

2019
CHRISTMAS AT
BELMONT MANSION



COCKTAIL HOUR &
DINNER AT THE MANSION

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MEDIA ADVISORY
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- The Time:** Friday, December 6, 2019
Cocktails at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 8 p.m.
- The Place:** Cocktail Hour at the home of Madeline and David Bridges
Dinner in the Grand Salon at Belmont Mansion
- Parking:** Valet or self-parking available at Belmont Mansion
Trolley shuttle between Belmont Mansion and the home of
Cocktail Hour hosts Madeline and David Bridges
- Christmas at Belmont Mansion 2019 Chair:*** Deborah Lovett
- Christmas at Belmont Mansion 2019 Honorary Chairs:*** Bonne and Gary Crigger
- Attire:** Festive

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About *Christmas at Belmont Mansion 2019 Cocktail Hour & Dinner at the Mansion*:

The crown jewel of Belmont Mansion, the magnificent antebellum masterpiece nestled in the bosom of Nashville's Belmont University campus, is without doubt its Grand Salon. Designed by Prussian-born architect Adolphus Heiman and added to the Mansion in 1859, the Grand Salon was - and still is - the largest, most elaborate domestic space in Tennessee. Upon its completion, its chatelaine Adelia Acklen, her family and their fortunate guests had an unobstructed view of the newly completed Tennessee State Capitol. In the years since, the Grand Salon has played host to the Union Army when it was headquartered at the estate during the Battle of Nashville late in the Civil War, a school for young women, and the birth of Belmont College (now University). Harkening back to the days of Adelia's legendary hospitality, *Christmas at Belmont Mansion* captures the spirit of Christmas with cocktails at the lovingly restored, nearby home of Madeline and David Bridges, followed by an elegant seated dinner in the spectacular Grand Salon. *Christmas at Belmont Mansion* events, including the Patrons Party earlier in the week, the dinner at the Mansion and Breakfast with Santa the next morning, provide funds to ensure that the original beauty of the Mansion and the rich legacy of Adelia are alive, relevant, and exceptionally presented to visitors from across the country and around the world.

Of Note:

Christmas at Belmont Mansion 2019 Cocktail Hour & Dinner at the Mansion on Friday, December 6 will start with a short trolley ride from the Mansion to the nearby home of Madeline and David Bridges for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Partygoers will then be whisked back to the Mansion where event designer Amos Gott of AmosEvents has brought to life an elevated, clean vision of the Grand Salon as if Adelia Acklen's great-great-granddaughters, two of whom will be attending, were entertaining. The gold, acrylic and red scheme includes guests seated at tables draped in gold silk and seated on acrylic Versailles Ghost dining chairs, which give the illusion of ice in this wintry setting, all enlivened by the holiday centerpieces in greens and reds. A menu to match the winter mood features a decadent dessert to be accompanied by vocalist Ginger Newman and pianist Russell Davis performing a teaser from their December 19th and 20th Belmont Mansion Christmas Cabaret: "Mistletoe Mischief and Memories." *Christmas at Belmont Mansion 2019 Cocktail Hour & Dinner at the Mansion* will end on a delicious and delightful note.

Event Design: AmosEvents / Amos Gott

Caterer - Cocktail Hour: Corner Market Catering

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Caterer - Dinner: G Catering

Menu - Cocktail Hour:

Cocktail Buffet

Old Bay Steamed Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce

Sweet Potato Biscuit with Country Ham and Praline Mustard

Fruit and Cheese Board

Pecan Cheese Wafers

Cocktail Hour ONLY

071 Prosecco

Old Hickory Blended Black Label

Old Hickory Straight Bourbon

Lonely Cow Sauvignon Blanc

Saturday Night Red

Tito's Handmade Vodka

Cielo Silver Tequila

Bacardi Superior Light Rum

Hendrick's Gin

Jack Daniel's Old No. 7

The Famous Grouse Scotch

Hap & Harry's Tennessee Lager

Hap & Harry's Nash IPA

Hap & Harry's Neon Leon

Generously provided by Lipman Brothers and R.S. Lipman Company

Menu - Dinner:

Salad

Winter Salad

Winter Greens with Roasted Kabocha Squash, Smokey Bacon Lardoons, Shaved Fennel, Pomegranate Seeds, Shallots in Cranberry Vinaigrette

Entrée

Juniper & Black Pepper Encrusted Pork Loin

Pork Tenderloin, Bourbon Poached Peach Gastrique

Potato Pave

Layered Sliced Potatoes, Parmesan, Cream, Herbs

Green Beans and Red Pepper

Bread Basket

Farmhouse Rolls and Focaccia

Served with Butter

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Dessert

Holiday Chocolate Terrine

Peppermint White Chocolate, Milk Chocolate and Dark Chocolate Garnished with Spiced Chantilly Cream

Expected RSVPs:

Attending are *Christmas at Belmont Mansion 2019 Chair* Deborah Lovett with husband Mike, *Christmas at Belmont Mansion 2019 Honorary Chairs* Bonne and Gary Crigger, President of the Belmont Mansion Association Board of Directors Ashley McAnulty, and Belmont Mansion Association Executive Director Mark Brown. Guests expected to attend are **Adelicia Acklen's great-great-granddaughters** Lattie Brown and Holly Wilds, Grace and Brendan Abernathy, Glyna and Jim Aderhold, Betty and Buford Bates, Lauren Batte, Marsha and Chuck Blackburn, Cindy and Kent Blazy, Dana Blickwedel and Jim Hoobler, Sylvia and Doug Bradbury, Madeline and David Bridges, Mary and Hank Brockman, Debbie and Fred Cassetty, Martha and Wes Chapman, Suzanne and John Cody, Dee Cole, Sally and Tommy Davis, Madeline DeCuyper, Alberta and Bob Doochin, Betty and Bren Finucane, David Forbes, Sandra Frank, Christy and Terry George, Maryann Golden, Amos Gott and Vincent Dreffs, Yvonne and Donald Greene, Julie and Bob Haley, Shelley and William Harwell, Judith Hodges and Jan van Eys, Shirley and David Horowitz, Susan and Bill Joy, Donna Joyner, Beverly Kaiser, Ann and Owen Kelly, Melissa and Jim King, PJ and Doug Kitchens, Linda Koon, **recent Hollywood transplants** Sheryl Longin and Roger Simon, Mandy and Tom Lunn, Jocelyn McCall, **all the way from Texas** Leila McDonald, Dianne Neal, Mary Knox and Jay Pilkerton, Dean and Bob Reeves, LaRawn Scaife Rhea, Jane and Stephen Richards, Anne Shepherd, Steve Sirls and Allen DeCuyper, Dianne and Chris Spencer, Lyssa Styers, Rachel Styers, Betty and Ed Thackston, Jim Thompson, Lisa Thompson, Beth and Jerry Trescott, and Shawn Wilson and Lance Gruner...among others.

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