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After-Hours Fun at the Fort: Fall Harvest Event

-Visitors can explore the Fort Pitt Museum and Point State Park after dark during its first-ever 21+ night-

PITTSBURGH, October 18, 2017 – Pittsburghers are invited to shake up their Halloween weekend with a twist of history at the Fort Pitt Museum as part of **Fort Night: Fall Harvest**, an after-hours 21+ event on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 5:30–9 p.m.

Visitors can sip cocktails and sample a fall-themed, historically-inspired menu of shepherd's pie, ginger cakes, bread pudding with bourbon sauce, and more.

A lantern tour will take guests on an eerie exploration through historic Point State Park after dark, while docent-led tours of Fort Pitt Museum will reveal the Point's crucial role in American history.

Attendees to Fort Night: Fall Harvest will get the scoop on how colonial Pittsburghers farmed their own food during a talk by Kelly Linn, former curator of the Fort Pitt Block House. Linn will tell the story of the King's Garden, a 10-acre vegetable garden on the land where downtown Pittsburgh's Wyndham Grand hotel now stands that once provided fresh food for Fort Pitt soldiers.

Fort Pitt Museum exhibitions will be open throughout the evening, including the new ***From Maps to Mermaids: Carved Powder Horns in Early America*** exhibit, which showcases the art and functionality of the powder horn, and ***Nat Youngblood's Pittsburgh***, featuring work by the Pittsburgh Press artist and illustrator.

This 21+ event will include a cash bar.

Tickets cost \$25 for general admission and \$20 for History Center members. Register online at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

The Fort Pitt Museum, built in a recreated bastion of the British fort originally constructed in 1759, focuses on the critical role that Western Pennsylvania played during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, the Whiskey Rebellion, and the founding of Pittsburgh. The Fort Pitt Museum is located in Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, operates the Fort Pitt Museum in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

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