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## Listel Vancouver Hotel Partners with Museum of Anthropology

*New "Museum Floor" rooms feature handmade furniture and innovative décor while highlighting the best of Northwest Coast art*

VANCOUVER, BC – Robson Street's most innovative boutique hotel, The Listel Hotel, has transformed one floor of guest rooms into a tribute to all things original and distinctly British Columbian. From the native-carved cedar headboards and armoires, to the beautifully textured window dressings and bed coverings, to the hand-forged ironworks created in B.C.'s Kootenay region, the "Museum Floor" provides a uniquely modern backdrop for the best of Northwest Coast art, most of which is provided by the University of British Columbia's prestigious Museum of Anthropology (MOA).

Northwest Coast printmakers featured in the various rooms include renowned Musqueam artist Susan Point, as well as Tlingit artists Eugene Alfred and Kwakwaka'wakw artist Eugene Hunt. Extraordinary original works of ceramic art by Kwakwaka'wakw potter Barb Cranmer are also on display; like the prints, these bowls are available for purchase by hotel guests. For readers, a selection of Museum of Anthropology publications is available in every room, along with complimentary admission tickets for two.

"We are excited to partner with such an innovative and obviously arts-oriented hotel to showcase the works of some of some of best young Northwest Coast artists working today," says Deborah Tibbel, Museum of Anthropology Museum Shop Manager. "We jumped at the chance to work with them!"

Jim Mockford, General Manager of The Listel Hotel, echoes her enthusiasm. "We had been trying to think of how to incorporate the MOA collection into our hotel for quite some time," he says. "We think that a hotel is only as interesting as the partnerships it forms and, given the incredible interest of our guests in Northwest Coast art, we thought the MOA connection would be the most fun to develop. We were right!"

The Museum of Anthropology is Canada's largest teaching museum and one of its most popular public venues, welcoming more than 170,000 visitors annually. In addition to its extensive Northwest Coast First Nations collections – including totem poles, full-scale Haida houses, feast dishes, canoes, masks, and jewelry – the Museum also features European ceramics, Asian antiquities, Inuit sculpture, and textiles from around the world.

The Museum houses approximately 235,000 objects in a spectacular Arthur Erickson-designed building overlooking mountains and sea. Its soaring glass walls, innovative public programming, and extraordinary Northwest Coast collections make it one of the best-known museums in the world, as well as one of the most respected for its commitment to furthering understanding of and appreciation for the arts of indigenous peoples.

Located on the city's most eclectic shopping and dining street, The Listel Hotel boasts a sought-after location and an intriguing reputation – directly attributable to their commitment to “art and elegance on Robson,” and projects such as the “Gallery Floors,” curated by the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery (opened Spring 1998). The Listel Hotel was aptly dubbed by the Georgia Straight (Best of Vancouver issue) Vancouver's “Most Art-ful Hotel.” The hotel is also home to O'Doul's Restaurant and Bar, where a Wine Spectator award-winning wine list (1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 “Award of Excellence”) is rivaled only by a remarkable menu and the hottest live jazz in the city – 7 nights a week!

Together, The Listel Hotel and the Museum of Anthropology present the best of B.C. to Vancouver visitors seeking something out of the ordinary: quintessential Northwest Coast, but without the rain! Art, culture, and craft combined with luxurious, soothing surroundings reflective of the colors, textures and materials of coastal B.C. – The Listel Hotel's “Museum Floor” is not to be missed!

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