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THE RITZ-CARLTON, SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATES WITH OAKLAND'S DRAGON SCHOOL TO PAINT DRAGON-INSPIRED STREET ART MURAL ON ITS STATELY BUILDING

Taking cues from nearby Chinatown, the iconic luxury hotel revives a long-lost story to provide guests and locals alike with artwork that will inspire generations to come

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (January 20, 2020) – Just in time for the Lunar New Year, [The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco](#) - located in Nob Hill adjacent to San Francisco's famous Chinatown - is pleased to announce it will soon unveil a show-stopping, dragon-inspired street art mural created in partnership with the Oakland-based [Dragon School](#).

Spanning four walls on an interior employee hallway wall and exterior loading dock wall, this custom mural was designed to revive and showcase local art that was once covered up around the hotel. While at first glance one may assume the dragon-themed mural is simply a nod to nearby Chinatown, its meaning is far deeper. The property was once home to a university – Cogswell Polytechnical College – in the 1970s, whose mascot was a dragon. The theme of the hotel – “the gift of endless learning, the pride of daily teaching” – stems from this history as a school and this mural is one of the many initiatives in 2020 that will bring this theme to life.

“We are thrilled to partner with The Dragon School to bring our hotel’s history to life and create a meaningful piece of art that guests and the community can enjoy,” said Yael Ron, General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco. “As our hotel was once a school, our mission is to

be a place for inspiration and learning and we felt this mural would allow us to share this special piece of history in an artful, yet modern way that also pays tribute to our location near Chinatown.”

The Dragon School is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to beautifying public spaces, aligning with The Ritz-Carlton’s brand-wide Community Footprints philanthropic effort.

The Dragon School will begin painting the mural today, and the Ladies and Gentlemen who work at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco will also have an opportunity to paint part of the dragon and contribute to this meaningful project.

Once complete, guests and locals alike will be invited to view the mural, take photos, and enjoy its presence. The hotel will also be offering a complimentary Chinatown Experience for guests that will include a self-guided tour through Chinatown, beginning at The Dragon School mural and stopping along the way at other Dragon School murals and some of Chef Michael Rotondo’s favorite spots in Chinatown.

The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco will also be paying homage to nearby Chinatown with a variety of special Lunar New Year offerings and culinary delights:

Chinese Afternoon Tea in [The Lounge](#)

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Seatings from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Starting at \$98 per person, exclusive of tax, gratuity, and alcoholic beverages

In celebration of the Lunar New Year, Traditional Afternoon Tea at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco is reimagined with distinctive sweet and savory Chinese flavors. Guests will create new memories with family and friends while enjoying fine pots of tea and scrumptious Chinese delights. Sample savory items include Black Garlic Deviled Egg; Flavors of Peking Duck with pickled vegetables, duck pate, hoisin aioli, and lotus bun; Dashi Custard Verrine with ponzu and ginger scallion relish. Sample sweet confections include Osmanthus and Goji berry Noble Jelly, Walnut and Jujube Happiness Rat Cookies, Black Sesame Prosperity Cake with raspberry and lychee, and Good Fortune Almond Tart with candied kumquat. The tea concludes with fortune cookies to cap off the festive experience. Sample imagery [HERE](#)

“Return of the Dragon” Lunar New Year Cocktail

Saturday, January 25 - Saturday, February 8, 2020

Available in The Lounge and Parallel 37 Bar

\$20.20

Made with Hennessy VSOP, thyme syrup, honey shrub, lime, and fermented chili powder, this one-of-a-kind cocktail boasts a distinct - and slightly fiery - flavor profile for the ultimate Lunar

New Year cocktail. Each guest who purchases the special cocktail will receive a lucky coin envelope with a special gift inside.

Elevated Professor Hour

January 29 and 30, 2020

Mirroring the hotel's "gift of endless learning, the pride of daily teaching" ethos, guests can sip on the special "Return of the Dragon" cocktail while enjoying an interactive lesson from a Hennessy mixologist along with Lunar New Year fans.

Lunar New Year Tasting Menu in [Parallel 37](#)

January 31, February 1, February 7 and February 8, 2020

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Reservations can be made by calling (415) 773-6168

\$155 per person, exclusive of tax, gratuity and alcoholic beverages

1st Course

Steamed Szechuan Pork Vermicelli Roll / Petite Tatsoi Greens / Warm Ginger-Lemongrass Emulsion

2nd Course

Cantonese Style Poached Striped Bass / Shaoxing & Sesame Sauce / Leek Crisp

3rd Course

Liberty Farms Duck Breast / Baby Bok Choy / Duck Dumpling / Pink Lady Apple Broth

4th Course

Niman Ranch Rack of Lamb & Belly / Bloomsdale Spinach / Smoked Sweet Yam Puree / Confit Turnips / Preserved Black Bean Jus

5th Course Dessert

Pastry Chef Jeffry's Chinese-Inspired Desserts

Explore Chef Michael Rotondo's Chinatown

The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco is adjacent to the largest Chinatown outside of Asia complete with gift shops, teahouses, dining, bakeries, and home ware shops. Guests are invited to discover the best of Chinatown's hidden gems and time-honored favorites with a self-guided walking tour created by Executive Chef Michael Rotondo. The tour features his top eight spots including the Chinatown Gate, The Wok Shop where Chef Rotondo purchases kitchen utensils for Parallel 37, and Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory.

For more information and reservations, please visit ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/san-francisco or call (415) 296-7465.

High-resolution hotel imagery is available [HERE](#) (credit: The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco).

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Completely transformed and reimagined, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco sets a new standard of excellence in the City by the Bay, drawing inspiration from the alluring designs of couture and the city's iconic architecture. Set within a 1909 Neoclassical landmark building in the prestigious Nob Hill neighborhood, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco is the city's only AAA Five Diamond hotel. Conveniently located in the heart of the city, the iconic hotel is nearby San Francisco's most visited attractions and the historic cable car is accessible right outside its doors. Offering globally-inspired California cuisine and seasonal cocktails at the award-winning Parallel 37, the largest luxury Club Level experience in San Francisco, and more than 4,000 sq. ft. of grand event spaces, the 336-room Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco provides the ultimate in personalized Ritz-Carlton service, comfort and luxury.

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