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## A Window Into A Grand Holiday

### **Community is Invited to Grand Hyatt Window Unveiling**

*"It is such an honor for us to be able to partner with the San Antonio Public Library and San Antonio Public Library Foundation to give San Antonio the greatest gift of all—the gift of reading together as a family." --Lin Schatz, Executive Assistant Manager*

'Tis the season to be jolly and, although the celebrations may vary, there is one thing they all have in common—traditions! To celebrate these time-honored traditions, the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, in partnership with the San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, will kick off a Grand Holiday Season on Thursday, November 20 at 10 a.m., with the unveiling of a holiday window the likes of which have yet to be seen in San Antonio. The window is only part of the Grand Hyatt's first holiday celebration in San Antonio designed to promote literacy and the importance of reading together as a family.

"We are so excited to be able to provide this window to the downtown holiday landscape while at the same time promoting our belief that reading together is the greatest gift you can give your family," says Lin Schatz, Executive Assistant Manager.

#### **A Window on A Grand Scale**

A 24 by 20 foot window located near the Grand Hyatt's Market Street entrance is the frame for an astounding holiday literacy-themed display. Bring your camera to this FREE event and take a photo in front of this one-of-a-kind creation featuring dozens of beautifully bound holiday-themed books dangling in free-hanging mobile fashion against a stunning backdrop of 1,680 Red and Amber LED light curtains and 10 triple light balls.

The centerpiece of this magnificent creation is a chair that looks as though it came straight from the Mad Hatter's tea party. This wacky throne will serve as a seat for a fun and funky St. Nick as he delights youngsters by reading holiday classics during story times taking place Tuesday, December 2, 9 and 16 at 10 and 11 a.m.

#### **Grand Hyatt's First Holiday Season Really Adds Up**

*24 by 20-foot window display*

*1,680 LED Light Curtains*

*10 triple light balls*

*300 pounds of chocolate*

*2 twelve-foot trees*

*2 square wreaths*

*75 brightly wrapped presents*

*Apx 12,000 LED lights*

*220 decorative balls*

“At the Grand Hyatt we believe that the greatest gift you can give your children is the gift of literacy,” says Grand Hyatt Managing Director Tom Netting, who will serve as St. Nick. “That is why on this, our first holiday season in San Antonio, we want to promote reading together as a family and creating holiday memories.”

### **Grand Décor Features 300 Pounds of Chocolate**

But the breathtaking window is just the start. Inside the Grand Hyatt, the holiday theme continues—but not in the traditional way! In keeping with the modern and urban ambience of this stunning hotel, the usual rules don’t apply.

The centerpiece of the holiday décor is an oversized chocolate sculpture, created by award-winning Grand Hyatt Pastry Chef Daniel Keadle from more than 300 pounds of chocolate. The three-dimensional sculpture depicts holiday books from all different faiths and cultures, sandwiched between two bookends featuring the wise visage of an old man. Floating pages accent the sculpture and add a modern element.

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***--Tom Netting  
Managing Director***

“I selected this particular sculpture because it showcases all of the different celebrations occurring during the holiday season,” describes Keadle. “The books tie into the partnership with the San Antonio Library Foundation and the sculpture with the floating pages will add an element of artistic expression that is my style.”

In addition to Keadle’s chocolate sensation, the Grand Hyatt San Antonio will be filled with trees, wreaths and thousands upon thousands of lights. Both the Entry and Escalator lobbies will feature 12-foot trees, each adorned with 2,950 mini-brite lights. The Entry tree will be trimmed in ornaments of Turquoise, Orange and Silver to enhance that area’s Mexico-inspired theme, while the Escalator tree will shine with an additional 400 Amber LED lights and will feature a monochromatic theme of Gold, Amber and Orange ornaments. Colorful presents, 75 in all, will be wrapped in coordinating papers and piled high under these statement trees.

*Netting will be reading from holiday favorites selected by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation including the Corduroy Bear Christmas series, Too Many Tamales, Hershel and the Hannukah Goblins, My First Kwanzaa Book and many more.*

As guests check into the hotel, they will be greeted by two square wreaths lit and decorated in the Gold, Amber and Orange hues while 220 balls in the same colors will fill the bottoms of the lobby planters for a festive touch.

Outside the grand décor continues with 5,425 Amber LED lights illuminating the Exterior Front Entry Posts, while on the Exterior Patio of the delicious Achiote Restaurant, six 10-inch Red and Amber Plasm balls and six lit spiral finials will dangle delightfully. Sixty Red and Amber LED’s

will outline the perimeter of the restaurant and an additional 23 will accent the steps from the River Level to the Street Level.

Inside Achiote, a 9.5 foot tree lit with mini-brite lights and red LEDs will serve as a focal point and enhance the several 7.5-foot trees lit in Amber LEDs and festooned with Lime and Fuchsia balls that will grace the party rooms.

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