

Robert R. McCormick Museum to Host Murder-Mystery on Oct. 25

“Murder in the Mansion” interactive theater event includes dinner in the historic home

WHEATON, IL, August 28, 2013 — The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park will host its third interactive dinner theater event on Friday, October 25, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The murder-mystery format invites participants to solve the case by discovering clues at the crime scene and interrogating fellow guests.

“Murder in the Mansion” includes cocktails, dinner and dessert in the former home of Robert R. McCormick. Tickets are on sale now at \$95 each with advance registration required. A 10% discount is available for Cantigny Plus members.

“This is the perfect venue for a murder-mystery dinner party,” said Diane Gutenkauf, director of the McCormick Museum. “Although Colonel McCormick entertained here often, today’s visitors rarely have an opportunity to enjoy the home as he did.”

The theme for the evening is “Bye Bye, Bucca,” the continuing saga of the Bucca family during the nostalgic Roaring 20s, a time of mobsters, flappers, union racketeering and Prohibition bootleg liquor. Who will be the new Godfather now that Sam Bucca is dead?

Dinner guests are encouraged to dress the part or wear costume pieces supplied by the museum.

Cocktails will be served in Freedom Hall, the home’s library complete with a hidden Art Deco bar. A sumptuous meal prepared by Cantigny’s award-winning culinary team will follow in the historic Gold Theatre, where the McCormick family enjoyed watching movies and hosting dinner parties.

The theater portion of the evening is orchestrated by Get Away With Murder, Inc., an Akron, Ohio-based company of mystery/comedy improv actors who expertly assist in solving the case. They are excited to bring their “traveling murder mystery party” to the McCormick Museum for the third straight year!

Tickets for “Murder in the Mansion” can be purchased online at Cantigny.org. Deadline for registration is October 18. Ticket sales will be strictly limited to ensure the comfort and safety of guests. For questions, e-mail register@cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

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About the Robert R. McCormick Museum

The McCormick Museum is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is located at Cantigny, the Colonel’s 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate that he left as a gift to the public. Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole

championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a popular destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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