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CORCORAN AND 1869 SOCIETY PRESENT ARTINI 2014

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1869 Society Member Tickets on sale Tuesday, February 4

Non-Member Tickets on sale Tuesday, February 11



WASHINGTON, D.C. – This spring, the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art and Design’s 1869 Society will present the seventh annual **ARTINI**. With its unique combination of events taking place both outside and within the Corcoran’s walls, ARTINI is one of the Corcoran’s most anticipated signature experiences. Throughout the month of February and into March, nine of the city’s best mixologists will compete to make an artistic martini—an “artini”—inspired by works of art in the Corcoran’s renowned collection. After showing off their skills at their bar’s feature night, the mixologists will come together at the Corcoran on **Saturday, March 22 from 8:30 to midnight** for the culminative ARTINI celebration. For tickets and more information, visit www.corcoran.org/artini.

As always, venues for this year’s ARTINI represent the hottest spots throughout D.C. ARTINI 2014 features representatives from: [P.O.V.](#), [The Gibson](#), [Oyamel](#), [Range](#), [City Tap House DC](#), [Ripple](#), [Jack Rose Dining Saloon](#), [Quill](#), and [Farmers Fishers Bakers](#). Washington’s top artini will be announced at the celebratory March event with tastings of all ten artinis, a beer and wine bar, hors d’oeuvres and desserts, music by Ozkar, DJ Provoke and Baronhawk,

and dancing. Guests will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite cocktail, with the winner receiving the coveted “People’s Choice” award.

Throughout February and into March, each participating venue will host a Feature Night happy hour during which the public can preview the artini and meet and greet with 1869 Society members. Feature Nights kicks off at P.O.V. at the W Hotel on February 11. Starting that day, the public can cast a vote for their favorite artini on the website of ARTINI media partner, *Washingtonian*, to determine a “People’s Choice” winner. For a list of Feature Nights, visit <http://www.corcoran.org/artini/artini-2014-feature-nights>. Feature Night attendance is free, and guests who visit each Feature Night and purchase that evening’s ARTINI will win a complimentary 1869 Society individual membership.

In addition to the winner of the “People’s Choice” award, ARTINI will crown a “Critics’ Choice” winner for the fourth year in a row. The panel of judges to determine this year’s award includes Corcoran Curator of Contemporary Art Sarah Newman; Chef Todd and Ellen Gray of Equinox and Todd Gray’s Muse; Brightest Young Things founder Svetlana Legetic; and mixologist Derek Brown.

All proceeds will benefit [NOW at the Corcoran](#), the Gallery’s contemporary art program dedicated to exhibitions of and performances by emerging and mid-career artists. In 2014, NOW presents the work of [Renee Rendine](#) and [Mark Tribe](#).

While ARTINI always creates an atmosphere of glamour, those seeking an elevated experience can find it by purchasing a VIP ticket. VIP guests will enjoy a tasting of the cocktails from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., prior to general entry. VIP guests will also have access to a private “lawn party” presented by Celebrity Cruises on the Corcoran’s upstairs bridge area, where they can lounge in adirondack chairs while enjoying sips from a separate bar and speciality hors d’oeuvres.

General admission tickets for ARTINI 2014 are **\$135** for non-1869 Society members and **\$125** for 1869 Society members. Early Bird prices, available in the first week of tickets sales, are **\$125** for non-members and **\$115** for members. VIP tickets are **\$200** for non-members and **\$175** for members, with Early Bird tickets available for **\$180** and **\$155**, respectively.

For more updates on ARTINI 2014 and to view photos from past ARTINI events, visit www.corcoran.org/artini.

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ABOUT THE 1869 SOCIETY

The 1869 Society is a dynamic young professionals group in Washington, D.C. The group provides exclusive networking and socializing opportunities with other up-and-coming art patrons ages 25 to 42. Members of the 1869 Society have access to private exhibition previews and receptions at the museum, invitations to and discounts on 1869 Society events, unlimited free admission to temporary and permanent exhibitions, guest passes, discounts at the Corcoran Shop and to Todd Gray’s Muse at the Corcoran, and reduced fees for Continuing Education classes at the Corcoran College of Art + Design. To learn more about special interest societies at the Corcoran, visit www.corcoran.org/membership.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

Established in 1869, the **Corcoran Gallery of Art** was one of America's first museums of art, dedicated, in the words of founder William Wilson Corcoran, to "encouraging American genius." Today it is Washington, D.C.'s largest nonfederal art museum, known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art, European art, contemporary art, photography and media arts, and decorative arts. A dynamic schedule of exhibitions complements a range of educational programming, which together enrich the perspectives of the visiting public, support the local arts community, and encourage thoughtful interpretation of today's most compelling social issues. **The Corcoran College of Art and Design** was founded as a school of art in 1878 and stands as Washington's only four-year accredited college of art and design. The college is one of the few in the nation whose education model includes an integral relationship with a museum, fostering the talent of the next generation of artists. For more information about the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art and Design**, visit www.corcoran.org.



Hours

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

The Corcoran is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

The Museum offers extended hours every Wednesday until 9 p.m.

Admission

Wednesday through Friday and Sunday: \$10 Adults; \$8 full-time students (with ID) and seniors (62+); visitors 18 and under free; Corcoran Members free.

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