2023 at the Mercer Museum.

This very special musical event features a historical journey through song and storytelling with one of Doylestown's favorite singer-songwriters, Mukamuri.

Guests will enjoy songs from a variety of musical styles and genres, featuring legendary artists Billie Holiday, Bob Marley, and Woody Guthrie, as well as traditional African spirituals and original pieces written by Mukamuri himself.

Mukamuri is a talented soul artist originally from Zimbabwe and based in Doylestown, PA for the past decade. He uses his music to entertain and educate audiences. He believes that every story has a song and he uses his music to bring joy and create moments of unity.

Concert attendees will have a special evening opportunity to spend time in the Mercer Museum's *Everyday Rhythms: Music at the Mercer* exhibition with Mukamuri after the concert.

Open through December 31, 2023, the *Everyday Rhythms* exhibition explores some of the common uses of music and musical instruments – shared across many regions, people and cultures – that were once a part of the acoustic landscape. This soundscape of everyday life is universally found across the globe, and instruments help capture our similarities and differences.

"I am incredibly delighted to have the opportunity to work with the Mercer Museum on the *Harmony and Tales* concert. It fills me with great excitement to use music as a tool for education and starting conversations that challenge us to become better versions of ourselves", says Mukamuri. "The Mercer Museum holds a special place in my heart, and I deeply value the relationship we have built. I am eagerly looking forward to this event and the chance to continue supporting the community."

## Harmony and Tales: A Night of Celebrating Music and Storytelling with Mukamuri

Friday, October 20, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mercer Museum

Admission: \$20/General Admission & \$15/BCHS Members

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Concert 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Exclusive Exhibition Access with Mukamuri: 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available at mercermuseum.org/Mukamuri.

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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 upto-date ticket and schedule information, please visit mercermuseum.org.

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