

## **The Saint Paul Hotel's Centennial Celebration invites party-goers to experience 100-years-worth of festivity with a historic trip through time**

***Tickets now available for The Centennial Celebration gala on Saturday, April 17, 2010***

**Saint Paul, Minn. (March 9, 2010)**—On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the historic Saint Paul Hotel on Rice Park in downtown Saint Paul will host a party that has been 100 years in the making. The historic hotel, which held its grand opening 100 years ago on April 18, 1910, will invite guests to “ring in” its landmark birthday at a grand gala called “The Centennial Celebration” on the eve of the big day. Lavish décor will transform the Saint Paul Hotel's famously elegant spaces into scenes straight out of each of the hotel's decades of service. The event, open by pre-purchased ticket to the entire community, invites guests to dine and dance their way through the elegance of the 1910 grand opening, a Roaring 20's party scene, a 40's style night club, a 50's diner, the cool vibes of the 70s disco era, and much more.

The Centennial Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and go on sale Monday, March 9 online at [www.saintpaulhotel.com](http://www.saintpaulhotel.com) or by phone at (651) 228-3860. Additional ticket packages including overnight hotel stays and Sunday breakfast are also available. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the beautification of Rice Park.

“The Centennial Celebration is truly a salute to our community—the many thousands of people who have visited the Hotel and celebrated their weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and special milestones in our rooms and restaurants throughout the century,” explains David Miller, General Manager of the Saint Paul Hotel since 2007. “We hope they will all join us for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration.”

### **Trip through Time**

To set the stage for a celebration of a century of world-renowned hospitality, architecture, and dining, The Saint Paul Hotel will be decked for the decades with a series of period-inspired scenes.

As guests enter the hotel through the **Foyer and Promenade**, the hotel's signature top-hatted staff will welcome guests into an elegant recreation of the Hotel's earliest era. Historic vignettes will carry guests back in time to the turn-of-the-century's trains, planes, Model T's, and confident sense of progress and possibility. Roaring 20's fox trots, Charlestons, and festive fashion will set the backdrop as guests enjoy passed “moonshines” and Luigi cocktails in this grand entry area. In order to receive a cocktail in this area, guests will give the secret pass word to an actor playing a gangster, who will be located in a hideout. As the scene rolls into the somber 30s, guests can help themselves to bread, soup, and goulash—on a more gourmet scale than their Depression-era predecessors—from a breadline buffet.

The mood turns vintage Hollywood Glam in the hotel's **James J. Hill Room**, where caviar, jumbo shrimp, sazerac cocktails, and a five-piece jazz band playing Big Band favorites will pull party-goers into the 40's swing.

In the **Summit Room**, guests can select their favorite tunes from a working juke box as they enjoy malts, ice cream sodas, French fries, sliders and Tom Collins cocktails in a classic recreation of a Late Night 50s Diner. The **M ST. Cafe** will be transformed into a rollicking ride through the 60s and 70s. The Disco Lounge's funky décor will invite relaxing and reminiscing among the chocolate fountains, cheese fondue, and other throw-back favorites, and a disco beat – offered by a live DJ -- will get toes tapping to the dance floor.

The **Saint Paul Hotel Ballroom** will provide the pinnacle of the evening's festivities. Modern, elegant décor will set a black-tie mood as guests enjoy a nine-piece variety band, dancing, passed cocktails and food stations in the same "best of our era" spirit as the original revelers did in 1910. A midnight toast will ring in the Hotel's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Guests can choose to dress in black tie for the evening or dress from the era of their choice.

#### **Centennial Celebration Packages**

Tickets for the Centennial Celebration are \$100 per person and can be purchased online ([www.saintpaulhotel.com](http://www.saintpaulhotel.com)) or by phone (651-228-3860) starting March 8. For guests interested in spending the night, the Saint Paul Hotel is also offering a Centennial Celebration overnight package with a special room rate of \$149 or \$199 for a room and breakfast on Sunday morning in M ST Cafe. Reservations for the Centennial Celebration overnight package can be made by calling (651-292-9292) or visiting [www.saintpaulhotel.com](http://www.saintpaulhotel.com). Overnight and overnight plus breakfast reservations can also be made starting March 8.

Built in 1910, The Saint Paul Hotel, a member of the Historic Hotels of America and the Preferred Hotel Group, is located at 350 Market Street on Rice Park in downtown Saint Paul, Minnesota. For additional information, please call 651-292-9292 or 1-800-292-9292, or visit [www.saintpaulhotel.com](http://www.saintpaulhotel.com). The Saint Paul Hotel is managed by Morrissey Hospitality Companies ([www.morrisseyhospitality.com](http://www.morrisseyhospitality.com)).

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