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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE FIVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Chef Banks Invites Families to Begin a New Tradition at FIVE Bistro in Downtown Berkeley

Berkeley, CA— November 14, 2011— Located in the heart of Downtown Berkeley, [FIVE](#) – a Modern American Bistro & Bar – is celebrating the holidays with a full season of merriment beginning Thanksgiving Day and running through Christmas Day. FIVE's holiday offerings pay homage to the historic Hotel Shattuck Plaza dining room, currently celebrating its 100th anniversary, and invites guests to rediscover the hotel and renew family traditions.

The restaurant and hotel will be festively decorated with garlands, lighting, and unique touches to enhance the holiday experience. The teams at FIVE and the Hotel Shattuck Plaza are committed to alleviating holiday stress by providing families with traditional yet innovative meals, the ideal ambiance, and the happiest of holidays.

Throughout the holiday season, guests can extend their revelry by staying overnight at [The Hotel Shattuck Plaza](#). Special holiday rates begin at \$139 during selected dates.

Holiday Hours & Menus

Bringing his Southern roots and highlighting family traditions through his cuisine at FIVE, Chef Banks White expertly incorporates his own unique take and interesting flavor profiles to the restaurant's reinvented new American classics; the holiday menus are no exception.

- [Thanksgiving](#), November 24, 12pm – 7pm
Three course dinner; \$55 per person, \$25 for kids

Guests will enjoy their selection of an appetizer followed by a family-style entrée service of roasted Diestel heritage turkey and Niman Ranch glazed ham with oodles of side dishes, and traditional apple and pumpkin pie to complete the meal. Vegetarian options are available.

- The 12 Days of Christmas Cocktails, Served December 13 – December 25, 5pm – Close
For those looking to celebrate the holidays throughout the season, FIVE will be counting down the days until Christmas with festive and artisanal cocktails inspired by the English Christmas Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Cocktails start at \$10.

A Partridge In a Pear Tree
Sparkling Pear | pear vodka & champagne

Two Turtle Doves

Turtle Dove Martini | Godiva chocolate, vodka, Chambord, & lemon juice

Three French Hens

French 75 | champagne, gin, & lemon juice

Four Calling Birds

Calling Bird | Famous Grouse, amaretto, champagne, orange juice, & cranberry juice

Five Golden Rings

Golden Five | rum, pineapple juice, lemon juice, gold flakes

Six Geese A Laying

Grey Goose Martini | Grey Goose & triple sec

Seven Swans A Swimming

7&5 | 7, aperol, lemon juice & sprite

Eight Maids A Milking

Vanilla Cream | vanilla vodka, kahlua, & cream

Nine Ladies Dancing

Cosmopolitan | vodka, triple sec, & lime juice

Ten Lords A Leaping

10 Lords Press | crown, ginger ale, & soda water

Eleven Pipers Piping

Pipermint Chocolate Martini | Godiva, vodka, kahlua, amaretto, & peppermint stick

Twelve Drummers Drumming

Hot Chocolate Drum | house hot chocolate, Godiva, goslings rum, frangelico

- Christmas Eve, December 24, 7am – 10pm
FIVE's à la carte brunch and dinner service available

Guests joining FIVE for Christmas Eve dinner will be tempted by a special holiday pre fixe menu featuring a seasonal appetizer, prime rib, and a scrumptious dessert.

- [Christmas Day](#), December 25, 10am – 2pm
Brunch buffet; \$55 per person, \$25 for kids

After the packages have been unwrapped and the excitement following Saint Nick's visit has subsided, guests can sample Chef Banks' signature holiday fare featuring a 14-hour smoked beef brisket, ricotta cheese blintzes, FIVE's acclaimed butterscotch pudding and dozens of other choices. Bottomless mimosas will be served in addition to hot coffee, tea, and juices.

For more information or to make reservations, please visit www.opentable.com/five-reservations-berkeley or call 510-225-6055.

Holiday celebrations at FIVE are not exclusive to Thanksgiving and Christmas. For guests looking to host large-family dinners, company holiday parties, or a night out with friends, FIVE's banquets

team will cater to each and every detail creating a special event for parties from 10 to 300 people. Featuring seasonal items such as a curried pumpkin soup with crème fraiche and a bourbon glazed maple ham with candied yams – the catering menu invites guests to choose amongst two appetizers, two starters, two main courses, and three desserts. The team can tailor the menu based on requests for specific ingredients or dishes to ensure favorite holiday traditions will be shared and continued.

For more information or to make a reservation, please visit www.five-berkeley.com/five_banquets_rfp.html or call 510-225-6055.

ABOUT FIVE

Under the direction of Executive Chef Banks White, FIVE is a Modern American Bistro & Bar located at the Hotel Shattuck Plaza in Downtown Berkeley. FIVE has been recognized as a Michelin Bib Gourmand restaurant for three consecutive years (2010, 2011, and 2012). Open daily from early morning until late in the evening, the 60-seat bistro and bar is a great spot to gather with friends, host a business lunch or have a quick dinner or drinks before the theater. For more information or to make a reservation, please visit www.five-berkeley.com.

ABOUT THE HOTEL SHATTUCK PLAZA

The Hotel Shattuck Plaza has six floors and a total of 199 gorgeously redesigned guest rooms, including 17 suites. The rooms combine the classic charm of the hotel's turn of the century roots with modern and luxurious amenities such as flat screen televisions and iPod docks. A number of rooms have stunning views of the San Francisco Bay and Golden Gate Bridge. For more information or to make a reservation, please visit: www.hotelshattuckplaza.com.

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