

CLEVELAND HISTORY CENTER

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The Past of Cleveland is calling with Somewhere in Time 1870s: Satin & Soot

Cleveland's premier costumed event that presents history with a twist

CLEVELAND, OH (January, 2018) – Each January <u>Cleveland History Center</u> holds a costumed event unlike any other, and it takes place somewhere in time. This premier event calls on you- Cleveland, including history buffs and party goers to help bring Cleveland's past to life.

In its eighth year, *Somewhere in Time* will transport attendees back to 1870s Cleveland. Highlighting industry, innovation and determination of the era, Clevelanders of today can relate to those residents who helped put Cleveland on the map. Whether it is the look of a fat-cat tycoon or a Victorian vixen, a steampunk hero or a factory floor pageboy, for one night attendees of Somewhere in Time 1870s will become a part of the era where big name industrialists, the immigrant workforce and cultural institutions were on the rise, and Cleveland was on its way to becoming one of the largest cities in the nation.

This event highlights ethnic neighborhoods that have helped to create the diverse city Cleveland is today. To pay homage to some of these groups, Somewhere in Time includes traditional Irish music performed by The Portersharks, old world neighborhood tastings provided by groups like the Polish American Cultural Center, traditional Italian and Russian vocal performances, and much more.

"What makes this event so special is how it brings Cleveland's history to life," says WRHS President & CEO, Kelly Falcone-Hall. "People can experience a part of the city's story, and learn things they may have never known or be introduced to important figures in Cleveland's past they may never have been exposed to before."

Proceeds from this event support education and public programs for nearly 25,000 students, families, and seniors. This event also includes sponsorships from Cleveland area companies such as Medical Mutual of Ohio, Euro USA, Inc., Great Lakes Brewing Company and many more. The full list of sponsors can be found on wrhs.org.

Somewhere in Time 1870s: Satin & Soot is Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 6pm – 11pm at Cleveland History Center. Costumes are encouraged.

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About Cleveland History Center Programming

Each year over 65,000 visitors enjoy history-based exhibits and programming at one of the city's most unique locations. Cleveland History Center educators, interpreters and curators "inspire people to discover the American experience by exploring the tangible history of Northeast Ohio" through curriculum-based education offerings, signature events, Region 3 Ohio History Day competition and other educational programs such as History on Tap.

About the Western Reserve Historical Society and Cleveland History Center

Founded in 1867 as an historic branch of the Cleveland Library Association on Public Square in downtown Cleveland, the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) shares the dynamic stories of Northeast Ohio and beyond – stories of the people, the artifacts and the archives that are the provenance for our region.

Operating six sites throughout Northeast Ohio, WRHS presents exhibitions, programs and experiences that tell the story of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio through art, documents and artifacts from a variety of collections at its headquarters, the Cleveland History Center in University Circle. Through the use of its vast collections of family history, community history, entrepreneurship, and technological innovation, the Cleveland History Center provides a much-needed sense of place in today's mobile society. It is a base for learning about innovation that can be transferred into modern economic expansion.

WRHS is a Smithsonian Affiliate (<u>www.affiliations.si.edu</u>) a national outreach program that develops collaborative partnerships with cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. WRHS is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Sponsorships, bequests, grants, admissions, and other funding are used by WRHS to preserve and enrich the region's artistic and cultural heritage. WRHS has earned a top four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's most-used independent evaluator of charities and nonprofits. Visit us at 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106, at <u>www.wrhs.org</u> or on social media @clestartshere.

