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## **Holiday Open House Returns to Doylestown Cultural District on December 2**

**DOYLESTOWN, PA** – The Mercer Museum is thrilled to announce that the annual Holiday Open House event returns to the Doylestown Cultural District on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 from 7 – 9 P.M. This year’s celebration is highlighted by concurrent offerings at the Mercer Museum, the Michener Art Museum and the Bucks County Free Library.

At the Mercer Museum, guests can delight in the sounds, scents and scenes of the holidays at for an evening of free musical performances, family activities, and a visit with Santa.

Santa will arrive at 7:15 P.M. to the musical accompaniment of the Central Bucks East Brass Ensemble, and will spread joy and take photos in the Mercer Museum’s historic Log House until 9 P.M.

Local musical performers at the Mercer Museum include the Delaware Valley Saxophone Quartet, Central Bucks High School East Chamber Ensemble & Symphonic Band, Council Rock High School South Vocal Ensemble, Council Rock High School South Carolers, Souderton Area High School Choir, and the Bucks County Country Gentlemen.

Special family offerings include Hanukkah celebrations and the dreidel game presented by Temple Judea, coloring and craft activities for kids, and rare evening access to the museum’s major exhibition, *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution*, featuring harp demonstrations with Darcy Fair.

Hot apple cider will be served indoors in the museum’s Learning Center, sponsored by the Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society.

Mercer Museum President and CEO Kyle McKoy shares, “We love kicking off the winter season with neighbors and friends at this beloved annual tradition. The Mercer Museum welcomes guests of all ages at this free community event every year, and Henry Mercer’s historic landmark comes alive with the sounds of talented musicians, family-friendly activities, and a special visit from Santa!”

As part of the Doylestown Cultural District’s shared holiday celebration, The Michener Art Museum and Bucks County Free Library will also host a variety of performances, crafts, and activities throughout the evening.

The Michener Art Museum will host Ballet Arts of Bucks County, CB West's Chamber Choir, and the CB Groove Cuts. They will also offer seasonal treats for purchase at Mama Hawk's Café at the Michener, and have seasonal arts and crafts activities for kids of all ages. "The Michener Art Museum is thrilled to participate in Doylestown Cultural District's event, Holiday Open House," says Anne Corso, Executive Director/CEO, Michener Art Museum. "We will showcase a variety of performances by the region's best student groups, as well as art activities and scavenger hunts through our galleries."

Across Pine Street, The Bucks County Free Library will host "Reading Bedtime Stories to the Dogs", featuring a volunteer therapy dog, as well as Pajama Storytime and crafts in the Children's Area. Hot cocoa will be served in the library's backyard.

"Bucks County Free Library is thrilled to partner with our Doylestown neighbors for this year's Holiday Open House," says Dana Dana Barber, Chief Executive Officer, Bucks County Free Library. "Stop by for a warm welcome, featuring winter-themed stories and crafts. Plus, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Doylestown Library, children can enjoy the special experience of reading bedtime stories to friendly therapy dogs. Stop by the library for a pawsitively festive time!"

**Event Details:**

Doylestown Cultural District Holiday Open House

Location: Mercer Museum, Michener Art Museum and Bucks County Free Library

South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7 – 9 P.M.

Free Admission

This event is rain or shine. Certain activities and locations may be altered due to weather.

Please note: The historic nature of the castle portion of the Mercer Museum offers partial accessibility due to narrow passageways. It is not climate-controlled and may experience fluctuations in temperature and humidity, depending on external weather conditions.

The ground floor of the Mercer Museum features a modern wing that is fully accessible and climate-controlled with a changing exhibit gallery, museum shop, and restrooms.

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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](http://mercermuseum.org).

### **For additional information, please contact:**

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