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### Candlelight Tours with Edgar Allan Poe

**Philadelphia** – At 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, the Friends of Poe and the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site will present *Poe's Cask*. Join Edgar Allan Poe as he narrates and brings to life one of his most horrific stories, "The Cask of Amontillado." This is the first time the Friends of Poe have ever told the story of Montresor and his unfortunate enemy, Fortunato, in this perfectly unique and creepy location. In this 45- minute performance, Poe is Montresor, the character who arranges for a memorable wine tasting for his "friend," the unlucky Fortunato. Descend into the basement of the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site with Park Ranger actors as we become part of the story. (Not for claustrophobics!). Tickets are \$10 per person. Make your reservations online at [www.friendsofindependence.org](http://www.friendsofindependence.org) or call the Friends of Independence at (215) 861- 4971.

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, the National Park Service has created new and exciting exhibits at the Edgar Allan Poe National Historical Site. Considered to be the creator of the modern detective story as well as the master of the horror story genre, Edgar Allan Poe spent some of his most creative and prolific years in Philadelphia. The Edgar Allan Poe National Historical Site tells the story of Poe's life and works while in Philadelphia with exhibits celebrating the incredible life and literary legacy of this great American poet and author. Exhibits are designed to entertain and educate visitors of all ages, and entrance to this site is free, no tickets required.

The Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site is located at 7<sup>th</sup> & Spring Garden Streets, just a few blocks north of Center City Philadelphia. The site is open Wednesday to Sunday from 9 AM – 5 PM, closed Monday and Tuesday. On street parking is usually available, or take SEPTA bus routes #43 or 47. For more information, call 215- 597- 8780.

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