



News

Chaz on the Plaza designed for unique dining experience

The overarching vision for The Raphael hotel's signature restaurant, Chaz on the Plaza, is to stand out as a uniquely Kansas City destination dining establishment. Decor and ambience flow from that vision, respecting the room's unique history and architecture while giving it vitality and purpose. The design scheme reflects a balance between classic beauty and energetic vibe through use of contrasting colors and textures. Natural walnut millwork frames a refined palette of pale yellows, champagne, bronze, silver and platinum with splashes of red. Rich, regal textures are combined with touches of bling to create a sense of club-like intimacy tinged with intrigue. Antiqued bronzed mirrors set against polished granite surfaces on the bar and windows serve to expand the room and offer patrons unexpected views of the Plaza in reflected angles from different vantage points.

Chaz's focal point is a one-of-a-kind original photographic mural that layers Plaza architectural landmarks in a montage. It is dramatic in technique and visually compelling, allowing guests to see something new every time they look at it. Another unique feature of the room is the use of custom-designed translucent panels embedded with tints and digital graphic images. They serve functional and aesthetic purposes in four areas of the room: three floor-to-ceiling bronze tinted panels with tree blossom motif add dimension and interest to the south dining room's south wall; a gold hued panel with subtle ginkgo motif separates the two-level main dining room; red-tinted disks backing the bar create a visual and sound buffer between the dining area and lounge; and clear rectangular pieces with cherry blossom motif are strategically placed over sections of tri-colored striped wall covering, adding depth and texture.

Dining room table-seating includes granite-topped banquette, privacy booths and tables with sleek espresso-stained Queen Anne chairs with fire engine red textured upholstery, and high-back upholstered club chairs. A cozy booth popular for romance occasions incorporates metallic tones of gold, platinum, bronze and zinc and is intimately lighted by a crystal-ornamented chandelier. The lounge provides an eclectic seating environment, mixing tall tables with tall chairs and shimmering cocktail tables.

Media Contact: Rick Hughey, Hughey and Associates, 913.681.6806, rhughey@kc.rr.com
Historic Hotels of America • National Register of Historic Places • Autograph Collection
325 Ward Parkway • Kansas City MO 64112 • 816.756.3800 • 800.821.5343 • raphaelkc.com