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INTERCONTINENTAL O'HARE **OFFERING LUXURY & CULTURE**

Prominent Artists & Leading Bands Featured In-House

ROSEMONT, IL (March, 2010) – The InterContinental Chicago O'Hare (ICO) is going above and beyond in its effort to attract guests. In addition to lush accommodations, ICO offers a unique cultural experience that sets it apart from anything in the hospitality industry. An extensive Art Museo hosts rotating exhibitions with works from renowned artists, and the Montrose Room is an intimate music venue that hosts top regional bands.

ART MUSEO

"The 'Museo' concept showcases the hotel's embrace of the arts – sculpture, canvas, architecture, photography, music and culinary – enhancing our guests' stay and fueling a passion for experiencing culture," says General Manager David Hall.

From conception, art was at the heart of the ICO. The property is essentially a series of exhibition halls with meeting spaces and guest rooms built around it. A stay at ICO includes a complimentary education in art. Two full-time curators care for the exhibition halls, currently featuring *Crossroads*, which displays work from some of the city's top galleries. *Crossroads* features pieces in all media, from traditional: painting, drawing, printmaking and photography, to new media: collage, installation and video. Many of the artists are well recognized and represented in museum collections. Most notable are Luis Gonzalez-Palma, Tremain Smith, and RES.

Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the artistic ambiance the hotel provides and are encouraged to roam the hotel to admire original works. Complimentary gallery tours are also available upon request.

Beyond works in the featured *Crossroads* exhibition, visitors can enjoy pieces that are part of the hotel's permanent collection, including screen prints by Robert Rauschenberg, color etchings by Tony Fitzpatrick, and a large scale painting by famed Chicago artist Wesley Kimler. Dedication to art does not stop there, as original works also adorn guest halls and rooms. For more information and photos on the ICO Art Museo and its featured exhibit, *Crossroads*, click [here](#).

MONTROSE ROOM

Also at the heart of ICO is an appreciation for music. Montrose Room recently launched Friday Night Live, a weekly music lineup. Here music lovers unite to enjoy all genres, from cutting-edge groups to old classics.

Montrose Room brings the high energy of the Windy City to Rosemont packaged in an intimate and up-close nightclub setting. A state-of-the-art acoustic design, ringside cabaret seating (think Park West – West) and the chique Ice Bar are all wrapped into this featured venue. The Montrose Room remains the suburbs best kept secret for an unforgettable night of live music.

Some of the recent bands to grace the stage include: Gin Blossoms, Michael McDermott, The Employees, Nicholas Tremulis Orchestra, Big Sky String Band, and James Town Massacre. For more information on the Montrose Room, photos and the upcoming schedule, click [here](#).

About ICO:

ICO (5300 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL) is a destination in itself. Beyond luxury guest rooms, state of the art meeting facilities and ballrooms, the hotel offers entertainment, dining, and cultural experiences that set it apart from competitors. In addition to enjoying live music at the Montrose Room and celebrated art in the Art Museo, leisure travelers, business professionals and local residents alike can dine at one of the top on-site restaurants, including McCormick & Schmick’s and The Capital Grille. Unlike other hotels in the area, ICO offers luxury, experience, and entertainment packaged under one roof. For more information, visit www.icohare.com or call 847/544-5300.

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