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Feast in the City promotion offers downtown dining for two for \$50

From Friday, October 14th to Sunday, October 23rd, six dining establishments in downtown Hamilton are offering prix fixe menus for diners who reserve in advance in celebration of the Art Gallery of Hamilton's fall exhibition *The Feast: Food in Art*. Two can dine for \$50 (taxes included; beverages and gratuities extra) from a special menu each restaurant has designed for the Feast in the City promotion. Members of the public are asked to contact participating restaurants directly and mention Feast in the City when making reservations.

Feast in the City participants are:

- Acclamation Bar & Grill (191 James Street North, 905-523-7269);
- The Hamilton Club (6 Main Street East, 905-522-4675);
- Koi Restaurant and Cocktail Boutique
(27 Hess Street South, 905-308-7507);
- La Piazza Allegra Italian Restaurant
(180 James Street South, 905-777-8970);
- My-Thai Restaurant (21 John Street North, 905-526-8373);
- Wild Orchid Restaurant (286 James Street North, 905-528-7171).

"Our exhibition, *The Feast: Food in Art*, celebrates the pleasures of the table from the seventeenth century until today," said President and CEO Louise Dompierre. "This prix fixe promotion is a natural way to connect Art Gallery of Hamilton Members, tourists and Hamilton residents with downtown restaurants that, like the AGH, are committed to welcoming people into the heart of our city."

Mark Farrugia, Executive Chef and Owner of La Piazza Allegra Italian Restaurant, worked closely with the Gallery and fellow restaurateurs to make Feast in the City happen. "It was exciting to bring my colleagues together and share in the wealth of experience around the table," said Farrugia. "We knew we had a winning concept when the restaurateurs were making plans to visit each other during the 10-day promotion!"

On view from September 24 until December 31st, 2005 at the Art Gallery of Hamilton (123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton), *The Feast: Food in Art* includes photography, painting, sculpture, installations, prints, drawings, and video from the Gallery's extensive permanent collection as well as museums and galleries from across Canada and the United States. *The Feast* explores the symbolic value of food and eating as well as the rituals of preparation and consumption. Over 70 works by major artists such as Renoir, Andy Warhol, Mary Pratt, Claes Oldenburg, David Hockney, Naomi London, Millie Chen, David Milne, among many others are included. Admission to *The Feast* is

free, courtesy of Orlick Industries.

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