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BLUE DOG ART ON DISPLAY AT SEAGAR'S FOR MKAF FUND RAISER

Destin's only AAA Four Diamond restaurant offering martini to celebrate September event

DESTIN, Fla. (July 18, 2011) –Seagar's Prime Steaks and Seafood guests now have the opportunity to enjoy artwork by Louisiana artist and creator of the internationally recognized Blue Dog works, George Rodrigue. More than a dozen Blue Dog prints are hanging on the walls of Northwest Florida's first AAA Four Diamond restaurant. The artwork has been displayed in anticipation of "An Evening with George Rodrigue," a fund raiser being presented by the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation and the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts in late September, for which Seagar's will serve as the hosting sponsor.

In celebration of the iconic art, Seagar's general manager and certified sommelier, Kevin Moran, has created a signature Blue Dog martini, available through September. This commemorative drink blends Stolichnaya blueberry vodka, blue Curacao, pineapple and lemon juice.

"We're honored to welcome the art of George Rodrigue to our restaurant and to have the opportunity to serve as the host of an event that will help advance the missions of the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation and of the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts to motivate and engage students through the arts," Moran said. "The Blue Dog martini was created to help celebrate this special occasion and toast to these renowned pieces of artwork."

The Blue Dog martini is now available on the restaurant's cocktail menu for \$14.95. Additionally, Seagar's boasts a wine list of more than 600 wine labels, which has earned *Wine Spectator's* "Best of Award of Excellence" for seven consecutive years.

Since its opening in 1998, Seagar's has distinguished itself for its classic steakhouse offerings, creative seafood presentations with international influences, dramatic tableside preparations and open-theater kitchen, and continues to be extolled by critics as one of the finest dining destinations in the region.

Located on the lower lobby level of the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, Seagar's is open Sunday through Thursday, 6-9 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 6-10 p.m. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 850-622-1500 or online at www.SeagarsDestin.com. Also, keep up with the latest Seagar's news on Facebook: www.Facebook.com/Seagars. To learn more about the Hilton Sandestin Beach, please visit www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com or call 850-267-9500.

To learn more about the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation and about the upcoming joint fundraiser with the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts, please call 850-650-2226 or visit www.MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.

About the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa

The Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, managed by Sandcastle Resorts & Hotels, is located on the sugar-white beaches of Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast in Destin, Fla. – one of TripAdvisor "Top 25 U.S. Destinations" in 2011. Aside from its stunning location, Northwest Florida's largest full-service beachfront resort hotel boasts 598 spacious accommodations, more than 32,000 square feet of award-winning meeting space, a world-class spa and fitness center, five on-site dining venues – including a AAA Four-Diamond restaurant –abundant resort recreation options, access to championship golf courses, and close proximity to the area's best attractions. In spring 2011, it completed a \$6.5 million hotel-wide renovation that includes a new beachside restaurant, expanded beachfront decks, and renovated meeting spaces. For more information on Destin's premier hotel, visit www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com, or stay up-to-date with its latest news and promotions on its Blog, Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.

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