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A MESSAGE FROM HANS C. BASSE, GENERAL MANAGER



People come from near and far to enjoy the holiday season in Manhattan, and we hope that as you plan your holiday travels, you will select The Kitano New York for your accommodation needs. With special guest packages, holiday menu selections and the annual New Year's celebrations at the hotel, we invite you to experience The Kitano New York's offerings this season.

The Kitano New York encourages guests to enjoy the magic of New York with special packages including the Family Weekend Package, which invites parents and children to experience a memorable visit to the city with a discounted rate and kid-friendly amenities.

The hotel is also proud to offer a value-added Jazz Night package highlighting The Kitano New York's popular jazz performances. This package invites guests to take in one of the hotels renowned jazz performances in the evening-leaving the day to explore the city.

The Kitano New York is also an ideal place to ring in 2008. This year, The Kitano New York's Bar Lounge will host the renowned musician Joe Locke and the Force of Four. Guests will enjoy a wonderful performance by this talented group and then celebrate the New Year with a midnight Champagne toast.

The Kitano New York's New Year's celebration will continue on January 1, as the hotel's Michelin-rated restaurant, Hakubai, will feature Osechi, a traditional Japanese New Year's meal. This distinctive meal consists of a variety of dishes, each having their own significant meaning to wish you good health, fertility, a good harvest, happiness or a long life.

We invite you to enjoy New York during this special time of year. We wish you happy holidays and look forward to treating you at The Kitano New York.

Warmest regards,

Hans C. Basse, General Manager

EXPERIENCE THE JAPANESE NEW YEAR TRADITION OF OSECHI AT THE KITANO NEW YORK

Celebrate the New Year with the Japanese tradition of Osechi at The Kitano New York's Michelin-rated Hakubai Restaurant on January 1-2, 2008. Each New Year's Day since the Edo Period, often referred to as the beginning of the early modern period in Japan, the Japanese enjoy a seven-course meal called Osechi. This distinctive meal consists of a variety of dishes, each having their own significant meaning to wish you good health, fertility, a good harvest, happiness or a long life. Dinner commences with an appetizer and Japanese hors d'oeuvres such as Yellowtail Teriyaki and Marinated Herring Roe. Next on the menu is a simmered dish of Yam, Koya Tofu, Daikon, Carrot, Burdock, Konnyaku-potato and Snow pea, which is followed by the special of the day, a rice dish, soup and a special New Year's Day dessert.

Book early as reservations are limited. For reservations, please contact Hakubai at (212) 885-7111 or hakubai@kitano.com.

Brunch: Osechi \$80

Brunch: Osechi & Sashimi \$100

Brunch Served: 9:30- 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

Dinner: Osechi & Sashimi \$100

Dinner Served: 6-7:30 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m.



Please Note:

*Both brunch and dinner will require a reservation.

*Only the set menu ' OSECHI & SASHIMI' will be available for dinner.

*Reservations will not be accepted after OSECHI is sold out.

*OSECHI will be available for dine-in only. No take-out orders will be accepted.

*KITANO club and other discount tickets cannot be performed.

THE BOUTIQUE AT THE KITANO NEW YORK NOW SHOWCASING HOLIDAY ITEMS

In honor of the holiday season, the Boutique at The Kitano New York, Park Avenues best kept shopping secret, is now featuring specialty seasonal merchandise.

The Boutique at The Kitano New York, which specializes in handcrafted items by European and Asian artists, is an ideal place to find unique holiday gifts for everyone on your list. New gift items for the 2007-2008 holiday season include festive wine glass slippers for \$12 per pair, tissue box covers for \$20 each, holiday ornaments for \$11.75 each and much more.

THE KITANO NEW YORK' S NEWS OF NOTE:

- **New Year's Eve at The Kitano New York:** The Kitano New York's Bar Lounge will host renowned jazz musician Joe Locke and the Force of Four for a special performance on December 31. Reserve seats early.
- **Special Osechi Meal at Hakubai Restaurant:** Celebrate New Year's Day with a traditional Japanese meal at The Kitano New York's Hakubai Restaurant.
- **Twelve Drinks of Christmas:** Now through January 6, The Bar Lounge at The Kitano New York will feature its annual Twelve Drinks of Christmas cocktail menu.
- **Holiday Items at The Boutique at The Kitano New York:** With its special seasonal items, the Boutique at The Kitano New York is an ideal spot for your last minute holiday shopping.
- **Jazz Night Package:** Enjoy a night of jazz at The Kitano New York with the hotel's special guest package.
- **Family Weekend Package:** The Kitano New York will now offer a special weekend package and rate for families traveling to the Big Apple.

More information on each of these topics can be found below.

RING IN 2008 WITH A LIVE JAZZ CELEBRATION AT THE KITANO NEW YORK

Escape the madness of Times Square's New Year's Eve activities with the smooth sounds of jazz at the tranquil Kitano New York.

On December 31, The Kitano New York's Bar Lounge will host a New Year's Eve party featuring a live jazz performance by the renowned Joe Locke & " Force of Four," with Robert Rodriguez on piano, Andres Patrick Forero on drums and Ricky Rodriguez on bass. Guests will also ring in the New Year with a Champagne toast at midnight.

Joe Locke, who is considered one of the city's most preeminent jazz performers, is credited with being one of the most gifted vibraphonists of his generation by London's *The Times* newspaper. Locke is a self-taught improviser who studied at the Eastman School of Music. He has appeared on more than 65 recordings and was recently voted number-one vibraphonist by [DownBeat Magazine](http://DownBeatMagazine.com).



The jazz performance will be one show from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. and tickets can be reserved for **\$75 per person, plus a \$20 food and beverage minimum. As space is limited, reservations are required and can be made by calling (212) 885-7119.**

CATCH THE HOLIDAY " SPIRIT" WITH THE BAR LOUNGE'S TWELVE DRINKS OF CHRISTMAS

This holiday season The Kitano New York's Bar Lounge will be featuring " The Twelve Drinks of Christmas," which is a creative selection of innovative and unique drinks based on the beloved carol, " The Twelve Days of Christmas." These holiday cocktails will be available until January 6.

" The Twelve Drinks of Christmas" will sure to please, with delights such as *Two Turtle Doves* consisting of Bacardi Grand Melon, triple sec, cranberry juice and a champagne splash. Other options include the *Nine Ladies Dancing* made with Bacardi Limon, triple sec and fresh lime juice and the *Eleven Pipers Piping* made with Bacardi Spice, Bacardi 8 Year and egg nog. Drinks costs \$12 each.

The sophisticated and serene Bar Lounge located on the mezzanine level of the hotel offers an experience that is both Japanese and American. Blending the refined beauty of Japanese culture with American jazz music, the Bar Lounge makes for an ideal holiday hangout.





The gift shop is located just off the lobby entrance and is open from Tuesday - Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (212) 885-7130.

FEEL THE MUSIC WITH THE KITANO NEW YORK' S JAZZ NIGHT PACKAGE

New York City's famed jazz culture dates back nearly 90 years, shaping the sights and the sounds of the city. With the jazz scene just as vibrant and alive today, live jazz performances are a key attraction to the city's visitors. The Kitano New York's Bar Lounge is considered by many as one of the city's top venues for live jazz performances hosting such jazz luminaries as Mel Martin, Don Friedman and Joe Locke during live evening performances. Now, The Kitano New York invites jazz connoisseurs to enjoy luxury hotel accommodations and experience these memorable performances with its special **Jazz Night Package**.

With rates starting at \$340 per night, the Jazz Night Package is valid Friday and Saturday nights when the hotel hosts its headlining jazz acts.

This cost savings package includes deluxe accommodations, complimentary admittance to an evening jazz performance (\$15 food and drink minimum not included), breakfast for two at The Garden Café, a complimentary jazz CD and a late 1 p.m. checkout. In the coming months The Kitano New York will feature a variety of renowned musicians. For a complete list of scheduled jazz performances visit, <http://www.kitano.com/>. To reserve the Jazz Night Package, visit <http://www.kitano.com/> or call (800) 548-2666.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEW YEAR' S EVE AT THE KITANO

With its kid-friendly cultural attractions including Times Square, Central Park and Rockefeller Center, New York City provides families an adventure of a lifetime. The Kitano New York, Midtown Manhattan's kid-friendly refuge, is now inviting families to experience all that the city has to offer with its Family Weekend Package, available each weekend with rates starting at \$340 per night.

Unlike many New York hotels, The Kitano New York features spacious guestrooms and suites with custom-made furniture, flat screen plasma televisions and luxurious marble bathrooms, allowing families to feel at ease during their stay. In addition, the hotel's double-paned windows ensure that the sounds of the city do not disturb a good night's rest.

This cost saving Family Weekend Package features complimentary breakfast in The Garden Café, cookies and milk delivered for the kids, a keepsake rubber duck, late check-out at 1 p.m. and no extra fees for a third person or extra bed. For more information or to reserve The Kitano New York's Family Weekend Package, visit www.kitano.com or call 1-800-548-2666.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH NEW YORK' S SPECIAL EVENTS

Upcoming Events & Exhibitions:

Jazz at The Kitano New York: Every Wednesday through Saturday night The Kitano New York offers two sets of live jazz starting at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Throughout the season, The Bar Lounge will host acts including the **Mark Soskin Quartet** on December 14-15 and the Gene Bertoincini Trio on December 21-22.

The Morgan Library & Museum Exhibitions: Charles Dickens' original manuscript for *A Christmas Carol*, as well as other Dickens treasures- now through January 6

75th Annual Radio City Christmas Spectacular: Now through December 30

Holiday Lights at the Bronx Zoo: Now through January 6

Hanukkah: Begins on Wednesday, December 5

Christmas: Tuesday, December 25

Joe Locke's New Year's Eve Performance at The Kitano New York: Monday, December 31



THE KITANO NEW YORK' S STAFF MEMBERS RECOGNIZED WITH PRESTIGIOUS INDUSTRY AWARD

The Kitano New York is proud to announce that two members of its staff were recently awarded with the 11th Annual Big Apple Stars Award, presented by the Hotel Association of New York City, Inc. during the annual International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show, which was held in New York.

The Kitano New York's Executive Sous Chef Martin Guzman was awarded within the distinguished category of " Full Time Hourly without Guest Contact" and Margalie Damour was honored in the category of " Full Time Room Attendant."



The Big Apple Awards honor New York City's hotel staff from six different categories for a total of 222 nominees and 60 finalists.

The hotel aims to provide its guests with world-class service and hospitality during each stay, and is pleased that these exceptional staff members, Martin Guzman and Margalie Damour, have been recognized for their achievements.



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"Service is as much a part of Japanese culture as sushi. Enjoy both at the Kitano."



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