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Hello, Milwaukee Downtown-ers!

In a city with so much to love, we're excited to share a taste of noteworthy news and next-up events.

Dishing out another five nights of sampling and sipping, Taste & Toast returns March 5-9 to 30 downtown restaurants. Hear about what restaurants are on this year's menu. And, with Valentine's Day just around the corner, we've rounded up a few ways to sweeten your celebration with your sweetie.



Last month, we welcomed the return of the George Washington monument to Wisconsin Avenue following repairs to restore its original grandeur. Learn what's next on the list for the Court of Honor.

Plus, after the immense success of Sculpture Milwaukee, the Marcus family has announced yet another creative undertaking. Marcus Hotels & Resorts will be transforming the InterContinental into a creatively bold independent arts hotel. More details on this exciting endeavor can be found below.

Thanks for reading!



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TASTE & TOAST THE FLAVORS OF DOWNTOWN MARCH 5 - 9

Taste & Toast, a happy hour event featuring specially priced small plates, appetizers and spirits, returns March 5-9 to 30 downtown hot spots. Promotional prices are available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Among this year's participants are: AJ Bombers, Bacchus, Blu, The Brown Bottle, Cantina Milwaukee, Carson's Ribs, CLEAR Bar & Lounge, Coquette Café, Cubanitas, DOC's Commerce Smokehouse, Flannery's, Harbor House, The Knick, Lobby Lounge, Mi*key's, Miller Time Pub & Grill, Millioke, Milwaukee ChopHouse, Monarch Lounge, Oak Barrel Public House, Onesto, Pastiche at the Metro, Pier 106, Point Burger Express, The Pub Club, The Rumpus Room, SafeHouse, Smoke Shack, Swig, and Who's on Third.



As a bonus incentive for participating in Taste & Toast, two diners will be awarded \$375 in dining gift certificates. To enter, diners will be encouraged to complete a Taste & Toast online survey about their experience. At the conclusion of the event, two winners will be randomly drawn.

So grab your group and sample the flavors of downtown Milwaukee! Menus of Taste & Toast participants will be posted at www.milwaukeedowntown.com in mid-February.



TREAT YOUR VALENTINE TO THESE SWEET DOWNTOWN STOPS

Whether it's with friends, family, a significant other or solo, there's no better way to spread the love this Valentine's Day than enjoying the many "sweet" events that downtown Milwaukee has to offer.

Gaze up at the stars that create the



"constellations of love", laugh with your love at a comedy show, paint with your partner while sipping champagne, and much more! Downtown Milwaukee is the sweetest backdrop to rev up the romance. [Click here](#) for a full list of events that we "heart" this February.



GEORGE WASHINGTON RETURNS TO THE COURT OF HONOR



After more than a year away, George Washington has finally made the voyage home to West Wisconsin Avenue's Court of Honor. Donated to the City of Milwaukee by Elizabeth Plankinton in 1885, the bronze statue was removed in the summer of 2016 for restoration and repairs.

Andrzej Dajnowski of Conservation of Sculpture & Objects Studio, Inc. in northern Illinois completed the restoration project, which was supported by funds raised by downtown businesses, including Milwaukee

Downtown, BID #21, the Westown Association, the Milwaukee Arts Board and local patrons of history and public art. The group raised approximately \$75,000 to cover the restoration costs of George Washington, as well as the Mother and Child monument.

Fundraising efforts are still underway to complete restorations on neighboring monuments, which total close to \$30,000. For more information on how you can support the Court of Honor restoration project, [click here](#).



INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL TO BECOME IMMERSIVE ARTS DESTINATION



Daring to blend outstanding hospitality with curated art exhibits, contemporary installations and captivating live performances; Milwaukee will soon be home to one of the country's most unique and immersive arts hotel experiences.

Marcus Hotels & Resorts will be reinventing the 221-room InterContinental Milwaukee hotel into a vibrant arts destination in the heart of Milwaukee's flourishing arts scene. Anticipated to open in mid-2019, the hotel will

feature collections and standalone pieces from both local and international artists, working studios for guests to view artists' at work, on-site culinary destinations and much more,

providing guests with a truly immersive arts experience they can see, taste and feel. Stay tuned for more updates on this artful addition to downtown Milwaukee.

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