

## The Pinnacle Concierge

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### Your Concierge Will Assist With:

- Travel planning
- Dining reservations
- Theater & event tickets
- Golf tee times
- Hotel reservations
- Spa services
- Dry cleaning pick-up and delivery
- Pet care services

*and much more!*

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## Meet Your Concierge, David

David Champana was born in Boston, MA and he spent his childhood in Miami, FL. David got his BA degree from Columbia Film School in Los Angeles. In 2006, David created his own videography company

called Del Mar Videoworks. Del Mar Videoworks films weddings and special events in San Diego. Prior to moving to San Diego, David was a concierge in Los Angeles in the

prestigious Wilshire corridor. In his free time, David enjoys playing baseball and basketball with his sons, watching movies and browsing in book stores and art galleries with his wife.

## Mardi Gras Celebration in the Gaslamp

The Gaslamp's annual Mardi Gras celebration is housed in one huge festival area. Strolling dancers and performers treat audiences to music and Mardi Gras revelry, and the fan-favorite parade showers the throngs

with beads starting on Fifth Avenue and L Street. Cajun, Creole and other eats line the streets, along with craft and bead booths. Three stages of live entertainment will also be in full swing featuring

traditional Zydeco, blues, retro, house music and more. No umbrellas or any cameras are allowed. Tickets range from \$15 to \$38. Contact your Concierge for more information.

## Star of The Sea Room Now Open for Special Events

Anthony's Star of the Sea Room, a San Diego bayfront dining institution since the 1966, which has been shuttered for more than a year, has reopened under the same owner as a special-event venue. The Star of the Sea Room is available for special-event occasions such as wedding receptions, large parties and convention group gatherings. "We did extensive research and learned that San Diego, because it's a popular convention destination, has a pressing need for this kind of venue," said Beverly Nascari, a co-owner who serves as director of guest relations. "It's an untapped market that's perfect for

the level of dining experience we provide our guests." Several months ago, the restaurant was set to reopen under the name of Ghio's, paying homage to the Italian fishing family that has owned and operated the popular seafood chain since the 1940s. Those plans, however, were put on hold after it was determined that San Diego has a surfeit of high-end seafood and steak eateries. The restaurant had remained dark since late last year, in contrast to its always lively dining neighbors, Anthony's Fish Grotto and Anthony's Fishette.

The Ghios recently refurbished the 60-ft. dock alongside the Fish Grotto, which can accommodate more boats. The upscale Star of the Sea Room was once regarded as one of San Diego's most exclusive restaurants. "San Diego has changed a lot since we first opened and competition is fierce," Nascari said. "We learned that even the good ones aren't always that busy these days." The Star's overall decor and high-end cuisine remains the same. For a private event with a to-die-for view, please contact your Concierge. We'd be happy to coordinate this for you!

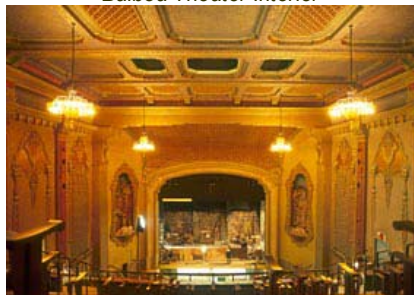


Faux Foliage at the Embarcadero

### What the Pinnacle Concierge team did for you in January!

- Tickets for Buick Invitational Golf Tournament
- Tickets for Blue Man Group
- Tickets for Cirque Du Soleil
- Restaurant Week reservations
- Hotel Reservations
- Tailor Recommendation
- Boarding Passes print out
- Flower Deliveries
- Taxi Cabs
- Limo Service
- Travel Requests

Balboa Theater Interior



## A Tree Grows on the Waterfront

Next time you're strolling San Diego's waterfront, take note of the faux foliage sprucing up the Embarcadero, where dozens of "trees"—both representational and abstract—demonstrate the reaches of artistic imagination. Now in its fourth incarnation, Urban Trees is a temporary public art project sponsored by the Port of San Diego to bring creativity into the public sphere—specifically the half-mile-long pedestrian promenade on Harbor Drive, between the Cruise Ship Terminal and Hawthorne Street. The Port received nearly 120 entries but selected just 30 trees for the exhibit, including this one by David Hartwell. The trees, which are available for purchase at the exhibit's end, will be on display through summer 2008. Your Concierge can assist with contacting the Port of San Diego office if you are interested in a purchase.

## Wine, Art & Music: A Perfect Valentine Celebration

Kick off the Month of Love by taking your Valentine to a romantic and intimate concert in Little Italy, featuring a champagne reception, hors d'oeuvres, flowing wine and the ever so compelling music of Bizet, Chopin, Liszt, Schubert, and other redoubtable romantics. Join us for an evening that would enchant St. Valentine himself! Love Poetry by Shakespeare, Dickinson, Cummings, Rilke and Rumi will complement the musical offerings, providing an enhanced perspective of the romance in the air Saturday, February 9. The evening begins at 6:30 pm with a casual wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Patrick Moore Gallery. The concert follows at 7 pm, and features the world-class guitar collection of Don Young. Afterward, meet the artists over another glass of wine. The Patrick Moore Gallery is located at 2400 Kettner Boulevard in Little Italy. General admission is \$50, members and seniors \$40.

## San Dieguito Half Marathon

Run this scenic course in one of the oldest half-marathons in the U.S. -- now in its 40th year. The San Dieguito Half Marathon and 5k Run/Walk, one of America's oldest, hits Rancho Santa Fe once again this February 10. The race begins at San Dieguito County Park, travels through Rancho Santa Fe on a scenic course of rolling hills, and loops back for its grand finale at the park. Awards go to the first three finishers in each age division of the half marathon and the first two finishers in each age division of the 5k run/walk. Hosted by the San Diego Area Hash House Harriers, the run benefits San Diego County parks.

## Balboa Theater Reopens

Downtown's historic Balboa Theater has celebrated its long-awaited reopening. While the Moorish-accented house is renowned for its natural acoustics, sound-dampening technologies built into the theater should allow it to accommodate even heavily amplified musical performances. Even so, theater operators want to break the place in slowly and gauge how things sound with all the seats filled. Slated for February, you can enjoy the **Assad Brothers Brazilian Guitar Festival, February 11-** Grammy-winners Sérgio & Odair Assad headline this exploration of Brazilian music; **St. Petersburg Ballet's "Romeo and Juliet," February 12-** The Russian company performs the Shakespeare-inspired work, with a score by Prokofiev; **Shanghai Acrobats, February 17-** Expect gravity to be defied and eyebrows to be raised as the famed performers come to town. And **Bellydance Superstars, February 24-** This American troupe, whose adventurous take on belly dancing gained note on the Lollapalooza tour a few years ago, brings its new show, "Babelesque." The Balboa's own box office opened in December at the theater at 868 Fourth Avenue, near the northeast corner of Horton Plaza. Contact your Concierge for details on the entire season of performances.