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Columbia State Historic Park Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Lamplight Tour With “A Merry Mystery”

COLUMBIA, California.—Columbia State Historic Park will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Annual Lamplight Tours this year, and to mark the special occasion, we have themed this year’s Tour “A Merry Mystery”, an interactive way for visitors to experience this tradition.

This year’s Lamplight Tours will be held on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7, 2013. Tickets are on sale now. Participants will be guided through the decorated town during the walking play as clues are provided to solve some mysterious events. Each vignette may help solve all or part of the mystery, so visitors will want to be on the lookout for hints as they walk along! The evening tour will end at the Bixel Brewery with free refreshments.

Park docents Floyd and Danette Oydegaard created the script in honor of the 30th Anniversary of the Lamplight Tours using author Wilkie Collins for inspiration. Collins wrote more than 30 novels, 60 short stories and at least 14 plays from the 1840s until the 1880s. Special mentions of past Lamplights will also be a part of the Anniversary celebration.

Tickets for the family-friendly event may be purchased by calling (209) 588-9128. Tours leave every 15 minutes beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Ticket prices for each performance are as follows: Adult \$22, Youth (6-12) \$15 and Senior (62+) \$18. Children ages five and under are free.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the non-profit Friends of Columbia in the funding of interpretive and educational events and programs at Columbia State Historic Park.

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