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## UPCOMING "MISSION STEAMPUNK" BENEFIT EVENT FOR THE MISSION INN FOUNDATION

RIVERSIDE, CA. DECEMBER 15, 2018 - The Mission Inn Foundation presents MISSION STEAMPUNK on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Mission Inn Hotel's Atrio, Galleria, and St. Francis Chapel.

From 5:30-9:30 p.m., enjoy live entertainment, silent and live auctions, signature cocktails, and delectable morsels in support of the Mission Inn Foundation and Museum. This year's theme is MISSION STEAMPUNK, a style of design and fashion that combines historical elements with anachronistic technological features inspired by science fiction. History and fantasy will come together in one of the most sought-after venues in downtown Riverside for a magical night of fun!

"The Mission Inn Foundation and Museum is all about the history of this great city, from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to today. MISSION STEAMPUNK will celebrate the intersection of late Victorian style, early technology, and the beauty of the National Historic Landmark Mission Inn Hotel & Spa. It's going to be a spectacular evening!" says Gina Cavallo Collins, Executive Director of the Foundation.

The night kicks off with a champagne welcome in the Mission Inn Museum at 5:30 p.m. before heading up to the main event in the Atrio and Galleria at 6:00 p.m. The hotel's crown jewel, the St. Francis Chapel, will be open for viewing. This area includes unique and historic architecture paired with so many modern amenities for an enjoyable night. There will be a range of tastes include vegetarian and vegan options, followed an ice cream bar. Signature cocktails will be available so don't miss out on this chance to get "steamed." A silent and live auction will feature some of the best of Riverside and beyond, with opportunities to score a deal on sporting events, theme parks, beauty services, and more.

Prices are from \$85/person and at \$150/couple and tickets are available for purchase online at http://missioninnmuseum.org or in person at the Mission Inn Museum. Costumes are encouraged however weapons or any replicas, functional or not, are not allowed. Masks are acceptable. All of the proceeds will benefit the Mission Inn Foundation and Museum, an independent nonprofit. Founded in 1976, the Mission Inn Foundation interprets the history and significance of the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa through daily hotel tours, monthly public programs and special events, the Hands On History youth educational initiative, and the continued stewardship of the hotel's expansive art, artifact, and archival collections exhibited in the Mission Inn Museum.

## About the Mission Inn Foundation

The Mission Inn Foundation was incorporated in 1976 to assist in the preservation and restoration of the Mission Inn, and originally, to manage the hotel during ownership by the City of Riverside's Redevelopment Agency. The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa is now privately owned by Duane and Kelly Roberts, and the Foundation has a unique role of operating a non-profit museum within a for-profit hotel. In addition to the museum, the Mission Inn Foundation interprets the history and significance of the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa through daily hotel tours, monthly public programs and special events, the Hands On History youth educational initiative, and the continued stewardship of the hotel's expansive art, artifact, and archival collections.

