



TAGLIALATELLA GALLERIES TORONTO OFFICIALLY OPENING MID-JULY

Canada's first Taglialatella Galleries will feature works from world-renowned artists Banksy, Jeff Koons, Warhol and more

June 28th, 2018 (Toronto, ON) – INK Entertainment and Taglialatella Galleries are pleased to announce the gallery's first Canadian location will officially open Friday, July 13th at 99 Yorkville Avenue in Toronto's coveted Yorkville neighborhood.

A partnership between legendary entrepreneurs Charles Khabouth and Danny Soberano of INK Entertainment and New York based Taglialatella Galleries, the Toronto location will showcase some of today's finest pop and street art works.

"We are striving to set the bar high for contemporary art galleries north of the border," says Dominic J. Taglialatella, Founder, Taglialatella Galleries. "After observing a vested interest in pop and street art genres from Canadian clientele at our US locations, we have worked tirelessly to curate a collection of exceptional paper, original painting and sculpture works by some of the world's best and emerging artists for Toronto to enjoy."

Artists to be featured at time of opening include the anonymous graffiti master **Banksy**, the precociously talented **Jean-Michel Basquiat**, the legendary **Keith Haring**, American contemporary artist **Logan Hicks**, the famed **Mr. Brainwash**, the French pixelated genius **Invader**, the iconic **Jeff Koons**, commercial and pop culture pro **Lichtenstein**, the trailblazing female mixed media artist **Swoon**, pop art pioneer **Andy Warhol** and many more.

Internationally recognized pop artists **Rubem Robierb** and **Russell Young** are attending the private grand opening on July 12th as honourary guests available for interview, with works featured in the gallery and INK Entertainment's adjoining finedining Italian restaurant, *Sofia*.

"We cannot wait to open the gallery doors to the Yorkville community," says Charles Khabouth, CEO, INK Entertainment. "The works displayed and the curated experience closely linked with our neighboring restaurant *Sofia* is fantastic."

Designed by award-winning interior design firm Studio Munge, the gallery is connected to INK Entertainment's newest restaurant *Sofia* by a shared lobby encouraging of exploration between the venues. A destination of upper-tier dining and classic Italian cuisine, an impressive collection of art is displayed throughout the restaurant and available for purchase.

Upon launch, Taglialatella Galleries Toronto will be open Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 7pm. Contemporary art specialist and gallery director Alan Ganev will oversee the venue.

To view a selection of the works on display at Taglialatella Galleries Toronto, please click here.

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About Taglialatella Galleries

Since Dominic J. Taglialatella opened his first gallery in 1978, the Taglialatella brand has been synonymous with unparalleled expertise in a variety of genres of Modern and Contemporary art, particularly focusing on the Pop and Street art movements. Exhibiting a wide range of mediums from both the secondary market and living artists—such as Banksy, Mr. Brainwash, Logan Hicks, Russell Young, and Swoon, among others-Taglialatella Galleries has become a destination for long-time art collectors and newcomers alike. With four decades of success, Taglialatella has expanded to locations in New York City, Palm Beach, Paris and most recently, launching a Toronto location in partnership with Charles Khabouth and Danny Soberano of Ink Entertainment. Taglialatella Galleries' flagship location in the heart of Chelsea's art district, which notoriously houses two permanent Mr. Brainwash installations, has become recognized as a photogenic venue for exclusive events like the recent Jimmy Choo x Off-White launch party during New York Fashion week in February, 2018, as well as an impressive list of celebrity clientele. Moving forward Taglialatella remains dedicated to producing thought-provoking and original exhibitions to promote a strong variety of works from internationally renowned artists including: Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jim Dine, Keith Haring, Andy Warhol, Tom Wesselmann, and many others.

About INK Entertainment

INK Entertainment is Canada's leading lifestyle and entertainment company. Operating since 1982, INK Entertainment has demonstrated an enviable ability to read the pulse of ever-changing cultural times and tastes, responding with a host of successful enterprises, including critically acclaimed global restaurant brands Byblos (Toronto & Miami), Weslodge (Toronto & Dubai), FIGO, MACHO Radio Bar, Estia, La Société (Toronto & Montreal), Patria, Sofia, and STORYS Building; Canada's largest Dance Music Festival VELD Music Festival; a number of trendy clubs, including REBEL, Uniun, CUBE, Cabana Pool Bar and Dragonfly Nightclub; and Taglialatella Galleries first Canadian location.

Headquartered in Toronto and helmed by visionary entrepreneur Charles Khabouth, INK Entertainment's innovative approach, fusing dining, lifestyle, entertainment and design has led the company to team up with several significant industry partners including Loews Hotels & Resorts and Lifetime Developments for Bisha Hotel & Residences, the newest private label hotel and residence brand to originate in Toronto since The Four Seasons in the 1960s. For more information, visit <u>www.inkentertainment.com</u> or connect with INK Entertainment on Facebook and Twitter.