

Whodunit? Find Out At the Robert R. McCormick Museum on Oct. 28

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

WHEATON, IL, August 25, 2011 — The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park will host its first-ever interactive theater event on Friday, October 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The program is a murder-mystery format where each attendee tries to solve the case, discovering clues left 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 \$80 each; advance registration is required.

“We think Halloween weekend is the perfect time to host 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 this home as he did.”

The theme for the evening will be the “fabulous 40s” in Chicago, complete with authentic gangster ambiance, passwords, crooked officials and Big Band swing music. 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. Meal choices are Boneless Beef Short Ribs with whipped potatoes and roasted root vegetables, Vegetable Wellington or Chicken Fricassee with dumplings.

The theater portion of the evening will be orchestrated by Get Away With Murder, Inc., a company of experienced mystery/comedy improv actors who expertly assist in solving the case. They are truly excited to be bringing their “traveling murder mystery party” to the McCormick Museum!

Tickets for “Murder in the Mansion” may now be purchased online at Cantigny.org. Deadline for registration is October 14. 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 at Cantigny Park in Wheaton is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday-Sunday, with visits by free guided tour. A self-guided exterior tour, focusing on the mansion’s architecture, also is offered.

About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based McCormick R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a highly rated 27-hole golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, 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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