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Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel Debuts New Executive Chef and Menu

Washington, DC (May 2, 2011)— The Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel is pleased to announce the appointment of Devon Capili as the Executive Chef for the boutique hotel. In this role, Chef Capili will oversee the culinary direction and operation for the eclectic M Bar & Lounge and M Brasserie Restaurants.

As the Executive Chef, Capili joins the ranks of the select lady Executive Chefs in DC. Most recently, Chef Capili was the Senior Banquet Chef at the JW Marriott Washington, DC, where she oversaw the culinary operations for the flagship property's banquets and events. During her tenure with Marriott International, Chef Capili has received recognition for her leadership and ability to create a highly motivated work environment and for her inventive culinary creations.

Chef Capili's creativity and passion for food shine through in her debut menu for the Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel with a collection of fresh and simple favorites, prepared with a variety of locally sourced, indigenous flavors for an intriguing experience. Influenced by the blend of comfort and stylish sophistication of the hotel, the dishes offer an artful simplicity to the Washington, DC dining scene.

The menu includes a variety of starters "to share" such as the Maryland soft shell crab spring rolls with wasabi –saffron aioli, Maryland crab cake & lobster tempura with fried baby spinach & local honey mustard sauce and the Mediterranean nachos with hummus, feta cheese, Kalamata olives, caramelized onions, fried capers, roasted red peppers and a balsamic glaze. The assortment of sliders include the Kobe beef sliders with a Vanns Balsamic Chipotle BBQ sauce and the Ahi Tuna Sliders with cilantro vinaigrette and wasabi aioli. Both offer an interesting alternative to the classic mini burger.

Chef Capili turns up the volume on conventional signature sandwiches such as the French Dip with Rosemary Au Jus, thinly sliced roasted prime rib, provolone cheese, caramelized onions and the “Bell & Evans” grilled chicken Panini served with fresh alfalfa sprouts, sunflower seeds and local cheddar cheese.

Chef Capili shows that healthy eating can still be fun with her rendition of the colorful baby spinach Salad with teardrop tomatoes, crumbled goat cheese, dried apricots, dried cranberries, candied walnuts with maple Asian pear vinaigrette. Entrees on the new menu reflect Chef Capili’s penchant for updated favorites such as the Hawaiian rib eye marinated in pineapple yuzu and served with loaded baked potato and sautéed haricot vert.

Dessert lovers will be delighted with the trio of sorbets and ice creams made with the most delicious and intensely flavored sorbets and ice creams with absolutely no additives, compounds or extracts from Alexandria based creamery SINPLICITY.

Open for lunch and dinner, M Bar & Lounge and M Brasserie Restaurant blends comfort with stylish sophistication and presents the perfect environment for business or leisurely meetings. With a new delightful menu the eclectic restaurant leaves visitors coming back for more.

For more information please visit: www.renaissancedupontcircle.com

About Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel

Renaissance Washington DC, Dupont Circle Hotel is a distinctive hotel located in south of end of Washington, DC's Dupont Circle neighborhood at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue and M Street, NW. Situated blocks from Dupont Circle's restaurants and energetic nightlife and close to historic Georgetown, the hotel is minutes from the metro and legendary city sites. The stylish hotel flaunts a cosmopolitan lobby bar featuring a rotating exhibit of contemporary student art works from the Corcoran College of Art + Design, conveying class and provoking guests' sense of discovery, while 10,800 square feet of event space appeals to business travelers with state-of-the-art meeting facilities. Discover a city favorite, the Renaissance Washington, DC Dupont Circle Hotel. For more information or to make a reservation, call (888) 803-1298, or visit www.renaissancedupontcircle.com

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