

Extravagant New Dupont Circle Club Is Begging You to Photograph It

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Some D.C. nightlife destinations take a hard line on photographs, commanding shutterbugs to cease snapping while they're on premises. But not **St. Yves** opening in Dupont Circle.

Instead, the club taking a Renwick WONDER exhibit approach by practically begging guests to photograph the opulent space full of opulent offerings like four kinds of caviar and bottle service reservations that carry a \$300 minimum.

The venue has a "sprawling lenticular image" that is said to change and move from different angles. Then there's a cotton candy-like nest of tulle on the ceiling.

"Guests will look up and marvel at the dream-like artwork, immediately trying to capture it on their phones," according to the club. And, "These unique installations double as art as well as a form of interactivity, a necessary design factor in current social media brag culture. Photography is absolutely encouraged."

There's more to ogle at the 5,000-square-foot club located at 1220 Connecticut Ave. NW, including a chandelier made of "half a mile" of custom gold chain links, plus a quartz-top bar. Swatchroom is responsible for the design.

Chef **Alex McCoy** of **Alfie's** and **CRISP Kitchen + Bar** is the consulting chef for the food menu, which in addition to caviar features charcuterie and bar snacks like roasted chicken salad on a baguette. Owners **David Chung** and **Ki Jun Sung** are also behind **District Capitale**, **Chinese Disco**, **Mason Inn**, **George**, **K Street Lounge**, and **Daedalus**.

St. Yves is currently only open Friday nights from 10 p.m.-3 a.m. After June 1, the bar and club will be open Tuesdays-Saturdays starting at 5 p.m. and can be reserved for private events.

St. Yves, 1220 Connecticut Ave. NW; (202) 466-2582; saintyvesdc.com

