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Top of the East Launches Summer Artist Residency Featuring Portland Artist Justine Lasdine

Portland, Maine — This summer, Top of the East invites guests to experience a unique blend of art, atmosphere, and elevated hospitality with a two-month artist residency showcasing the work of Portland-based mixed-media painter, Justine Lasdine.

From July through August, the iconic cocktail lounge will be transformed by Lasdine's contemporary works, thoughtfully integrated throughout the space. Guests are encouraged to explore the collection while enjoying signature cocktails, creating an immersive setting where art and environment are in constant dialogue.

Top of the East will host special First Friday Art Walk receptions in both July and August, offering guests the opportunity to meet the artist, engage in conversation, and purchase collectible works.

Justine Lasdine is a mixed-media painter based in Portland, Maine. Her work explores light and forms in the natural world, inspired by the diverse landscapes she visits. Her paintings reflect the transient beauty of the environment, from sunlight filtering through trees to the movement of water, captured through expressive line, color, and form.

Lasdine's passion for art began at a young age while taking classes with her father, who she credits with teaching her how to see "from the heart."

Originally from California, Lasdine studied at the Academy of Art in San Francisco, California College of the Arts in Oakland, and later earned her Bachelor of Arts from Cal Poly Humboldt. After a career in visual design and raising a child, she shifted her focus to education, earning a Master of Arts in Teaching from Maine College of Art & Design.

Today, Lasdine balances her work as both an artist and educator, embracing a philosophy that mistakes are essential to growth. Her dynamic use of mixed media creates a compelling sense of place, inviting viewers to connect with the natural world through line, shape, and color. Her work is held in private collections throughout the United States.

"This residency is about creating a space where people can experience art in a more organic, social setting," says Lasdine. "My work is a conversation with nature, one that reflects change, resilience, and the beauty of the moment."

This residency underscores Top of the East's commitment to celebrating local talent while offering guests a distinctive, culture-driven experience high above Portland's Arts District.

Event Details:

- **Artist Residency:** July -August 2026
- **First Friday Receptions:** July & August (during Art Walk)
- **Location:** Top of the East, The Westin Portland Harborview

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