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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Celebrate Grand Opening of New Speakeasy GastroBar Coming to Historic Downtown Orlando

Orlando, FL – 06/10/2019 –The District GastroBar, announces the opening of its newest dining establishment, located at 534 W. Church Street. Located in historic Downtown Orlando, it's just steps away from the Amway Center. With an eclectic mix of gastronomy, mixology, art, and entertainment, the Speakeasy will open for business Wednesday, June 12-June 20, for lunch only. The grand opening celebration will be held on June 21, with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, followed by an invitation only, reception, 11-12:30 p.m.

Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and City Commissioner Regina Hill (D-5) are among the area's elected public officials and dignitaries expected to attend the ceremony in front of the restaurant. After the event, the restaurant will reopen for dinner, with a regular schedule immediately commencing. The menu for this restaurant is available at: <https://www.thedistrictgastrobar.com/>.

With an Old English style of combining a restaurant with a bar, the newly built establishment is "only part of a bigger plan," according to co-owner Casey Preston. "We are preparing to launch the first of what we hope will be many concepts that invest in our community's growth, and shares, protects, and showcases the rich history of those that blazed the trail for us."

In the mid-twentieth century, Orlando's South Street Casino was well-known for its African American performers. Musicians including: Erskine Hawkins, Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Ray Charles, and B.B. King, would perform and stay overnight next door at the historical Wells' Built Hotel. Incorporating an esthetic décor and music that is reminiscent of the culture, the District GastroBar is expected to be a popular mingling spot for people of all backgrounds. Construction of the District GastroBar began in May 2018 and will unfold in three stages. Phase I included a soft opening of the interior in early June. Plans for Phase II include buildout of a 100-seat patio, with an outdoor bar facing Church Street. An upstairs private lounge is expected to be completed in late 2019.

The Church Street location is co-owned and operated by Casey Preston of the District Hospitality Group, and Robert Kelly and Timothy Green of GreenTree Development. It will include Menu Curator Andre Walton and Head Chef Eugene Aristil, both bringing a Caribbean flare to the District and its contemporary style menu with items ranging from Crab Cake Sliders, Specialty Tacos, and Lobster Bisque, to Shrimp Po' Boy, Roasted Beet Salad, Panko Crusted Halibut, and the delicious Baby Back Rib Board. The list of spirits will proudly showcase a superior selection of whiskey, bourbon, and vintage cocktails.

The District GastroBar

Guests of the District GastroBar will be able to listen to live music by the area's top entertainers. Hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday, 11am – 10 pm; Friday & Saturday, 11am – 2 am; and closed on Sunday. The 88-seat venue has a capacity of 160 and is situated at the corner of Division and Church Street. For more information, call (407) 930-7169 or follow them on Instagram @TheDistrictOrlando. To obtain additional information, visit www.TheDistrictGastrobar.com.

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