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Guest Newsletter

Summer 2007

A MESSAGE FROM HANS C. BASSE, GENERAL MANAGER



After months of chilly temperatures, the warm weather has finally arrived. It's summer and one of the best times to experience all that New York City has to offer. From great outdoor theater performances in Central Park, street fairs along the

avenues and renowned art exhibitions throughout New York's large collections of museums, the city is full of life and excitement this season.

Much like the city, The Kitano New York has a lot to offer visitors during the summer months. From a 15 percent discount for hotel guests in the Garden Café, a special "Summer Time Early Bird Special" and the "Eel-Eating Days of Summer" in The Kitano's Michelin-rated Hakubai Restaurant to unique summer specialty items available for purchase in The Boutique at The Kitano and the return of The Kitano's popular Summer Rooftop Barbecues, the hotel is the perfect choice if you are visiting the city for either business or leisure.

In addition to our special summer offerings, The Kitano will continue to feature an exciting line-up of contemporary and classical jazz performances each Wednesday through Saturday evening in The Bar Lounge. Throughout the summer, The Bar Lounge will host the Marvin Stamm Quartet on June 29 & 30, the Mel Martin Quartet, which will be debuting their latest album, "Just Friends" on July 5 & 6 and Wayne Escoffrey and Friends on July 27 & 28.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a healthy and happy summer season. We look forward to hosting you at The Kitano New York in the near future.

Warmest regards,

Hans C. Basse, General Manager

SPECIAL SUMMER OFFER AT THE KITANO'S HAKUBAI

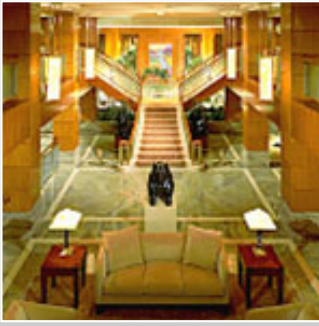
This summer, The Kitano's Michelin-rated Hakubai Restaurant invites guests to experience some of the country's most authentic Japanese cuisine with special offerings including the "Summer Time Early Bird Special," available June 11-August 31, and the "Eel-Eating Days of Summer," available July 30-August 5.

Throughout Hakubai's "Summer Time Early Bird Special" event, restaurant patrons will experience a traditional Japanese meal for a special rate of just \$48 per person, taxes and gratuities not included. This authentic menu, created by Hakubai's Executive Chef Yukihiro Sato, is available each evening for orders placed from 6 – 6:30 p.m., and seating is available until 8 p.m.

Hakubai Restaurant will also offer special, "Eel-Eating Days of Summer," menus from July 30-August 5. The "Eel-Eating Days of Summer" is based upon the lunar calendar "Doyo," which refers to the 18-day time period prior to the change of seasons. This 18-day period is referred to as "Natsubate," and the Japanese believe that the culinary cure for "Natsubate" is eating eels.

During the business lunch special, guests will enjoy a selection of *Broiled Eel over Rice, Japanese Omelet, Assorted Sashimi, Japanese Pickles* and *Clear Soup with Clams* for \$32 per person, taxes and gratuity not included.

The four-course dinner menu will offer an array of unique dishes including *Homemade Corn Tofu topped with Wasabi, Assorted Sashimi, Broiled Eel over Rice, Plum Wine Jelly* and *Mango Sorbet* for \$68 per person, taxes and gratuity not included. Advanced reservations are required for this special



“TAR BEACH” TAKES ON A HIGH-END IMAGE WITH THE KITANO NEW YORK’S ROOFTOP SUMMER BARBECUE PACKAGES

A longstanding New York tradition of summer rooftop relaxation, also known as “Tar Beach,” has gone upscale with The Kitano New York’s new barbecue packages. With its breathtaking backdrop of the Empire State, MetLife and Chrysler buildings and the historic Murray Hill area of New York, The Kitano New York’s outdoor rooftop space offers one of the most sought after views in the city. This summer, guests can choose from two unique packages – “Rooftop Barbecue Burgers” and “Rooftop Manhattan Clam Bake.” These packages include a dinner of choice prepared by a personal chef, beverages, service and exclusive use of the rooftop of the hotel, starting at just \$75 per person for a three-hour event.

From June through September 2007, The Kitano is offering two barbecue meal options for summer entertaining, the “Rooftop Barbecue Burgers” and the “Rooftop Manhattan Clam Bake.” The “Rooftop Barbecue Burgers” menu features a selection of items including Certified Black Angus beef burgers, lamb chops and roasted corn on the cob, while the “Rooftop Manhattan Clam Bake” offers items such as fresh littleneck clams, Blue Point oysters and whole Maine lobster. Both barbecue packages also offer a variety of salads and sides, condiments and a choice of beverages, including alcoholic beverages such as bottled beer and red and white sangria. The cost per person rate, with a minimum of 20 guests, includes food and beverage costs as well as a personal chef and service during the three-hour event.

For more information including a complete menu or to book either Rooftop Summer Barbecue package, please contact

dinner.

Hakubai Restaurant offers seating for 48 people in the main dining area. In addition, the restaurant also features three Tatami private rooms. Hakubai serves traditional Japanese favorites at lunch, and during dinner hours, the distinctive Kaiseki cuisine is served. Hakubai is open daily from 11:45 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. for lunch and from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. for dinner. Reservations can be made by calling (212) 885-7111.

ENJOY SUMMER IN NEW YORK CITY

The temperatures are warm and the city is bustling with excitement. Summer is always a great time to see New York. Listed below are some of the upcoming events, holiday celebrations and cultural attractions not to be missed.

Upcoming Events & Exhibitions:

Jazz at The Kitano: Every Wednesday through Saturday night The Kitano offers two sets of live jazz starting at 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Summer performers include the **Marvin Stamm Quartet** on June 29 & 30 and the **Mel Martin Quartet** on July 5 & 6.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art: Poiret: King of Fashion-now through August 5 and Frank Stella on the Roof-now through October 28

The Morgan Library & Museum Exhibitions: From Berlin to Broadway-now through September 2 and The Declaration of Independence Exhibition-ongoing

East Village’s Rooftop Films Summer Series 2007: June through September

Fourth of July Holiday: Wednesday, July 4

Labor Day: September 3



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NEW SUMMER ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE KITANO BOUTIQUE

The Kitano Boutique, one of Park Avenue's best kept shopping secrets, is proud to unveil its new specialty items for the summer season. Offering unique, one-of-a-kind items hand crafted by Asian and European artisans, the shop offers unique gift ideas and the perfect memento to remember your visit to The Kitano and the city.

This summer, The Boutique at The Kitano invites patrons to peruse through its new items available for purchase, including the adorable thermoses, \$42 each, a Gift Pop Up Topper, \$6, a Buddha Board, \$45 and a Knife Rest, \$18.75.



In addition to the Boutique's new summer specialty items, the shop will continue to offer its signature goods such as the collection of pens and business card cases designed by renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright and handbags and coin purses created by the renowned Japanese designer, Yukiko Sato.

The gift shop is located on Park Avenue and 38th Street, and is open Tuesday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. To contact the Kitano Boutique directly, please call (212) 885-7130.

GUESTS CAN ENJOY SUMMER SAVINGS WHILE DINING AT THE GARDEN CAFÉ

To celebrate the summer season, The Kitano, New York's first and only Japanese-owned hotel, invites hotel guests to save 15 percent off the cost of a lunch or dinner in the hotel's, Garden Café, tax and tip excluded. This special offer is valid now through Labor Day, September 3.

The Garden Café, which is situated in a historic townhouse adjacent to the hotel, offers a tranquil urban garden setting of exotic plants and vegetation. The restaurant features American contemporary cuisine and offers a seasonal menu featuring American and French-inspired dishes. The Garden Café's summer menu offers a variety of dishes including a *Panko-Crusted Goat Cheese* appetizer, a *Salade Niçoise*, *Lobster Ravioli*, *Shrimp Risotto*, and main course entrees such as *Pan Seared Tuna "Piccante."*

With its tranquil setting, paired with its wide selection of menu choices, The Garden Café is the perfect locale for any dining experience. For restaurant reservations, call 212-885-7123.



ENJOY LIVE JAZZ AT THE KITANO ALL SUMMER LONG

In addition to its world-class Asian hospitality, The Kitano New York has also become synonymous with top-rated Jazz performances. Each Wednesday through Saturday, The Kitano New York's Bar Lounge offers some of New York City's most talented jazz entertainers.

On July 5 & 6, The Bar Lounge at The Kitano will host The Mel Martin Quartet as the group debuts its latest album, "Just Friends." This unique album features The Mel Martin Quartet and The Benny Carter Quintet and commemorates Benny Carter's 100th birthday celebration. The album serves as both a tribute to the musician's life and work and as a celebratory commemoration of the friendship and working relationship

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between Benny Carter and Mel Martin. The "Just Friends" album will be available at The Kitano during their performances for \$15.

In addition to its exciting jazz shows, **The Bar Lounge is staying ahead of the trend and now offering alternative beverage choices. Choices include Airforce Nutrisoda, which is a refreshing carbonated nutrient enriched soda with no sugar, caffeine, sodium or aspartame, and Q Tonic for all beverages with tonic water. Q Tonic is an all natural tonic water which does not contain any high fructose syrup. In addition, The Bar Lounge is also featuring new pizza selections.**

Jazz performances are held in the Bar Lounge Wednesday through Saturday, 1st set from 8 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. and 2nd set from 9:45 p.m. until 11 p.m. Seating is available on a first-come first-served basis either at tables or at the bar. Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres are served nightly in the Bar Lounge starting at 5 p.m. For more information, contact The Kitano New York, 66 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016; Phone 212.885.7119; Fax 212.885.7022; e-mail [or log onto](mailto:) www.kitano.com.

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