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**THE PENINSULA BEVERLY HILLS TO UNVEIL SABIN HOWARD  
SCULPTURE EXHIBIT**

*Sales of Internationally Acclaimed Artwork Will Benefit the  
Andre Sobel River Of Life Foundation*

On September 17, The Peninsula Beverly Hills will unveil an exclusive exhibit of sculptures by [Sabin Howard](#), an internationally renowned artist lauded by the *New York Times* as “a sculptor of immense talent...who has created some of the last decade’s most substantial Realist sculptures.” A portion of the sales price of sculptures purchased during the exhibit will be donated to the [Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation](#), which offers financial assistance to needy single parents of terminally ill children. Since 2000, the Los Angeles based non-profit organization has provided more than \$3.7 million in assistance to more than 9,200 families nationwide.

“We are proud that The Peninsula Beverly Hills can provide a magnificent backdrop for Sabin Howard’s sublime works of art,” said Offer Nissenbaum, Managing Director of The Peninsula Beverly Hills. “Especially because their sale will benefit such a worthy cause.”

Seven of Howard’s bronze and white hydrocol-plaster sculptures and busts, including a life-sized “Aphrodite,” will be displayed in The Peninsula Beverly Hills until January 20, 2010. Two will be positioned near the entrance to The Belvedere, the hotel’s fine-dining restaurant and the only AAA 5-Diamond restaurant in Los Angeles. Five will be exhibited on The Belvedere Patio. To add to the ambiance of dining among the sculptures, The Belvedere will offer guests a special prix-fixe dinner menu of dishes inspired by the art for the duration of the exhibit.

“Since Howard’s work is classical yet avante garde, we will feature dishes that have stood the test of time, but with surprising new twists,” said Executive Chef James Overbaugh. Among the featured dishes will be Turbot Quenelle with Fanny Bay Oysters, Romanesco, Grain Mustard and Jerusalem Artichoke Coulis; Braised Lamb Shoulder with Sliced Lamb Loin, Glazed Cauliflower, Lamb’s Quarters, Yogurt-Lime Quinoa,

Green Onions and Curry Emulsion; and Banana Knödel with Caramelized Bananas and Meyer's Rum Ice Cream. The three-course "**Artistry: A Menu Inspired by the Sabin Howard Exhibit**," priced at \$65 per person, will be available in addition to the regular Belvedere dinner menu.

"Surrounded by Sabin's sculptures, diners at The Belvedere will feel as if they've stepped back into the time of Donatello or Rodin," said Valerie Sobel, founder and president of the Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation and an interior designer whose work has appeared in *Architectural Digest*.

The sculptures of Sabin Howard, who holds an MFA from the New York Academy of Art, are installed in New York's Time-Warner Building, the Edith Wharton House and private collections throughout the world. Among his many commissions are two by internationally famous architect Michael Graves. *Fine Arts Connoisseur Magazine* has described Sabin's large bronze sculptures as "sumptuously crafted yet streamlined in design, dynamic in composition, yet serene in mood." The Howard Sabin exhibit will continue at The Peninsula Beverly Hills until December 31, 2009. During that time the artist will be available, on request, for artist dinners, lectures and interviews. For dinner reservations and information please call 310-788-2306 or visit [www.peninsula.com](http://www.peninsula.com).

#### **About The Peninsula Beverly Hills**

The only AAA Five Diamond and Mobil Five-Star hotel in Southern California for 15 consecutive years, The Peninsula Beverly Hills offers 193 elegantly appointed rooms, including 36 suites and 16 private villas, nestled among lush tropical gardens in the heart of Beverly Hills. This iconic luxury hotel is home to the sumptuous Belvedere restaurant, The Living Room, where the legendary Peninsula Afternoon Tea is served daily, The Peninsula Spa and The Roof Garden, a refined resort oasis featuring a swimming pool, private cabanas, outdoor cocktails and dining. The Peninsula Beverly Hills is located at the intersection of Wilshire and South Santa Monica Boulevards, within easy walking distance of Century City and Beverly Hills' legendary Rodeo Drive.

#### **About The Andre River of Life Foundation**

Valerie Sobel founded the public charity Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation in 2000 to provide urgent financial assistance to single parents of catastrophically ill children. The foundation is named for her 19-year-old son Andre who died of an inoperable brain tumor in 1995. In 2008 alone ASRL assisted over 250 families in Los Angeles County. Support is provided within 24 hours – in the form of rent payments to landlords, mortgage payments to mortgagors, utility payments, grocery and gas cards and other household necessities, so that the parent can stay by

the child's side. The mission of the Foundation is: "When compassion can't wait and single parent families are in despair, we assist with urgent expenses so that these caregivers can remain by their child's side during catastrophic illness." The Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation is supported by donations, including a major grant from the Genentech Foundation.  
[www.andreriveroflife.org](http://www.andreriveroflife.org).

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