

Editors' CHOICE

The Four Seasons Restaurant

CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS year, The Four Seasons is one of New York's preeminent dining establishments, having basically created New York's concept of the "power lunch." Suitably situated off Park Avenue in the Seagram Building in Midtown Manhattan, this spacious and modern yet classic establishment, designed around the "less is more" concept by legendary 20th century architects Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Philip Johnson, has been re-defining American cuisine since 1959. Since it opened, The Four Seasons has been a showcase for modern art, having decorated its dining rooms with works by great artists including Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollack, and Roy Lichtenstein. The restaurant has also drawn notable guests throughout the years, everyone from Madonna to Bill Clinton to JFK, who dined there for his 45th birthday dinner before his trip to Madison Square Garden to hear Marilyn Monroe's version of "Happy Birthday."

Guests have the luxury of choosing between two distinct dining rooms. The Pool Room is airy and romantic, providing considerable space between tables and bedecked with a bubbling marble pool and seasonally changing



The Four Seasons bar (above); the Pool Room (below left); private room (below right)



trees. For guests seeking out a slightly more refined setting, the Grill Room provides French walnut-paneled walls accompanied by soaring two-story windows. The space offers the legendary wooden bar for those looking for an intimate spot for a light lunch or cocktail.

For those eager to experience a taste of history, The Four Seasons Restaurant is the place to be. ●

