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RED DOT NYC: Tavern on the Green Reopens After Four-Year Hiatus By Arie Shapira

Tavern on the Green on Upper West Side (opens April 24)

- * Historic restaurant had been closed since New Years Eve 2009; owners are Jim Caiola and David Salama, of The Emerald Green Group, whose roots are from Philadelphia w/ restaurants such as Creperie Beau Monde and L'Etage
- * Executive chef Katy Sparks, picked by Food & Wine Magazine in 1996 as a top 10 best new chef, owns her own culinary consulting firm and previously cooked at Quilty's and Bolo
- * 140-seat Central Park room has an open kitchen w/ long line of planchas and grills; 300-seat courtyard sits at one end of the room, has panoramic views of Central Park West skyline
- * 120-seat South Wing is the quieter dining room and will be the main area used for private events; leads to South Terrace garden area which seats 110, wraps around "Green to Go" window
- * Bar room fits 150, has large oval dark mahogany bar, a fireplace and carved sheep heads attached to the columns
- * Small plates: Wood-roasted Maine Bouchot mussels w/ almond, garlic, red chili and thyme breadcrumbs; fried local duck egg on spring onion and smoked ricotta crostata w/ anchovies and oil-cured olives
- * Large plates: Marinated Vermont quail w/ creamy grits, homemade chorizo and wood-roasted grapes; braised lamb shank w/ creamed chards, pickled golden raisins, roasted cauliflower and fresh mint gremolata
- * Preview dinner menu starts April 24; brunch starts Mother's Day weekend (May 10-11) w/ full grand opening May 13
- * NOTE: Tavern on the Green was originally built in 1870 to house the sheep that grazed in Central Park's Sheep Meadow; the restaurant opened in 1934 and has been featured in many films such as "Wall Street" and "Ghostbusters"
- * NOTE: In Oct., NYT Magazine profiled Tavern on the Green, an old restaurant "being remade by a couple of Philly guys who are making a big bet."; story link <http://nyti.ms/1mqmNQb>
- * Info: 67th Street and Central Park West; 212-877-TOTG (8684)
- * Website: <http://bit.ly/QrQ55r>

