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History and Hops: Discover Lancaster's Prohibition Past at History Happy Hour

Learn about 1930s bootlegging during a special evening at Zoetropolis Cinema Stillhouse

LANCASTER, PA — Dive into the spirited past of Lancaster County at LancasterHistory's next History Happy Hour. Set for Tuesday, June 4, this engaging evening will take place at Zoetropolis Cinema Stillhouse, located at 112 North Water Street, a site steeped in local lore and history as the former hub of a Prohibition-era bootlegging operation.

The focus will be on the infamous story from 1932 when Max Hassel, a bootlegger based in Reading, PA and operating in Lancaster, ran a clandestine operation involving a half-mile-long hose run from the Rieker Star Brewery on King Street to an empty warehouse on Water Street. This location now houses Zoetropolis Cinema Stillhouse, a popular venue featuring a movie theater, restaurant, and stillhouse.

This is the sixth History Happy Hour program LancasterHistory has offered since the program's inception in 2018.

Event Details

- **Location:** Zoetropolis Cinema Stillhouse, 112 North Water Street, Lancaster, Pa.
- **Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024
- **Time:** Doors and bar open at 5:30pm; program starts at 6pm, and concludes at 7:30pm.

Admission: \$30 per person, includes program entry, light snacks, and one complimentary beverage. Note: additional drinks and merchandise are not included. Zoetropolis' kitchen will be closed during the event.

Participants are encouraged to continue their evening in downtown Lancaster, with many outstanding dining options available.

Tickets: Tickets must be purchased in advance and are likely to sell out quickly. They are available [online](#) or by calling LancasterHistory at 717.392.4633. This event is recommended for ages 18 and over, with a requirement of 21+ for alcoholic beverages.

Join us for an unforgettable evening that combines history, community, and entertainment at one of Lancaster's most storied locations.

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the homes of 15th US President James Buchanan and Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith.

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