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DAS ARCHITECTS DESIGN PLATE **A HANDSOME NEW BAR AND RESTAURANT IN ARDMORE**

ARDMORE, PA – Susan M. Davidson, IDC and David A. Schultz, AIA, principals of nationally distinguished **DAS Architects and Designers**, have recently completed **Plate**, an all-new, casual restaurant and bar in Suburban Square at 105 Coulter Avenue, in Ardmore. Scheduled to open on April 24, Plate will combine upscale comfort foods with a casual, contemporary décor with a neighborhood feeling.

Davidson and Schultz worked with restaurant owner David Mantelmacher, who also owns Circa restaurant in Philadelphia, to create an inviting ambience for the 5,000 square-foot space. Among the restaurant's dining areas is the main dining room, lively bar, welcoming garden terrace and a food bar.

Designed with the warm, clean tones of vanilla and chocolate, Plate's main dining room seats 110 guests. Suspended circular track lighting suggests the shape of a plate, a theme continued with an understated, sculptural wall fabric representing a mosaic made of broken white dishes. Cocoa wainscoting encircles the room, offsetting whitewashed oak tables. Banquettes will be covered in a mix of fabrics that feature geometric, floral, checkered, woven and swirled patterns of browns, beiges, blacks and creams. Floors are made from multicolored polished concrete with Chinese slate as an accent material at the bar and as borders throughout.

In the far corner of the dining room, DAS has created a six-seat food bar that faces Plate's wood-burning oven, where patrons can watch the assemblage and cooking of gourmet

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dishes made to order. A private dining area with seating for 14 guests is also available for large parties, office meetings and wine tastings.

The restaurant's social center is a handsome U-shaped bar, handcrafted from a specialty fiberglass that resembles natural granite stone. Seating 20 guests, the bar lies beneath a giant, shaded dome, also reminiscent of a white porcelain plate. The front of the bar was created with frosted, bamboo backed Plexiglas backlit by a diffused light.

Beyond the bar, a garden terrace will seat 50, weather permitting. A wooden trellis encloses the terrace complete with comfortable wrought iron seating. The outdoor setting will provide a perfect area for *al fresco* dining.

DAS, is highly esteemed for their work in creating more than 70 prestigious restaurants including: **Le Bec-Fin**, a top to bottom renovation of one of the country's most acclaimed French restaurants; the ongoing expansion of **Rat's**, the stunning restaurant located at the world-renowned park and museum, *Grounds For Sculpture* in Hamilton, NJ; **Roux Three**, a brilliant new restaurant in Edgemont, PA; the elegant Mediterranean restaurant **Savona** on Philadelphia's Main Line; the award-winning **Novelty Restaurant**, in Old City, Philadelphia; and **Twenty 21**, an upscale dining venture in Center City, Philadelphia. DAS also served as architect for several projects for the **Starr Restaurant Organization** including the futuristic Asian **Pod** and **Morimoto**, a brilliant restaurant featuring contemporary Japanese cuisine.

Outstanding new projects include: **Normandy Farm**, a historic estate that will be converted into a 75,000 square foot resort hotel, ballroom and conference facility created within the gated walls of one of America's most historic farms in Blue Bell, PA; and **Moro**, a contemporary Northern Italian bistro in Wilmington, DE.

DAS offers a diverse range of architectural, interior design and consulting services such as space planning, site analysis, theme development and project management. DAS designs are regularly featured among the country's top designers in publications such as **Hospitality Design, Nation's Restaurant News, Contract Design, Chef Magazine, Restaurants USA, Retail Design, Interior Design** and **Interiors**.

The talented staff of DAS, which includes 16 architects and interior designers, is currently working on one of their most significant and exciting projects to date, **The World Café**, a 20,000 Square foot live music performance and dinner theater at the University of Pennsylvania.

Owners Schultz and Davidson are affiliated with the American Institute of Architects, Pennsylvania Society of Architects, Foundation for Architecture, National Trust for Historic

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Preservation and the Urban Land Institute. Their pro-bono work, both civic and professional, includes: Queen Village Neighbors Association; Old City Civic Association; Philadelphia

Regional Urban Design Assistance; Perkins Art Center; ARTSPACE - PVLA; Fleisher Art Memorial; Main Line Art Center; The American Red Cross Ball; and the Beaux Arts Ball for The Foundation for Architecture.

A registered architect in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Schultz is well-known for his award-winning architectural designs. A certified interior designer, Davidson has received many awards including the *Best Renovation* award by *Philadelphia Magazine* for her interior design of the Kevin F. Donohoe Company, Inc.

The offices of DAS are located in the heart of downtown Philadelphia, at 8 Penn Center, Suite 100. For more information or to arrange for an appointment, please call 215.751.9008.
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