

A Peek Inside The Rainbow Room, Which Reopens This Weekend

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(Bart Barlow)

The legendary [Rainbow Room](#) on the 65th floor of 30 Rockefeller Center will waltz into a new era this weekend, reopening on Sunday to reclaim its former glory. The storied restaurant and dance hall has undergone [several years](#) of renovations by new parents Tishman Speyer, who aim to return the [now landmarked venue](#) to its former status as one of the city's most notable culinary icons. They've brought on board British [chef Jonathan Wright](#) to helm the kitchen, which will turn out a festive Sunday brunch in addition to Monday night dinners open to the public. The space will be open for private events other nights of the week.

[Monday Nights](#) at Rainbow Room will feature live performances, beginning with [NYC house band The Roots](#) on October 5th. The first Monday of each month will be reserved for these intimate concerts while subsequent Mondays will be for a more traditional dining experience. Dinner seatings

on show nights begin at 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. with performances following at 8 p.m.; be prepared to shell out a minimum of \$175 (without booze!) for the prix fixe meal, depending on the evening's show.



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On Chef Wright's menu are classic Americana dishes like Oysters Rockefeller, Dover Sole, Maine Lobster Pot Pie with Black Truffle and Beef Wellington. Sunday service means a [brunch](#) "inspired by cuisines from all around the world," to the tune of \$95 for adults, again, not including any alcohol.



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Adjacent to the iconic rotating dance floor is the new cocktail lounge [SixtyFive](#), which will be open five nights a week to the general public. The more casual (yet still costly) spot shakes up cocktails like Manhattans (\$25) made with Wild Turkey 101 Rye, a Sazerac (\$24) of Germain-Robin Craft Method Brandy; and more contemporary libations like the Piquant Pear (\$22) made with jalapeno-infused Espolon Silver Tequila, pear, fresh lime and cinnamon syrup. The space also includes a wraparound outdoor terrace with gorgeous views of the Manhattan skyline.

30 Rockefeller Center, 65th Floor, (212) 632-5000; [website](#)

[Rainbow Room Dinner and Dancing Menu](#)

RAINBOW ROOM

APPETIZERS

Satur Farms Endive and Seasonal Greens
Persimmons, Pomegranate, Wild Hive
Roasted Grains, Maple Sherry Vinaigrette

Jersey Farms Beets
Capri Farm Goat Cheese,
Hazelnut Crumble, Satur Farms Watercress

Kabocha Squash Soup
Ravioli of Confit Duck, Dried Cherries,
Caramelized Onions

Big Eye Tuna Tartar*
Asian Pear, Radish, Ginger Tapioca,
Red Shiso, Coconut Juice

Maine Diver Scallop Baked in its Shell
Chard, Leeks, Mushroom, Truffle

Oysters Rockefeller
Island Creek Oysters, Bacon Sabayon

Roast Chicken and Cauliflower Ragout
Cauliflower Veloute, Grapes,
Smoked Marcona Almonds

Hot and Cold Hudson Valley Foie Gras
Quince, Hazelnut, Ginger Bread

ENTRÉES

Salt Baked Celery Root and Sunchokes
Gnocchi, Black Truffle,
Toasted Celery Crumble

Dover Sole*
Porcini, Up State Farms Swiss Chard,
Caramelized Roasted Shallots,
Gewürztraminer Chive Jus

Roasted Atlantic Cod*
Clam Chowder, Smoked Bacon, Corn Fritters

Maine Lobster Pot Pie with Black Truffle
Hepworth Farms Root Vegetables,
Black Truffle, Herb Cream

[SixtyFive Menu](#)

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