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National Gallery of Art Announces Starr Catering Group as Catering Partner



The Espresso and Gelato Bar at the National Gallery of Art, located on the Concourse between the East and West Buildings.

Washington, DC—The National Gallery of Art, Washington, is pleased to announce that Starr Catering Group (SCG) has been awarded the contract for food services provider in four visitor dining areas of the East and West Buildings—the group's first venture in Washington, DC. Starr Catering Group assumed charge of the food and beverage operations beginning on October 1, 2016, coinciding with the reopening of the East Building.

Starr Catering Group will redesign and refresh the offerings with exciting new menus and presentation at the Gallery providing a varied dining experience for visitors.

Within the East Building, the **Terrace Café** overlooking the atrium of the stunning I.M. Pei-designed East Building, will feature SCG's Parliament coffee, artisan baked goods, and freshly prepared and packaged sandwiches and salads.

Within the West Building, the **Garden Café** will offer a full service restaurant experience, and a Chef's Table with a seasonal, healthful menu, and a curated wine list.

The **Cascade Café** will complement the West Building dining experience with a creative and unique food court-style café featuring tossed to order salads, hot and cold sandwiches, and house made soups. Among the offerings are a whimsical chicken concept named The Coop, and the Artist's Table, which will feature a rotating selection of menu items inspired by the collections on view at the Gallery. The **Espresso and Gelato Bar** will feature Starr Catering Group's own proprietary Parliament espresso and coffee, house made gelato, artisan baked goods, and grab and go lunch items.

About Starr Catering Group

Starr Catering Group provides artisanal-dining experiences within cultural centers, corporate offices, and private events across the East Coast. The Starr Catering Group was launched in April 2008 by renowned restaurateur Stephen Starr and Simon Powles as a part of Stephen Starr's successful restaurant group. Today, the Starr Catering Group is owned by Paris-based Elixir Group, which holds a strategic partnership with internationally famed Michelin Star Chef Alain Ducasse's culinary enterprise made up of 1,400 partners representing over 49 different nationalities. Starr Catering Group's commitment to excellence and dedication to perfected details enabled rapid growth for the company, which is now the exclusive caterer at 17 locations in five cities, including the restaurants within internationally renowned cultural institutions Carnegie Hall, Philadelphia Museum of Art, New York Botanical Garden, Clark Art Institute, and Pérez Art Museum Miami. For more information about Starr Catering Group, visit www.starerevents.com

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General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW, and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. For information call (202) 737-4215 or visit the Gallery's Web site at www.nga.gov. Follow the Gallery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt, Twitter at www.twitter.com/ngadc, and Instagram at <http://instagram.com/ngadc>.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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