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Friday, November 13, 2026 | 6:30-11:30pm
Museum of the American Revolution



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Agenda

06:30pm	**Cocktail Reception and Access to Exhibits**
07:45pm	**Welcome Remarks & Introduction** • Carsten Ruepke, Vice Consul, German Consulate New York • J. Christopher Erb, Counsel, White and Williams LLP and Chairman of the Board, GACC Philadelphia • Susanne Johnson, Executive Director, GACC Philadelphia
08:00pm	**Keynote** • Marie Harf, Executive Director, Perry World House at University of Pennsylvania
08:15pm	**Seated Gala Dinner**
08:50pm	**A Transatlantic Perspective from Benjamin Franklin**
10:00pm	**Silent Auction closes**
11:30pm	**Conclusion of the Event**

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#	Item	Donated by
1	Two (2) Tickets to GACC New York's White Asparagus Dinner on May 19, 2027 at the Tribeca Rooftop	GACC New York
2	Gift basket incl. Brauhaus Schmitz gift card	Brauhaus Schmitz
3	1-Night Stay Gift Certificate from Kimpton Hotel Monaco in Philadelphia	Kimpton Hotels
4	Schleich Farm World Playset – Veterinarian Practice with Pets	Schleich
5	Four (4) General Admission Tickets to the Barnes Foundation	The Barnes Foundation
6	Four (4) Tickets + Parking to a 2027 Sprint Season Philadelphia Union Home Game (Based on Availability)	Philadelphia Union
7	HABA USA $100 gift certificate	HABA USA
8	Autographed FC Bayern München Jersey, Kingsley Coman #11, Size L	FC Bayern München
9	Four (4) admission tickets to the Museum of the American Revolution	Museum of the American Revolution
10	Two (2) tickets to a Philadelphia Mural Arts walking tour	Philadelphia Mural Arts
11	Two (2) Philadelphia Orchestra tickets for eligible Marian Anderson Hall concerts for the 2026/2027 season	The Philadelphia Orchestra
12	One (1) Steiff Disney Christmas Winnie the Pooh Limited Edition	Steiff
13	One (1) Steiff Mama Teddy Bear and Cub on the Holly Express	Steiff
14	One (1) Toniebox 2 Disney Winnie the Pooh Edition and two (2) Tonies	Tonies
15	Melitta Gift Basket	Melitta
16	Three (3) bottles of Dr. Loosen 2023 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett	Dr. Loosen
17	Three (3) bottles of Dr. Loosen 2022 Bernkasteler Lay Riesling gg Alte Reben	Dr. Loosen
18	Wilson NFL Official Game Football signed by Philadelphia Eagles Jalen Hurts	Philadelphia Eagles
19	Autographed Philadelphia Eagles mini helmet Jalen Hurts	Philadelphia Eagles
20	Voucher for Behind-The-Scenes Private Tour at Wyck Historic House	Wyck Historic House
21	Producer Membership for Two (2) for the Philadelphia Film Society	Philadelphia Film Society
22	Bruder MAN TGA Semi-Trailer Truck with Manitou Telehandler	Bruder
23	Certificate for 2 Tickets to a performance in the 2026-2027 season	Walnut Street Theatre
24	Two (2) Niederegger Marzipanerie With Pasteten	Carl Brandt Inc.
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26	Playmobil Playset NHL Take Along Arena	Playmobil
27	Playmobil Playset Princess Magic	Playmobil
28	Two (2) General Admission Tickets to the Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia Museum of Art
29	Paradigm Ceramic 10-piece Stainless Steel, Ceramic Hybrid Cookware Set	Zwilling
30	Original Rothenburger Holzknoddl Räuchermännchen	Käthe Wohlfahrt
31	Original Rothenburger Holzknackl Nussknacker	Käthe Wohlfahrt
32	One (1) Lebkuchen Schmidt Festive Chest	European Deli
33	Two (2) bottles of SJÖBLOM GLÖGG ("Scandinavian Glühwein")	Sjöblom Glögg
34	Autographed Philadelphia Eagles Jalen Hurts merchandise	Johnson Kendall and Johnson
35	Four (4) Philadelphia Union Tickets (Field Seats behind goal) – VIP Club access with Food & Beverage included	Johnson Kendall and Johnson
36	Four (4) Philadelphia Phillies Tickets in the Hall of Fame Club (Section 217) & VIP Parking	Johnson Kendall and Johnson
37	Two (2) Philadelphia Flyers Tickets for the December 16, 2026 game at 7:30pm vs. NY Rangers (Section 118, Row 17, Seats 5&6 incl. Parking)	Johnson Kendall and Johnson
38	Cheese Gift Basket "Amish Tastes"	Goot Essa Cheese

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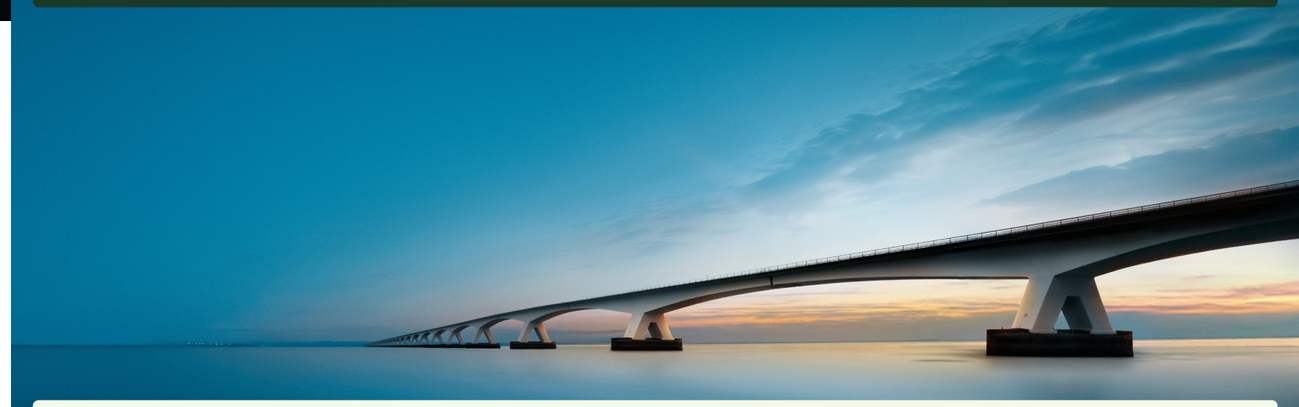

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Keynote Speaker

MARIE HARF

Executive Director of Perry World House at the University of Pennsylvania



Marie Harf comes to Penn with two decades of varied experience in the U.S. federal government, higher education, media, and politics.

Previously she worked as senior advisor for strategic communications to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and deputy spokesperson for the U.S. Department of State, as the foreign policy director on Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, and as a Middle East analyst and spokesperson at the Central Intelligence Agency. She has also held senior roles at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and for Congressman Seth Moulton's political organization. Since 2017, Harf has been an on-air commentator for Fox News.

She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana University with concentrations in Jewish Studies and Russian and Eastern European Studies, and a master's degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia.

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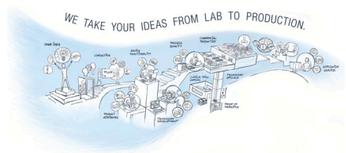

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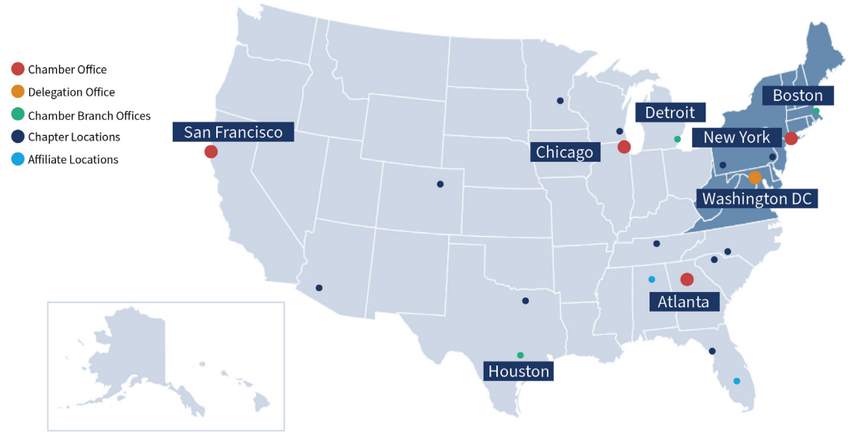

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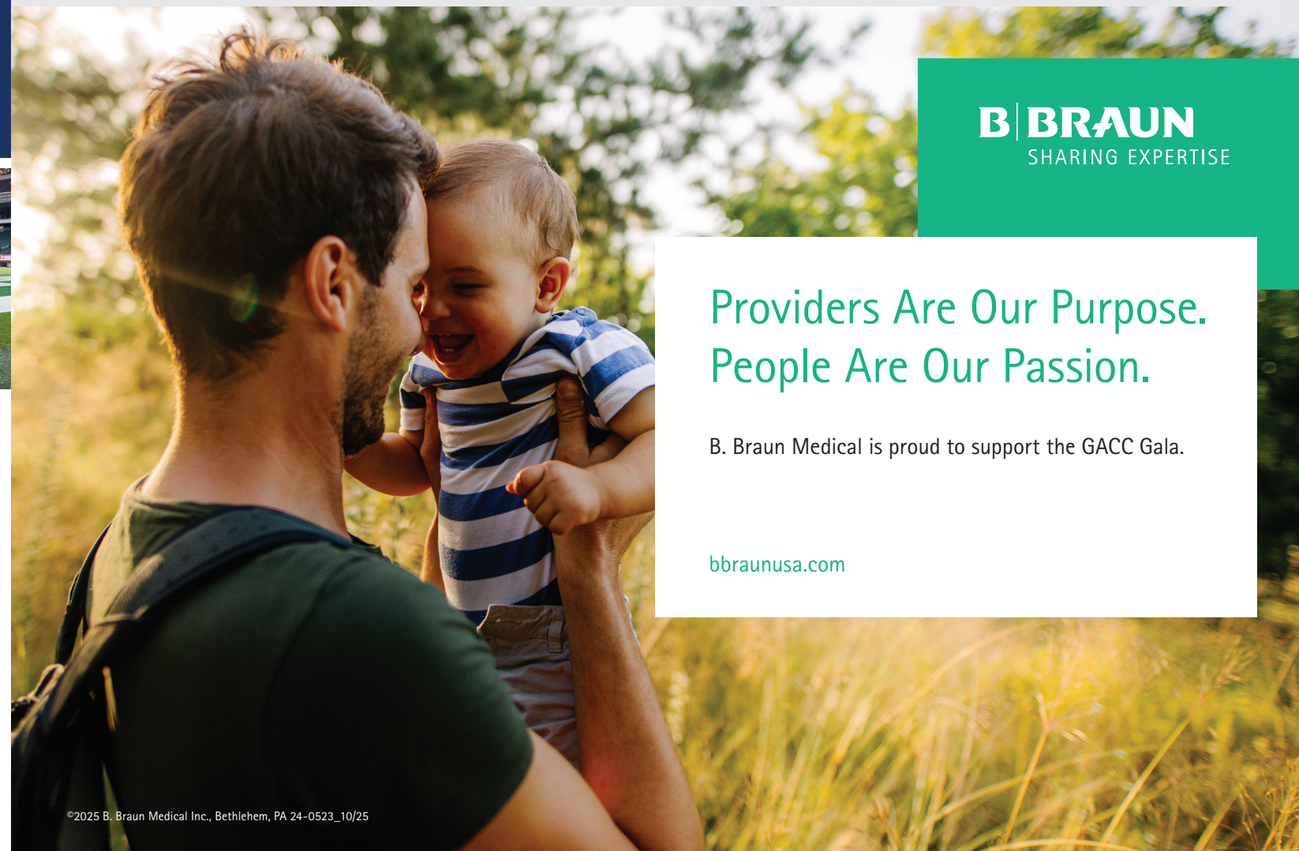

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