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Quill Stirs the Capital Bar Scene with a Challenge to D.C.'s Top Mixologists: The Quill Cocktail Competition

*Bartenders from the City's Top Watering Holes Mix it Up in the First of a Semiannual Event,
July 11, 2 – 6 p.m., at Quill, the Elegant Lounge of The Jefferson, Washington, DC*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 6, 2010 – Its motto is “elevating the cocktail culture of



Washington, D.C.” And to that end, Quill, the elegant lounge at The Jefferson, Washington, DC, has issued a challenge to the metro’s finest mixologists: Show us what you’ve got. On July 11, six of the capital’s most talented concocters of cocktails will mix it up at the inaugural Quill Cocktail Competition.

The first of what is to be a semiannual contest, this month’s event challenges contestants to create an original drink around Heavy Water Vodka. Seven judges will score each drink according to a list of criteria including creativity, taste and appearance. With egos on the line, incentive to win is sure to run high, supported by a “cocktail” of prizes to include an overnight guest room at The Jefferson, dinner for two in Plume, plus \$500 cash. In addition, the winning drink will be featured on the Quill menu for the next two weeks, along with a bio of the bartender behind it.

July 2010 Quill Cocktail Competition contestants include:

- Sal Aldana, bartender, CityZen
- Clinton Terry, head bartender, PX
- Adam Bernbach, bar manager, Proof and Estadio
- Carlton McCoy, assistant manager and sommelier, Sou’Wester

- Patrick Owens, head bartender, Jaleo DC
- Duane Sylvestre, head bartender, Bourbon Steak

The event will be open to a small gathering of guests, invited at a cost of \$50 per person. From 2-3 p.m., guests will enjoy a sampling of Quill's own signature cocktails, served in test-tube-sized glasses and accompanied by canapés. Xavier Herit of Daniel New York City will step out of his bartender role to serve as DJ, spinning down-tempo lounge music, and will fill in for a two-hour guest turn behind the bar at Quill.

The competition stage will get underway at 3 p.m., with each bartender given 20 minutes to mix his cocktail and present it to the judges, introduce his establishment, and answer questions from the press. Pre-mixed samples of each drink entry will also be passed among the guests. At 6 p.m., Quill will reopen to the public.

About The Jefferson

A 99-room Beaux Arts gem, The Jefferson, Washington, DC has an illustrious history catering to Washington's elite. It enjoys one of the city's most prestigious and strategic locations, at the corner of 16th and M Streets – just four blocks from the White House and within a short walk of museums, monuments and embassies. It is convenient to the dining, shops and nightlife of Georgetown and Penn Quarter, as well as the downtown business district and Dupont Circle. Following a full-scale renovation, The Jefferson re-opened August 31, 2009 as Washington's finest small hotel, and is the capital's only member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection. For more information, visit www.jeffersondc.com.

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