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### **Museum Turns to the Dark Side!**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009**

For one night only the Black Country Living Museum will be throwing open its doors after hours and on Saturday 16th May, as part of the European 'Nuit des Musées', the Museum will be offering visitors the chance to enjoy some nocturnal culture!

'Nuit des Musées' was launched in 2005 and is a pan-European venture which sees over 1000 museums and galleries in over 30 countries across the continent opening their doors for the evening events. The specially priced event will take place during Museums and Galleries month and will give visitors the opportunity to explore some of the country's finest museums.

Ian Walden, Director of the Black Country Living Museum, said: 'Nuit des Musées' opens the Museum's doors to an entirely new audience. It's important we encourage people into museums and galleries so they can discover just how much we have to offer. Last year we had 774 visitors which makes the Black Country Living Museum one of the most visited Museum's in Europe for 'Nuit des Musées.'

The museum's village will be illuminated by gas and candlelight and visitors can chat to the costumed characters they will meet in the shops, houses and work places. Old fashioned street entertainment, real ale served in the

Bottle and Glass Inn and 1930s style fish and chips cooked in beef dripping ensure visitors enjoy a taste of the past.

Tickets are pre-book only and will be half the normal admission price.

Adults: £6.50, Children (5-18) £3.50 and Seniors £5.50. Gates open at 6.30pm and close at 10.00pm.

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