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Bellevue Downtown Association announces 2010 Haute Picks **Local hot spots awarded in 20 categories in “Best of Downtown Bellevue” contest**

BELLEVUE, Wash. (April 27, 2010) – The Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) today announced the winners of the 2010 Haute Picks Awards. Haute Picks honor the “people’s choice” for top offerings in Downtown Bellevue—the people, places, and experiences that help make the downtown community a great place to live, work, and play. Online votes (HautePicks.org) and paper ballots were received (February 27 to April 2, 2010) in 20 categories as part of the BDA’s eighth annual “best of downtown” contest.

The “haute” in Haute Picks (the BDA’s pronunciation is “hot”) derives from the French word used to describe something that is fashionable and of high quality. Haute Picks winners demonstrate the essence of this French word, offering superior service and products in their respected lines of business.

2010 Haute Picks – The Best of Downtown Bellevue

Best Casual Business Meeting Spot

520 Bar & Grill

Old Bellevue
10146 Main Street
520barandgrill.com

Best Place for Sushi

Blue C Sushi

The Lodge at Bellevue Square
503 Bellevue Square
bluecsushi.com

Best Cocktail (Drink and Place)

Shiso Wild Drop at Pearl Bar & Dining

Lincoln Square
700 Bellevue Way NE
pearlbellevue.com

Best Power Lunch

El Gaucho

City Center Plaza
450 108th Avenue NE
elgaucho.com

Best Coffee House

Starbucks Coffee Company

10 Downtown Bellevue Locations
starbucks.com

Best Retail Boutique

Gotta Have Shoes!

Old Bellevue
10047 Main Street
gottahaveshoes.com

Best Happy Hour

Palomino

Lincoln Square
610 Bellevue Way NE
palomino.com

Best Romantic Dinner

Daniel’s Broiler

Bellevue Place
10500 NE 8th Street
schwartzbros.com

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“2010 Haute Picks” continued

Best Lunch Under \$10

Chipotle

10503 NE 4th Street
chipotle.com

Best Place for a First Date

The Parlor Collection

Lincoln Square
700 Bellevue Way NE
parlorlive.com

Best Place for a Haircut

Bach's Barbershop

10676 NE 8th Street

Best Place for a Mani/Pedi

Gene Juarez Salons & Spas

Bellevue Galleria
550 106th Avenue NE
genejuarez.com

Best Place for a Massage

Matheny Chiropractic Center

555 108th Avenue NE
mathenychiropracticcenter.com

Best Place to See and Be Seen

Lucky Strike Lanes

Lincoln Square
700 Bellevue Way NE
bowlluckystrike.com

Best Seafood Restaurant

Seastar Restaurant and Raw Bar

Civica Office Commons
205 108th Avenue NE
seastarrestaurant.com

Best Steakhouse

John Howie Steak

The Bravern
11111 NE 8th Street
johnhowiesteak.com

Best Sweet Tooth Fix

Trophy Cupcakes

The Bravern
700 110th Avenue NE
trophycupcakes.com

Best Uniquely Downtown Bellevue Experience

“Snowflake Lane”

The Bellevue Collection
Bellevue Way NE & NE 8th Street
bellevuecollection.com

Best Wine List

Purple Café and Wine Bar

Bellevue Towers
430 106th Avenue NE
thepurplecafe.com

Best Workout Spot

Elite Fitness

Old Bellevue
136 102nd Avenue SE
elitefitnessbellevue.com

Established in 1974, the Bellevue Downtown Association is a nonprofit, membership organization charged with leading the continuing evolution of Downtown Bellevue as the economic and cultural heart of the Eastside. The BDA advocates for a shared vision of Downtown Bellevue, cultivates economic vitality, fosters a dynamic civic and cultural community and creates an open forum for Downtown constituents. bellevuedowntown.com

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