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DEAR GUESTS

We wish you a comfortable stay in Washington D.C., one of Sofitel's luxury addresses, and a symbol of French elegance around the world. This letter presents the program of the month at Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square. We are delighted to recommend some fantastic local events related to Sofitel Art de vivre: culture, design and gastronomy. Please feel free to contact our dedicated concierge team.

Cynthia VAN ZANDT,
Chef Concierge



DISCOVER AND TASTE ART AT ICI URBAN BISTRO

We invite you to escape into an abstract world and lose yourself in the intensity of colors at Stephane Koerwyn art exhibition in the hotel's signature restaurant, ICI Urban Bistro.

From September 5th to the 30th, discover Koerwyn's 17-piece art collection painted on aluminum metal sheets while dining over an art inspired three-course menu by executive chef Gyo Santa for \$45 for lunch (\$55 for dinner). For dining reservations, please call (202) 730-8701.

DC SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL 2017

VARIOUS VENUES
September 7-17, 2017

The DC Shorts Film Festival is the Washington, DC area's only film festival dedicated to showcasing and discussing short films from around the world. The lineup covers a variety of genres: dramas, comedies, animation, sci-fi, documentaries, and creative experimental films. All films are 20 minutes or less. The DC Shorts Film Festival will include nearly 170 films from over 30 countries and present 6 screenplays in a live reading showcase. For more information and tickets, visit www.dshorts.com



ROSSLYN JAZZ FESTIVAL 2017

GATEWAY PARK
September 9, 2017

The Rosslyn Jazz Festival is an annual music celebration in Gateway Park just across Key Bridge from Washington, DC. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Rosslyn BID in partnership with Arlington Cultural Affairs. The festival is free to attend and will feature food truck row, a beer and wine garden, and a variety of onsite fashion trucks. For more information, visit www.rosslynva.org



WALKINGTOWN DC - FREE TOURS

VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS
September 16-24, 2017

Cultural Tourism DC sponsors WalkingTown DC, a week of free guided tours of the neighborhoods of Washington DC. Dozens of walking tours are available offering a great way to discover something new in the nation's capital. In addition to a full schedule of weekend tours, this year's event will feature weekday tours, including lunch hour tours and after work tours, tour itineraries, and special events.

All tours are free and open to the public, but require advance registration. Many tours are wheelchair and stroller accessible. For more information, visit www.culturaltourismdc.org



TASTE OF GEORGETOWN 2017

THE WATERFRONT IN GEORGETOWN
September 24, 2017

Approximately 35 of Washington, D.C.'s most distinguished restaurants serve sample portions of their signature dishes. The food festival includes 90s cover band White Ford Bronco, craft beer and wine and a variety of entertainment for all ages. The region's hottest chefs will face off, testing their culinary skill during the Georgetown Chef Showdown, judged by DC's top food experts and media. For more information and admission, visit www.tasteofgeorgetown.com



NATIVE GARDENS AT ARENA STAGE

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 22, 2017

Good fences make good neighbors... right? From the outrageous mind of playwright, Karen Zacarias (Destiny of Desire) comes this hot new comedy about the clash of class and culture that pushes well-meaning neighbors over the edge.

Tania, a very pregnant Ph.D. candidate, and Pablo, her rising attorney husband, move next door to Virginia and Frank, a deep-rooted D.C. couple with an impeccably trimmed backyard. But when a questionable fence line puts a prize-worthy garden in jeopardy, neighborly rivalry escalates into an all-out border dispute, challenging everyone's notions of race, privilege and where to draw the line on good taste.

For more information and tickets, visit www.arenastage.org/shows-tickets/the-season/productions/native-gardens/



CELEBRATE WINE AND ART-DE-VIVRE AT SOFITEL!

SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 31, 2017



Join us and celebrate Sofitel Wine Days - a month long celebration of wine and art-de-vivre! Learn how to pair wines and dishes with our Executive Chef Gyo Santa and Carolyn White of Trinchero Family Estates on September 28th. Come dine with winemaker Domaine Berthet Rayne Chateauneuf du Pape in iCi Urban Bistro restaurant on October 12th. Lastly, enjoy a wine tasting and degustation by Washburn Wine Company in Le Bar lounge on October 18th.

Throughout the duration of the event, a special food and wine pairing menu featuring savory creations by executive chef Gyo Santa and wines provided by Trinchero Family Estates and other participating winemakers. Percentage of wine event proceeds to benefit the American Heart Association.

For more information and tickets, visit <http://www.sofitel-washington-dc.com/dining-lounge/happenings/>

LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE... IN PHILADELPHIA

FOCUS ON SOFITEL PHILADELPHIA

This upmarket hotel is a 10-minute walk from The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and 0.9 miles from the Rodin Museum. The sophisticated rooms feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and desks, plus marble bathrooms with soaking tubs. Suites add separate living rooms with pullout sofas. Amenities include a brasserie, a stylish restaurant/bar serving modern French-inspired dishes, and a fitness center. There is also a business center and more than 16,000 sq. ft. of meeting space.

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CONCERTS & PERFORMANCE

CAPITAL ONE ARENA AND BEYOND

Just minutes away from the hotel is Washington D.C.'s prime entertainment venue, the Capital One Arena (formerly known as Verizon Center), situated in the heart of Gallery Place, Chinatown. Catch concerts and performances like the **Depeche Mode**, **Bruno Mars** or **Katy Perry**. If Living Legends are more your style, venture over to MGM National Harbor to see **Cher** or **Tom Jones**. See our Concierge team for available tickets.

The KENNEDY CENTER - CENTER STAGE

The Kennedy Center annually hosts more than 2,000 performances for audiences totaling nearly two million. Now in its 45th season, the Center presents the greatest examples of music, dance and theater; supports artists in the creation of new work; and serves the nation as a leader in arts education. With its artistic affiliate, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Center's achievements as a commissioner, producer, and nurturer of developing artists have resulted in over 200 theatrical productions, dozens of new ballets, operas, and musical works.

- » Washington National Opera
- » Verdi's Aida
- » National Symphony Orchestra
- » Carpenter Plays
- » Copland/Favorites by Bernstein & Adams

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