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The Willard Celebrates The Shakespeare Theatre With "All the World's a Stage" Bûche de Noël Holiday Cake

A Holiday Tradition Honoring D.C.'s Cultural Institutions in Design and Flavor

Washington D.C. November 1, 2009 – The Willard InterContinental's 2009 third annual Holiday Bûche de Noël cake pays homage to Washington DC's Shakespeare Theatre Company and its Artistic Director, Michael Kahn. The holiday cake, a modern stage concept with classical Shakespearean elements, pays homage to the nation's premier classic theatre and its new Harmon Center for the Arts. Each year, artistic and culinary excellence is celebrated as the Willard hotel's pastry chef highlights a Washington D.C. cultural leader and that leader's artistic institution in sumptuous design and flavor.

Pastry Chef Courtney Goldian rendered the artistic director's vision in a foot-long bûche, supporting an angular thrust stage, topped with the Bard's "All the world's a stage" quote of white chocolate, and elements including a quill pen and ink, a king's crown and antique books of fondant and marzipan - all symbols of the master's works. Inspired by Kahn's passion for things Italian, the cake is made of a buttery vanilla spongewith a Tiramisu cream filling and enrobed in a chocolate fondant icing.

The Willard's premiere 2007 Bûche de Noël was designed by internationally renowned singer and maestro, Plácido Domingo, tenor, conductor and General Director of the Washington National Opera and last year's pink ballet slipper cake was designed by Septime Webre, Artistic Director of The Washington Ballet.

The tasty "Stage" cake -- a must-have for the holiday dinner table -- will be available in carry out boxes from November 27 through January 1. Priced at \$90 including tax, a portion of each purchase will be dedicated to The Shakespeare Theatre's educational programming fund. Reservations are necessary for cake purchase; please call 48 hours in advance to our Holiday Hotline at 202.637.7305. Cakes can be picked up in the hotel lobby at the concierge desk. Images are available