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Fraunces Tavern® Museum and Restaurant to commemorate 300th Anniversary with grand birthday celebration

New York: On **Tuesday, October 1, 2019** from 7-10pm, Fraunces Tavern Museum and Restaurant will host the [Fraunces Tavern 300th Birthday Celebration](#) in honor of the 300th anniversary of the construction of 54 Pearl Street.

[Built in 1719 and transformed into a tavern by Samuel Fraunces in 1762](#), Fraunces Tavern was a popular watering hole for the Nation's founding fathers and Sons of Liberty during the Revolutionary War. The Fraunces Tavern 300th Birthday Celebration commemorates this illustrious history as well as the building's many past lives as some of the Nation's first congressional offices, a boarding house, and its current role as a thriving Museum and restaurant.

The evening's celebration is one of many special events and programs happening in 2019 to mark the milestone anniversary; others of which include the opening of the [Museum's newly re-redesigned, historic Long Room](#), the debut of an online [300th Anniversary Archival Photo Collection](#), and the opening of a brand new exhibition, [A Monument to Memory: 300 Years of Living History](#).

"Everyone here at Fraunces Tavern is excited to celebrate the longevity of the oldest standing structure in Manhattan; an accomplishment that is no easy feat in New York City," says **Fraunces Tavern Museum Director, Jacqueline Maseo**. "A birthday party to celebrate the building's constant presence in the Lower Manhattan community with those who have supported the building and its history as school children, locals, tourists, and foodies, is a great way to share this historic moment!"

Eddie Travers and his wife Dervila Bowler, operators of [Fraunces Tavern](#) along with The [Porterhouse Brewing Company](#), echoes that sentiment. "Continuing the legacy of Samuel Frances as purveyor of fine food and drinks, we are proud to have created a home for local New York brewers, distillers, and food producers. We are delighted to be caretakers of this great historical legacy, and for the opportunity to provide fine food and service for another 300 years to come."

The evening kicks off with a champagne toast given by **Peter Hein, the President of the [Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York](#)**, the organization that owns and operates Fraunces Tavern Museum. Guests can also enjoy live jazz in the restaurant by Jaquelyn West & Friends as well as authentic 18th century music from Anne & Ridley Enslow in the Museum. In addition, guests will have exclusive access to *A Monument to Memory: 300 Years of Living History*, can experience a limited edition tour highlighting the building's architecture, and have a slice of birthday cake. The restaurant menu for the evening includes an assortment of passed hors d'oeuvres and a signature 18th century cocktail, the Charleston Light Dragoon Punch.

Early bird tickets are on sale now at <https://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/fraunces-tavern-300th-birthday-celebration> and will be available through **September 3**. Regular admission tickets will be on sale **September 4 through September 24**. Ticket purchase includes a gift bag featuring limited 300th anniversary shot glasses, a commemorative postcard, a mini bottle of Fraunces Tavern's own Dingle Gin, and complimentary Museum passes.

PRESS COMP TICKETS AVAILABLE – contact Amy Kennard for details.

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About Fraunces Tavern Museum:

Fraunces Tavern Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum's collections, landmarked buildings, and varied public programs that serve the community. You can stand in the room where General George Washington bid farewell to his officers and explore eight additional galleries that focus on America's War for Independence and the preservation of early American history. To learn more, visit frauncestavernmuseum.org.

About Fraunces Tavern Restaurant:

Fraunces Tavern Restaurant & Bar is an unforgettable dining experience that joins the Museum in embodying the spirit and history of the Revolutionary era and provides the public a truly unique dining experience in the oldest standing structure in New York City. To learn more, visit frauncestavern.com.