

## NEWS RELEASE

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### *A GRAND AVENUE CHRISTMAS*

*November 21, 2008-January 11, 2009*

The Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion known for its nationally recognized holiday displays is proud to present *A Grand Avenue Christmas*. Each year's magnificent décor attracts thousands and thousands of visitors, and this season will be no exception. Featuring over a dozen of the Mansion's rooms elegantly transformed by local designers, businesses and residents with a flair for talent and a love for decorating. The Pabst Mansion's *A Grand Avenue Christmas* has something for everyone with stunning decorations, engaging Milwaukee history, and events and activities for all ages.

#### **CHRISTMAS PREVIEW GALA**

**November 20, 2008**

5:30-7:00pm

Be the first to view the Pabst Mansion in all of its holiday best during our annual sneak peak reception. Enjoy champagne, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and a stroll through the Mansion's enchanting rooms. Tickets: \$15 members; \$40 non-members. Call for tickets 414-931-0808.

#### **TWILIGHT TOURS**

**November 28 & 29, 2008**

5:30-8:30pm

**December 26 & 27, 2008**

5:30-8:30pm

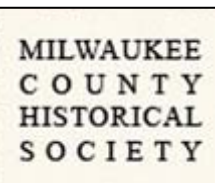
A Christmas treat never before offered at the Pabst Mansion! A holiday evening open house on select night where we welcome you as our guest to enjoy a tour of the Pabst Mansion. Costumed guides welcome you into each of the Mansion's elaborately decorated rooms to tell you of Milwaukee's Victorian past, carolers serenade you on your stroll through the house, and warm refreshments await you at the end of your journey. A truly wonderful way to experience the grandeur of this Grand Avenue Mansion during this holiday season. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. Call for tickets 414-931-0808.

#### **CHRISTMAS IN MILWAUKEE**

**December 2, 2008**

5:30-8:00pm

Pabst Mansion Senior Historian John C. Eastberg explores the varied holiday traditions of our 19th century counterparts. This intriguing lecture at the Pabst Mansion is being brought to you by *The Friends of Milwaukee County Historical Society*. Additional information and tickets can be purchased by calling 414.273.8288.



#### **GILDED AGE GLITZ**

**December 7, 2007**

12:30-2:30pm

Join us for a day of historically inspired crafts for kids: Christmas Crackers (a British tradition) ~ Victorian inspired Christmas Cards ~ Christmas Dinner Place Cards. Free with paid admission.

### LIVE MUSIC

**Sundays in December**

1:00pm

Hear a different local talent play live in the Pabst Mansion's stunning Music Room each Sunday in December.



### CHILDRENS' STORY TIME

**Saturdays in December**

11:00am

Gather in Mrs. Pabst's Sitting Room for live readings of traditional holiday stories. Free with paid admission.

### "ONCE UPON A TIME..."

On special display in Elsbeth's Room this year the Lake County Doll Collectors of Illinois is showcasing toys and dolls from Grimm's fairytales to modern times.



### HOLIDAY SEASON PASS

*The Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion, the Charles Allis Art Museum, and the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum!* Visit Milwaukee's finest historic mansions for one low price of **\$12** with the **Holiday Season Pass**. Inspired by holidays long ago, these historic museums are all decorated for the season according to their unique architectural styles. Tickets available at all three locations.

### DICKENS DINNERS

The famous **Dickens Dinners** return courtesy of Bartolotta's. A traditional English feast where Charles Dickens himself will delight guests as he reads aloud from the timeless classic, *A Christmas Carol*. December 15-23. Reserve by calling Bartolotta's at (414) 525.5635.



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***Pabst Mansion holiday events are sponsored in part by this year's generous media sponsor WISN 12! Be sure to watch WISN 12 this December and learn how to book a Dickens Dinner for your group.***

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The Pabst Mansion's holiday hours are: **Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon-4:00p.m. Special hours 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on 12/24/08 and 12/31/08. Closed: 11/27/08, 12/25/08, and 1/1/09.** All holiday tours are self guided. Christmas admission is: **Adults \$9, Seniors/College Students \$8, Children 6-17 \$5, Children under 6 admitted free.** If you have additional questions please contact Dawn Hourigan at (414) 931-0808. *Photos are available upon request.*