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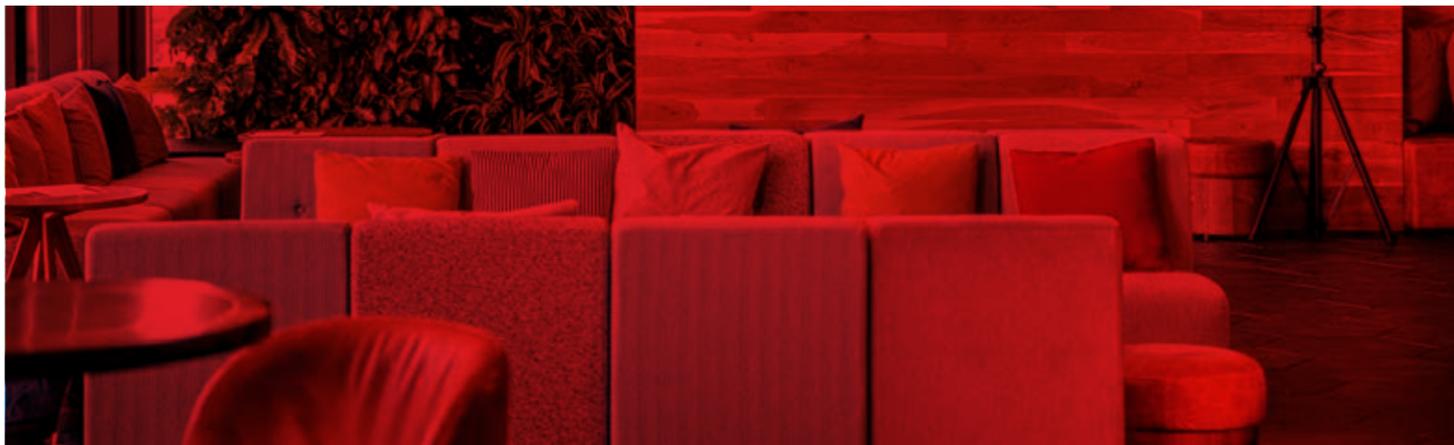
## EVERY MONDAY, THURSDAY & SUNDAY

We're turning our 90-inch tellies to football and you can crash the fun. Order up some bar bites (think items like West Coast miyagi oysters and crudité). Sip cocktails and craft beer.

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# Upstairs



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# WOW YOUR CROWD:

## ENTERTAINING TIPS PARTY AT YOUR HOUSE!

Our lead bartenders — Megan Abraham from Commons Club and Patrick Smith from Everdene — offer easy seasonal food and drink ideas.



## THINK BIG: 3 PUNCHBOWL COCKTAIL RECIPES

As a rule of thumb when creating large batch cocktails, Abraham says, “Think in terms of proportions, not measurements. You’re always going to want about two parts booze, one part sweet, one part sour, and one to two parts carbonation or dilution to taste.”

### SMITH SWEARS BY HIS APPLE CIDER MULE

- Two parts Bulleit bourbon
- One part unpasteurized apple cider
- One part fresh lime juice
- Mix in punch bowl and serve on ice with a top-off of ginger beer

### FOR GIN LOVERS, HERE’S A SEASONALLY-INSPIRED DRINK BY ABRAHAM

- Two parts gin with a splash of Chartreuse
- One part rosemary syrup for sweet (made by steeping rosemary in hot water for five minutes and then adding equal part sugar)
- One part pomegranate and lime for sour
- Top with one to two parts prosecco to open up the flavors

### FOR A WARMUP, ABRAHAM RECOMMENDS THIS HOT COCKTAIL

- Two parts whiskey
- One part lemon
- One part honey
- One to two parts spiced apple cider

Want to get fancy? Add a cheese cloth satchel of winter spices like clove, cinnamon, star anise, orange peel and ginger. “It will fill your home with the most magical holiday aroma,” says Abraham.

### GRAB & GO: APPETIZER IDEAS

Abraham loves to prep easy, delicious hors d’oeuvres when entertaining at home. In addition to the ever-popular cheese plate, she loves serving Cape Cod chips topped with a dollop of crème fraiche, a spoonful of caviar and a single drop of Sriracha. “A crowd pleaser!” she insists.

For a special occasion, Abraham recommends roasted beets with goat cheese on homemade crostini. The prep is simple: Roast the beets; marinate them in olive oil, orange zest and raspberry vinegar; the blend some goat cheese with crème fraiche and lemon juice. While Abraham says she typically preps snacks ahead of her guests’ arrival, she’s happy to put them to work with simple assembly-line tasks, like chopping vegetables or arranging crostini. “People love to offer to help,” she says. “And I’ve noticed they have more fun when they get involved.”



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BOOK THESE ASAP:  
**HOLIDAY EVENTS AT  
 VIRGIN HOTELS SAN FRANCISCO**

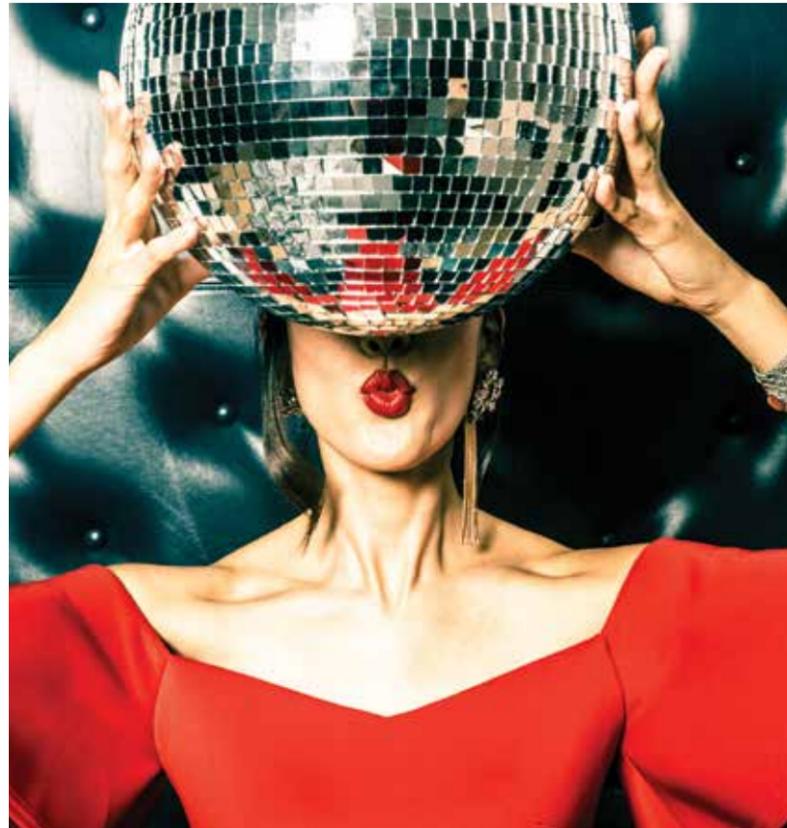


**UPSIDE DOWN  
 TEA PARTY**

**NOVEMBER 16 & DECEMBER 14  
 AT 2 PM IN COMMONS CLUB**

Pinkies up, people. Our take on afternoon tea is spiked with something special: booze. Sip a tipsy tea cocktail called the Golden Waffle Pearl (kind of like a British milk tea), and eat finger sandwiches, macaroons and pâte of fruit. \$80 for two. \$160 for four.

Nov. tickets: [bit.ly/UpsideDownTeaNovember](http://bit.ly/UpsideDownTeaNovember)  
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Be our guest at Commons Club, where we're offering prix fixe menus of seasonal dishes. Join us and enjoy all of the holiday magic, none of the stress.

**THANKSGIVING**

2PM - 6:30PM

**\$85/person** 3 Course Pre Fixe Menu

**\$30/person** with Wine Pairing



**1<sup>ST</sup> COURSE**

- Autumn salad, pear, pomegranate, little gems
- Sunchoke volute, black garlic, chicory, jamon Iberico
- Pumpkin casoncelli, chestnut, brown butter, sage
- Pork belly, mustard, persimmon

**2<sup>ND</sup> COURSE**

- Roasted turkey, gravy, bread pudding, sweet potato, cranberry
- Prime rib, smoked potato puree, brussels sprouts
- Honey nut Squash, faro, kale, persimmon
- Ora king salmon, brown butter, wild mushroom, swiss chard, barley

**3<sup>RD</sup> COURSE**

- Bourbon pecan pie, malt vanilla ice cream
- Chocolate flourless cake, pumpkin ganache, pepita tuile
- Pear sorbet, fall fruit compote

**CHRISTMAS**

Regular hours of operation:

5PM - 10PM

**\$120/person** Five Course Menu

**\$30/person** with Wine Pairing



- Caviar, brioche, crème fraiche, chive
- Hamachi with apple, radish and mandarin
- Pumpkin veloute with balsamic, pomegranate and castel franco
- Tortelli, lobster, celery root, leek,
- Dry aged ribeye, smoked potato, red wine caramel, torpedo onion (black truffle Supplement)
- Buche de noel, chocolate, rum, orange

For those with dietary restrictions, we will accommodate you!

To book, please call 415-534-6500.





## TOP 5 THINGS TO DO IN OUR FUNNY LIBRARY COFFEE SHOP\*

\*aka: the quirkiest, coolest, bookworm-iest spot in the hotel

### DRINK COFFEE & PEOPLE WATCH.

Life's too short to throw shade at spiced coffee. Order a seasonal drink like our Maple Nut Cappuccino, Caramel Spice Latte, Winter Vanilla Chai or what we call "The Cozy Up" filled with spices like ginger and cinnamon. Feeling more fermented? We've got local Koasta Kombucha. Plus, Happy Moose Juice.

### PLAY A GAME. EVEN WITH A STRANGER.

The world would be a better place if everyone played more board games — #areweright? Pick up Jenga, Exploding Kittens, Monopoly and more. Winner buys drinks.

### SNACK, SNACK & SNACK SOME MORE.

We've got local bites for days. On the menu: Milky Labs Oatmeal, Clif granola bars, TCHO chocolate and Craftsman and Wolves pastries.

### OKAY, FINE. CATCH UP ON WORK.

We know duty calls so you'll find all the hookups here: free WiFi, outlets aplenty and tables for you to sit, sip and type out those emails.

### READ, SILLY.

Our book selection is quirky by nature. Curated to inspire and delight. Savor the downtime and get lost in a story. "Stuff Unicorns Love," maybe?

### HOURS OF OPERATION

OPEN DAILY:  
6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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for our specially curated coffee shop playlist.

# IN ROOM DINING



## BREAKFAST

6:00AM - 2:00PM

### HOT | 21

#### EGG & CHEESE SANDWICH

egg, cheese, english muffin

#### NOT YOUR BASIC EGG SANDWICH

egg, cheese, bacon, english muffin

#### BAGEL SPREAD

bagel, cream cheese, tomato, caper, onion

#### OATMEAL

almond, hazelnut, or coconut

#### SERVED WITH

seasonal fruit cup and choice of 12 oz. cup of coffee, hot tea, freshly squeezed orange juice or bottle of water

### COLD | 21

#### YOGURT PARFAIT

granola and fresh fruits

#### CHIA SEED BREAKFAST PUDDING

seasonal fruit and toasted almonds

#### SERVED WITH

seasonal pastry and choice of 12 oz. cup of coffee, hot tea, freshly squeezed orange juice or bottle of water

## LUNCH & DINNER

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At Virgin Hotels we're all about comfort, so we understand wanting to kick back and enjoy a good meal in the comfort of your own chamber. But we're not about to suggest you settle for just any food so we've partnered with Uber Eats to unlock a whole city's worth of dining options. So satisfy your quest for late-night Thai food or Mexican (we don't judge!) by using your Uber Eats app and place an order. Your delivery will be escorted directly to your door so there's no reason to change out of your robe.

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# LET'S GET LIT

## WHERE TO FIND THE BEST HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAYS IN SF

Simple fact: The holidays haven't truly started until you've seen a ginormous amount of lights. The good news is you're in the right place. Go dazzle-spotting at these places, which always put on a good show.

### ✦ ✦ **FISHERMAN'S WHARF LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

Grab all your best mates and bring them to this legendary boat parade on December 13 at 6 p.m. Illuminated boats depart from Pier 39 and travel down to Crissy Field, passing the Marina Green and Aquatic Park. Bonus: All season long, the Fisherman's Wharf Fishing Fleet stays lit at Sport Fishing Harbor. [visitfishermanswharf.com](http://visitfishermanswharf.com)

### ✦ ✦ **HOLIDAY CIRCLE OF LIGHTS**

First things first: This is in a cemetery. But the vibe is much more glee than goth. Gather around the front fountain, where glowing trees, trains, reindeer, skating figures, and scenes from Santa's workshop cast a warm glow. Mountain View Cemetery, [mountainviewcemetery.org](http://mountainviewcemetery.org)

### ✦ ✦ **UNION SQUARE**

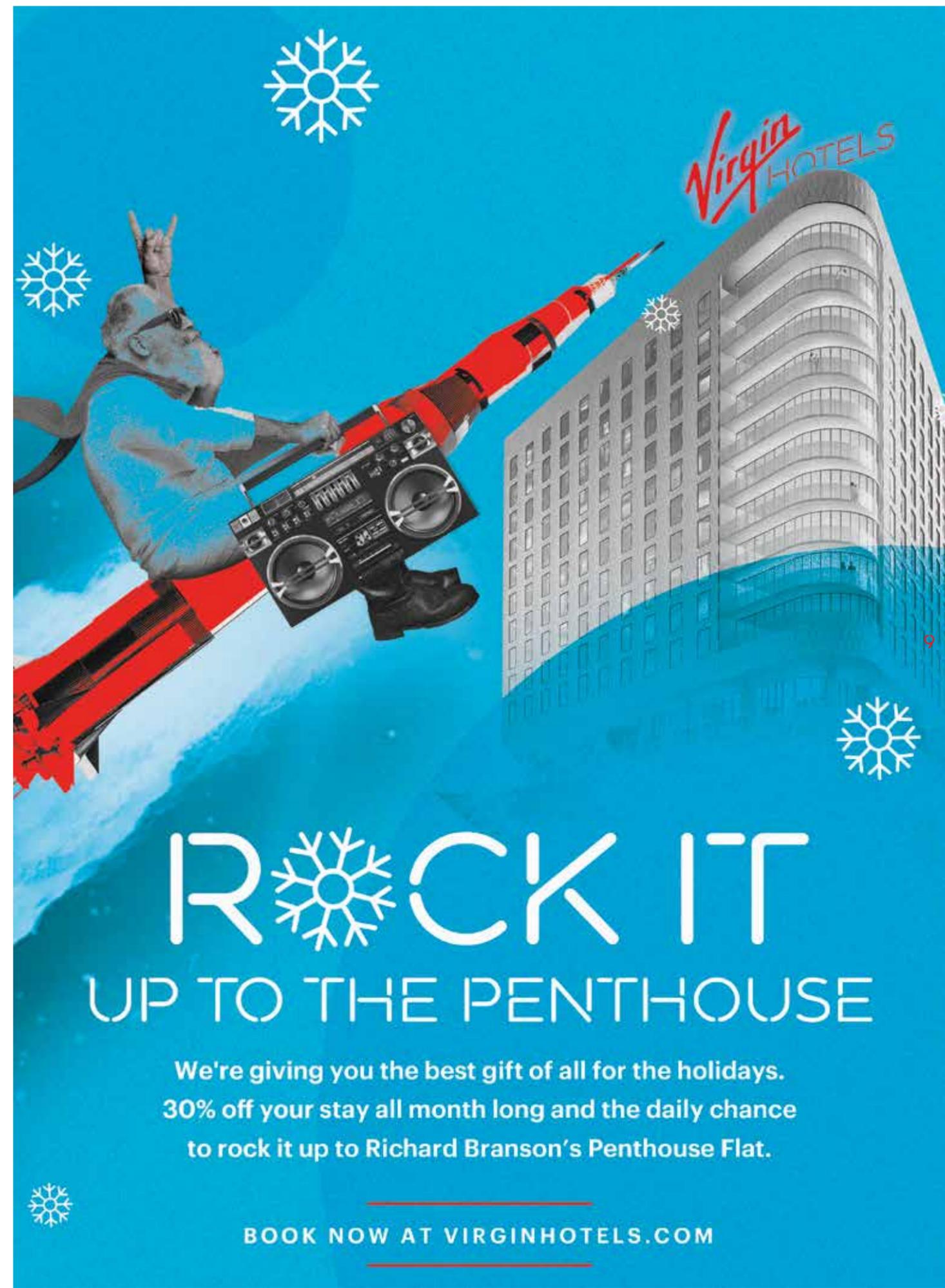
It doesn't get more classic than this. Head downtown for ice skating, hundreds of glowing bulbs and Macy's towering Christmas tree. Macy's is known for its elaborately decorated windows so be sure to do some window shopping. [visitionsquaresf.com](http://visitionsquaresf.com)

### ✦ ✦ **MCCLAREN LODGE HOLIDAY TREE**

At the eastern edge of Golden Gate Park, you'll find extra brilliance at McClaren Lodge, on the fringe of the Conservatory of Flowers. The light display has been going on for 90 years and kicks off in early December with a free family-friendly event featuring toboggan rides, a snow play area, carnival rides, cookie decorating, visits with Santa and more. [sfrecpark.org](http://sfrecpark.org)

### ✦ ✦ **TOM & JERRY'S HOUSE**

Dolores Heights harbors one of SF's longest holiday traditions: a house covered in oversized toys. Santa also seems to have left a giant illuminated Christmas tree on top and huge stockings over the garage. We believe! 3650 21st St.



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WHERE TO TAKE  
THE PERFECT  
HOLIDAY CARD  
PHOTO

However you do holiday greetings — sending emails, sliding into DMs, mailing good old fashioned paper cards — you have to have a pic to go with it. Take one when you're in town at these spots that offer colorful and cheerful backdrops.

Keith Haring Sculpture - Howard & 3rd Street. You can't help but smile when you're in the company of the artist's famous dancing stick figures, a fixture at Moscone Center (although temporarily moved to the DeYoung museum for a stint) since 1989.



Better Times Street Mural - Howard & 6th Street Stand in front of this mural and the message is clear: You've not only had a good year, you've got a little edge. Ricardo Gonzalez's flashy typographic graffiti is a setting worthy of a holiday greeting — and your IG feed.

Red Phone Booths - right outside the hotel Dial "F" for fun. Our classic British phone booths make for a quirky photo opp (even better if you squeeze inside with a friend). Everyone will wonder where you've traveled to.

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial - Howard & 4th Street A waterfall and shimmering glass panels reflect the spirit of peace and unity. The memorial is also inscribed with inspiring words from Dr. King. Reason for the season, indeed.

