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BELLEVUE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2011 HAUTE PICKS Local hot spots voted the “best of downtown Bellevue” across 20 categories

BELLEVUE, Wash. (May 24, 2011) – The Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) today announced the winners of the 2011 Haute Picks Awards. Haute Picks honor the “people’s choice” for top offerings in downtown Bellevue that help make the community a great place to live, work and play.

Online votes and paper ballots were received February 2, 2011 to April 1, 2011 in 20 categories as part of the BDA’s ninth annual “best of downtown Bellevue” contest. This year, voters cast a record 2,722 ballots (one ballot per voter).

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

2011 Haute Picks – The Best of Downtown Bellevue

Best Casual Business Meeting Spot

520 Bar & Grill (*5th-year winner*)

10146 Main Street
520barandgrill.com

Runners-up: Starbucks Coffee Company
and The Parlor Collection

Best Cocktail (Drink and Place)

“Manhattan” at LOT No. 3

Bellevue Towers – 460 106th Avenue NE
lotno3.com

Runners-up: “La Paloma Por Mi Amante”
at Barrio Mexican Kitchen & Bar
and “Just a Lil Peach” at El Gaucho

Best Coffee House

Starbucks Coffee Company (*6th-year winner*)

10 Downtown Bellevue Locations
starbucks.com

Runners-up: T’Latte, Top Pot Doughnuts
and Tully’s

Best Place for Sushi

FLO Japanese Restaurant (*2nd-year winner*)

1188 106th Avenue NE
florestaurant.com

Runners-up: Blue C Sushi
and Sushi Maru

Best Power Lunch

El Gaucho (*2nd-year winner*)

450 108th Avenue NE
elgaucho.com

Runners-up: Daniel’s Broiler
and John Howie Steak

Best Retail Boutique

Derek Andrew

901 104th Avenue NE
derekandrew.com

Runners-up: La Ree Boutique
and Newport House

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Best Happy Hour

Pearl Bar & Dining (*2nd-year winner*)
Lincoln Square – 700 Bellevue Way NE
pearlbellevue.com

Runners-up: 520 Bar & Grill
and The Parlor Collection

Best Lunch Under \$10

MOD Pizza
317 Bellevue Way NE
modpizza.com

Runners-up: Chipotle Mexican Grill
and Jimmy John’s

Best Place for a First Date

The Parlor Collection (*5th-year winner*)
Lincoln Square – 700 Bellevue Way NE
parlorcollection.com

Runners-up: Cypress Lounge & Wine Bar
and LOT No. 3

Best Place for a Haircut

Salon Towl (*2nd-year winner*)
938 110th Avenue NE
salontowl.com

Runners-up: 7 Salon
and Gene Juarez Salons & Spas

Best Place for a Mani/Pedi

Gene Juarez Salons & Spas (*3rd-year winner*)
Bellevue Galleria – 550 106th Avenue NE
genejuarez.com

Runners-up: Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa
and Salon Bella

Best Place for a Massage

Massage Center of Bellevue (*5th-year winner*)
37 103rd Avenue NE
massagecenters.com

Runners-up: Herban Therapies Boutique Day
Spa and Matheny Chiropractic

Best Romantic Dinner

Daniel’s Broiler (*2nd-year winner*)
Bellevue Place – 10500 NE 8th Street
schwartzbros.com

Runners-up: Bis On Main
and El Gaucho

Best Seafood Restaurant

Seastar Restaurant and Raw Bar (*5th-year winner*)
205 108th Avenue NE
seastarrestaurant.com

Runners-up: Blue C Sushi
and McCormick & Schmick’s

Best Steakhouse

John Howie Steak (*2nd-year winner*)
The Bravern – 11111 NE 8th Street
johnhowiesteak.com

Runners-up: Daniel’s Broiler, El Gaucho
and Ruth’s Chris Steak House

Best Sweet Tooth Fix

Trophy Cupcakes (*2nd-year winner*)
The Bravern – 700 110th Avenue NE
trophycupcakes.com

Runners-up: Cupcake Royale, Oh! Chocolate
and Top Pot Doughnuts

Best Uniquely Downtown Bellevue Experience

“Snowflake Lane” (*5th-year winner*)
Bellevue Way NE & NE 8th Street
bellevuecollection.com

Runners-up: Bellevue Downtown Park
and Ice Skating at Bellevue Downtown Park

Best Wine List

Purple Café and Wine Bar (*2nd-year winner*)
Bellevue Towers – 430 106th Avenue NE
thepurplecafe.com

Runners-up: Daniel’s Broiler
and El Gaucho

“2011 Haute Picks” continued

Best Place to See and Be Seen

The Parlor Collection

Lincoln Square – 700 Bellevue Way NE
parlorcollection.com

Runners-up: Munchbar
and Pearl Bar & Dining

Best Workout Spot

Bellevue Club (*3rd-year winner*)

11200 SE 6th Street
bellevueclub.com

Runners-up: David Barton Gym
and Elite Fitness

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.

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