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## ***Cocktails at the Castle:*** **Mercer Museum's Major Annual Fundraiser** **Returns to Bucks County on October 11**

**DOYLESTOWN, PA** – The Mercer Museum's annual major fundraiser *Cocktails at the Castle* returns to Doylestown, Bucks County, PA on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 6 – 10 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 (BCHS).

Guests will 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 decadent dessert lounge, and exceptional entertainment throughout the night.

The evening will kick off with the *Pine Street Stroll* cocktail hour, where guests can 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. DJ Brickhouse will be on the turntables while guests take in stunning views of the museum and the historic Log House. Guests will 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, beverage, and catering partners will serve carefully curated specialty dishes to guests both inside and outside of the Mercer Museum. This year's current list of culinary partners includes Aurora Bistro, Carve 52, Chambers 19, The Coffee Scoop, Cross Culture Fine Indian Cuisine, Doan Distillery, Empanada Mama, Genevieve's Kitchen, Las Frida's Mexican Kitchen, Luberto's Brick Oven Pizza & Trattoria, Saporito Fresh Pasta, Simply Fresh by McCaffrey's, Vernafern, Water Wheel Tavern, Wegmans, and Wycombe Vineyards.

Guests will dance the night away to Philadelphia favorites "Where's Pete Band" and cap off the evening with tempting creations in the dessert lounge from Le Macaron French Pastries, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Pierre's Chocolate, and Sweet Victory.

Bucks County Historical Society Chief Executive Officer Kyle McKoy says, “We are delighted to invite the community to our annual Cocktails at the Castle fundraising event for the Mercer Museum. It is a magical evening filled with wonderful area restaurants in an exceptional historic setting!”

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.

Tickets to this year’s Cocktails at the Castle are \$400 for VIP admission, \$250 for General Admission and \$225 for Bucks County Historical Society Members.

Cocktails at the Castle is made possible with the generous support of Kelly L. Stratton; BLBB Charitable; Bucks Country Gardens; William and Laurie Schutt; Wells Fargo Advisors; Wells Fargo Advisors; C&N; Curtin & Heefner, LLP; Dontech; Gilmore & Associates, Inc.; Linda B. Hodgdon; Susan E. Kane; Penn Community Bank; Stat Waste Solutions, LLC; TD Bank; The Tustin Group; Uninvest; Antheil Maslow & MacMinn, LLP; BMW of Doylestown; Maureen and Mark Carlton; Doris Carr; Bob and Helen Duffner; Eastburn and Gray, PC; Brian and Louise McLeod; Michelle Pedersen; Fred and Taffy Schea; and George and Janis Wozar; with official media partners Bucks County Herald and River Towns Magazine.

Cocktails at the Castle preferred alcohol sponsors are CNI Brands, Tito’s Handmade Vodka, and Woodford Reserve.

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

The event is rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable and only open to those 21+.

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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).

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