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Grand Hotel Gala to Mark Opening of Major Summer Exhibition
Grand Hotel: Redesigning Modern Life

Vancouver, BC – On Friday, April 12th, the Vancouver Art Gallery will launch its major summer exhibition in high style with the Grand Hotel Gala. This premier fund-raising event marks the official opening of *Grand Hotel: Redesigning Modern Life*, the first international exhibition ever to examine the cultural, social and design phenomena represented by the hotel industry, both past and present.

The gala event features an exclusive exhibition preview, a salute to the glamour of a bygone era with classic hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails from great hotels around the globe, and a spectacular four-course dinner envisioned and prepared by Cameron Ballendine, Executive Chef, The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Ned Bell, Executive Chef, Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver, and Ken Nakano, Head Chef, Rosewood Hotel Georgia.

The evening includes a live auction of extraordinary luxury items, including exciting excursions to the international destinations of your dreams – with accommodations at signature Fairmont, Four Seasons and Rosewood properties—and late night libations and dancing in the Entice Ice Lounge and Vodka Bar.

Among the special features, two beautiful luxury vehicles – the 2013 Bentley Mulsanne and the 2013 Aston Martin Vanquish – provided by event presenting sponsor MCL Motor Cars, part of the Dilawri Group of Companies, will be on display at the event.

“The Dilawri Group of Companies is proud to support the Vancouver Art Gallery as it showcases the creativity and energy of the dynamic arts community,” said Ajay Dilawri, President of the Dilawri Group of Companies. “We believe that culture and arts greatly contribute to the very heart of a community. This partnership allows us to give something back to the great people who live in this beautiful city.”

The event is organized by co-chairs Lisa Turner, Board of Trustees, Vancouver Art Gallery; Robert Cima, General Manager and Regional Vice-President; Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts; Steve Halliday, Managing Director, Rosewood Hotel Georgia; and Andre Zotoff, General Manager, The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Media interested in covering are invited to attend the exhibition opening between 6 – 8pm at the Gallery and are requested to RSVP to Carolyn Jack.

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