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Monaco Takes New Orleans featuring NOPSI Hotel and Public Service Restaurant

To celebrate the historical ties between Monaco and New Orleans during this tricentennial year, NOPSI Hotel features a photographic exhibit, "Legends of Monte-Carlo," culinary week "Flavors of Monaco" and an exclusive jewelry display featuring work from Alex Soldier, and an installation by the Princess Grace Foundation-USA

NEW ORLEANS (February 16, 2018) – Between February 19 and 25, the Principality of Monaco will take New Orleans on a magical journey at NOPSI Hotel.

In honor of Les Ballets de Monte Carlo's return to New Orleans for the city's Tricentennial, NOPSI Hotel will house an exclusive photographic exhibit "Legends of Monte-Carlo," host culinary week "Flavors of Monaco," and display a jewelry exhibit by renowned artist, Alex Soldier.

NOPSI Hotel will feature 46 black and white photos from Monte-Carlo's Golden Age, when celebrities worldwide flocked to Monte-Carlo for vacation. The exhibition, "Legends of Monte Carlo," is a tribute to the enduring appeal of Monte-Carlo through the iconic celebrities who have graced its streets. The exhibit, located in the hotel's grand spaces, is open to the public and NOPSI Hotel will offer specialty cocktails and appetizers at its UnderCurrent Bar. The exhibit is on display February 19-25.

In partnership with Michelin-starred Benoit Witz, Executive Chef of Hotel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, part of the exclusive Monte-Carlo SBM Resorts (montecarlosbm.com), NOPSI Hotel's Executive Chef Pete Page has developed a Monegasque-inspired four-course lunch menu, which will be offered Public Service from February 19-25.

The special menu costs \$33 per person, and includes:

- Salad Riviera
- Plat-Red mullet with basil and saffron bouillabaisse
- Plat-Squid ink orrecciete pasta with shrimp and calamari, tomato confit and lemon broccolini
- Lemon meringue tart

The restaurant will also offer the Barbagiuan, the national dish of Monaco, throughout lunch and dinner service during these dates. Priced at \$8 at Public Service, Barbagiuan is a deep-fried pastry stuffed with Swiss chard or squash, onion, parmesan and ricotta cheese. To make a Public Service reservation, call 504-962-6527 or visit www.publicservicenola.com.

NOPSI Hotel will also display an exhibit by Alex Soldier, the internationally acclaimed jewelry artist, sculptor and creator of Princess Grace Foundation's Prince Rainier III Award statue. Located in the hotel's gift shop during Monaco's week-long festival, the exhibit will be on display from February 19-25. A special 20% savings is available on purchases made at the gift shop or online at <u>www.alexsolider.com</u> (enter code "Monaco" at checkout). The online offer is valid until February 28. Five percent of each sale will benefit the Princess Grace Foundation-USA.

In addition, members of the Princess Grace Foundation-USA will participate in the activities organized by the Embassy by highlighting award winners whose work in theater, dance, and film ignite a cultural conversation. Much like the enriched city of New Orleans, award winners create thought-provoking pieces with an homage to history, diversity and current events. Toby Boshak, Executive Director says, "We are proud to highlight the work of Jon-Sesrie Goff during the Monaco Takes New Orleans celebration, whose powerful short film, Site of Reckoning: Battlefield 2016, is part of the Prospect 4: The Lotus in Spite of the Swamp exhibition at the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans." On through February 25, open Wednesday through Monday, 11am–5pm. Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans, 900 Camp St, New Orleans, LA 70130 http://cacno.org.

"To celebrate our historic connections with the City of New Orleans on this momentous anniversary, we are very proud to showcase some of the wonderful facets of the Principality of Monaco over a week-long festival. From February 19 through February 25, the Principality of Monaco will be the toast of the town with two fascinating exhibitions — both free and open to the public — and a Monégasque culinary week at the NOPSI Hotel leading up to the acclaimed Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo's performance of the ever-romantic tragedy, Romeo and Juliet, presented by New Orleans Ballet Association sponsored by the Hyatt Regency Hotel New Orleans," said Monaco's Ambassador to the United States, Maguy Maccario Doyle.

For more information, call NOPSI Hotel at 504.962.6500, visit <u>www.NOPSIhotel.com</u> or <u>www.MonacoEventsUSA.com</u>. Follow NOPSI Hotel @nopsihotel on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. NOPSI Hotel is located at 317 Baronne Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

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