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**Put a CORC in It! -- Renaissance M Street Hotel Mixes Corcoran Art Exhibit With Wine Tastings – Students Display Incredible Works of Art in Lobby**

**Washington, DC – (MAY 2009)** – To celebrate an ongoing partnership between hospitality and the arts, the Renaissance M Street Hotel in downtown Washington, DC unveiled a vibrant and distinctive exhibit of contemporary student art works from the Corcoran College of Art + Design.

The new exhibit, set to change quarterly, features 8-12 student art works set among the hotel's cosmopolitan M Bar lobby lounge and restaurant, intriguing guests to wine, dine and discover a new generation of modern American artists.

“We are very excited to be able to showcase some incredible student art and continue our strong partnership with The Corcoran Gallery of Art,” said Matt Felix, general manager, Renaissance M Street. “Our guests love seeing what the students have produced while having a great glass of wine or one of our signature cocktail:



Untitled 1 by Gongsan Park



Picassa 1 by Marianne Moreno

The unveiling of the exhibit was celebrated at [M Bar](#) with an organic wine tasting by Country Vintners, deemed “**Put a CORC in it!**” Dean Pillow, Corcoran Gallery leadership and supporters joined hotel guests and friends of Renaissance M Street Hotel to honor the artists. The hotel will continue to hold quarterly “Put a CORC in It!” wine tasting events as the student art exhibit rotates.

The [Renaissance M Street Hotel](#) partnership with the Corcoran Gallery of Art and [The Corcoran College of Art + Design](#) is a leading representative of Renaissance Hotels and Resort's global initiative to promote the arts through local artists and art galleries. Renaissance has a long standing commitment to the arts community by featuring a wide range of local, modern, classical and unique pieces of art in its hotels.



The Krake by Sarah Robbins

The launch of the hotel exhibit previews The Corcoran College of Art + Design's [All-Senior Exhibition](#), running from **May 6 - 25** within several galleries in the Corcoran and celebrating the accomplishments and diverse talents of graduating seniors. Centered on the idea of direct and intense creative education, the Corcoran is Washington's only four-year college of art and design and one of the only museum-schools in the country.

***About the Renaissance M Street Hotel***

The Renaissance M Street Hotel is a West End Washington, D.C. luxury hotel located in the energetic Georgetown and Dupont Circle neighborhoods, minutes from the metro and legendary city sites. The trendy downtown D.C. hotel flaunts a cosmopolitan lobby bar, conveying class and comfort, while 10,800 square feet of event space appeals to business travelers with state-of-the-art meeting facilities and entices brides-to-be as a great wedding location. Discover a new city favorite, the Renaissance M Street downtown Washington, D.C. luxury hotel. For more information or to make a reservation, call (888) 803-1298, or visit [www.renaissanceMstreethotel.com](http://www.renaissanceMstreethotel.com).

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