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Duane Sylvestre Crowned Top Mixologist in Quill's Inaugural Cocktail Competition

WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 14, 2010 – On Sunday, July 11, six of the capital's most talented concocters of cocktails mixed it up at the inaugural Quill Cocktail Competition held at The Jefferson, Washington, DC.

Inspired by a sunburn, Bourbon Steak Head Bartender Dyane Sylvestre beat out his fellow contestants with his "Stained GLASS" libation, taking home the grand prize.



Duane Sylvestre, Bourbon Steak Head Bartender
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Stained GLASS – ginger, lemon, aloe, sugar, spice – combined natural ingredients from the restaurant's on-site garden plus an aloe "puree" to help sooth the recent sunburn of a Bourbon Steak chef. The cocktail earned the highest marks by a team of judges comprising local food and wine aficionados for easy drinkability and the superb melding of flavors. For his dedication to the art of the cocktail, Sylvestre is the recipient of an overnight guest room at The Jefferson, dinner for two in Plume, plus \$500. In addition, Stained GLASS will be featured on Quill's menu for the next two weeks.

The first of what is to be a bi-annual contest, this month's event challenged contestants to create an original drink around Heavy Water Vodka. Each of the cocktails was scored according to a list of criteria including inspiration, creativity, taste and appearance. The Quill Cocktail Competition featured some of the city's most creative minds, including:

- 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

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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