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Four Seasons Hotel Austin to Host Mad Hatter Tea Parties *Special Teas Tie into “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” Museum Exhibition*

AUSTIN, Texas (January 13, 2015) – Things are about to get “curiouser and curiouser” at Four Seasons Hotel Austin as the downtown Austin hotel kicks off a six-month series of Mad Hatter Tea Parties.

Offered in conjunction with the Harry Ransom Center’s *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* exhibition – on display at the Ransom Center at The University of Texas at Austin from February 10 through July 6, 2015 – the tea parties will take place in the Hotel’s Lobby Lounge from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28 and July 5, 2015.

For the fullest experience, guests are encouraged to first visit the Ransom Center’s exhibition, which explores the rich 150-year history of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*. From facts about the author and the real Alice to a 1933 paper filmstrip and a rare first edition of the book, museum-goers will enjoy learning more about the Lewis Carroll classic that has delighted generations and inspired artists ranging from Salvador Dalí to Walt Disney.

Designed to complement the Ransom Center exhibition, the Mad Hatter Tea Parties will bring the fun and frivolity of Alice’s Wonderland to life with special décor, creative treats and interactive elements.

For example, upon entering the Lobby Lounge, guests will feel like they’ve stepped into the pages of the fantasy story thanks to colorful jumbo balloons, nonsensical signs, oversized clocks and tea cup towers. Menus, which will include prints of John Tenniel’s original illustrations, will create anticipation for tea sandwiches in the shape of playing card suits, brightly hued macaroons and dessert cakes emblazoned with “Eat Me.”

To complete the experience, the Lounge will screen *Alice in Wonderland* movies, as well as offer a photobooth where guests can pose with props such as the Mad Hatter’s top hat, “Drink Me” vials and cutouts of the mischievous Cheshire cat grin.

Four Seasons Hotel Austin’s Mad Hatter Teas are \$42 per adult and \$30 per child (ages 11 and under). As a special treat, adult guests who bring their *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* brochure from the Ransom Center will receive a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

Due to limited space, reservations are required and may be made by calling (512) 685-8300.

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