



2016

EVENTS

Saturday, January 9 – Tuesday, January 12

Paired Dinners

An opportunity to enjoy the pairing of craft cocktails with multiple courses offered at some of our favorite restaurants throughout San Antonio. Each participating restaurant will host a single table – tickets are available for a single seat or by purchase of the entire table by special reservation.

Tuesday, January 12

Speed Rack Texas

See Speed Rack website for details on this once a year bartender competition – by women, for women, benefiting women!

Bourbon & BBQ

In the backyard at Two Bros. BBQ, this is a down-home, delicious and absolutely Texan way to celebrate cocktails and good food. The Dady Group offers a bbq dinner with bourbon cocktails, music and fun.

Wednesday, January 13

Women Shaking It Up

7-10pm at Arneson River Theater & La Villita

From City Hall to the Sheriff's office, the kitchen to the bar, and even on the basketball court, San Antonio is a city that boasts women in lots of powerful roles. Join San Antonio Cocktail Conference for the premiere of the mini-documentary, "Women of Tin," and then stick around for the best of the best in food and drink from female chefs and bartenders as we celebrate the power of women in San Antonio.

Thursday, January 14

A Round Table Discussion—The Influence of Sasha Petraske

4:30-6pm at Bohanan's Bar

This round table discussion is dedicated to the influence of our friend and mentor, Sasha Petraske, on cocktails, careers and the San Antonio scene. We're pleased to welcome some of Sasha's friends, colleagues and disciples at the table, including Eric Alperin, Richie Boccato, Chris Bostick, Timothy Bryand, Jordan Corney and Simon Ford; the discussion is moderated by Robert Simonson.

Daiquiri Hour & Toast to Sasha

6-7pm at Bohanan's Bar

Bohanan's and Cana Brava present a daiquiri toast to Sasha Petraske. We can think of no better way to kick off San Antonio Cocktail Conference 2016 than with a toast to our friend. We are reminiscing together and raising a glass to begin this week of craft cocktails that was so dear to Sasha's heart. This will certainly become an annual event. Proceeds from the sale of daiquiris at this event will benefit children's charities through Houston Street Charities.

Scotch Paired Dinner

6:30pm at Biga on the Banks

A beautiful multi-course dinner paired with Glenfiddich scotch throughout the dinner. Special opportunity to spend time with both Chef Bruce Auden and the Glenfiddich national brand ambassador to understand the pairings and the flavors of the evening. This is a very special evening for those who are looking for a more intimate way to experience the craft.

Opening Night at the Majestic Presented by World Car

7-10pm

The curtain goes up on San Antonio Cocktail Conference 2016 at Opening Night at the Majestic, and it's just what an Opening Night should be. The historic Majestic Theatre sets the stage for this decadent party and lavish celebration of craft cocktails. With the lower level seats covered again by flooring, the entire theatre comes alive for this electric theatrical cocktail event. Chefs will accentuate the cocktails with flavorful bites throughout the theatre and live music will bring the vibe to an all-time high.

Friday, January 15

Waldorf on the Prairie

7-10pm at The St. Anthony Hotel

Friday night at San Antonio Cocktail Conference offers a unique blend of timeless glamour and old Texas charm at the beautifully renovated St. Anthony Hotel. In the early 1900s The St. Anthony Hotel was known as the Waldorf on the Prairie, reminiscent of the grande dame of hotels in New York, built right here in San Antonio. Now it's the perfect backdrop for an elevated craft cocktail experience. Cocktail masterpieces meet culinary perfection as you make your way through this newly reborn Texas jewel.

Pop-Up Bar at Studio 109

10pm-12am at the Milam Building

Hosted by Bordel - Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, January 16

Tasting Suites

Noon-4pm at the Valencia Hotel

Wander from room to room at the Valencia Hotel to meet and talk to the people behind the brands. 60+ spirit brands will be poured for tasting – this is the place to find out something new about the spirit brands you’ve known forever, discover a new small batch brand, or understand more about the distilling, bottling and branding of your favorites! One ticket gets you in to see all exhibiting brands.

Friendly Beer Break

2-4pm at The Friendly Spot

San Antonio Cocktail Conference has something for every tippler, including the beer buffs! Swing by The Friendly Spot for samplings and information straight from the brewers and brewery reps. Admission to the Beer Break is FREE to those with a Cocktail Conference credentialed wristband, or tickets may be purchased at the door – as available or for a \$20 donation to Houston Street Charities. Double-decker bus transportation will loop between the front of Bohanan’s and The Friendly Spot between 1:45 and 4pm.

Stroll on Houston Street

7-10pm on Houston Street north and south between Bohanan’s and Luke

The heart of Downtown San Antonio comes to life on Saturday night at San Antonio Cocktail Conference. A ticket to the Stroll provides access to parties at a vast array of venues along Houston Street, including Bohanan’s Restaurant & Bar, the Sheraton Gunter Hotel, IBC Plaza, Luke San Antonio, Hotel Valencia, Sip and even a few pop-up surprises! With craft cocktails and culinary accompaniments, and a variety of music – from dance bands to an 18-piece orchestra—we love Stroll-ing in San Antonio!

Saturday After Hours at SACC2016!

10pm-1am at Scottish Rite Theatre

San Antonio Cocktail Conference After Hours brings the fan-favorite Spazmatics back to the big stage for an unforgettable Saturday night party of fun and debauchery. New wave tunes and 80’s jams will rock the house after hours, along with some favorite cocktails, cold beer and late-night grub! Double-decker bus transportation will loop continually between the front of Bohanan’s and Scottish Rite from 10pm through 1am.

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Hosted by Distilled NY – New York, NY

Sunday, January 17

Hair of the Dog that Bit 'Ya (Or Brunch—The Morning After)

11:30am-2pm on Houston Street

We're closing off Houston Street between Navarro and N. St. Mary's and brunching al fresco, as we brush off the cobwebs and let a boozy beverage cure the post-conference blues. We're enjoying a delicious brunch basket from Market on Houston, with seating at a beautiful white clothed table right down the middle of the street! But it's Cocktail Conference, so we can't forget mimosas, a michelada bar and live music—This is one wake-up call we won't miss!

USBG's Ultimate Bartender Championship in Partnership with Monkey Shoulder

2-6pm at Paper Tiger

The USBG's "Ultimate Bartender Championship," in partnership with Monkey Shoulder threw out the fluffy drink presentations and subjective judging for a fun, no-nonsense shoot-out of bartending skills. Contestants will compete in six rounds that test the real, "skills that pay the bills" of bartending, after which, three finalists will shake and stir against the clock for the regional title. All contestants will have their scores entered into the global leaderboard as we seek out the best of the best. Ten of the highest scorers, plus five wildcards, will earn a trip paid-in-full to the Grand Finals at the 2016 Tales of the Cocktail in New Orleans. Can you earn a spot and compete against the world's leaders? Whether you're competing or supporting, come on down.

SEMINARS

Friday, January 15

11am

Beer Cocktails—Jacob Grier

SA15: 15 Minute Chats about Everything from Distilling to Service—Nico Martini

11:30am

Cocktails in Pop Culture- Try Your Hand at Movie Trivia!—Brian McCullough

Mixology 101: Build Your Own Cocktail—Jonathan Pogash

The Physiology of the Shake—Eric Alperin

White Whiskey Infusions—Mark McDavid

1pm

Congrats, You're a Bar Manager! Now What? – David Alan

Flavors of Mexico Sponsored by Altos Tequila—Amanda Gunderson

1:30pm

Everything I Need to Know About Running a Bar I Learned from Road House—Rick Dobbs

Herbal Remedies—Emily Han

The Art of Blending—Wesley Henderson

3pm

So You Want to be a Brand Ambassador, Huh? The Good, The Bad and the Ugly—Travis Tober

The Business of the Bar—Lynnette Marrero

The Importance of Balance When Building a Cocktail—Angel Cantu

Saturday, January 16

11am

How to Bartend Like a Jedi – Jason Kosmas

It's a Hurricane! – John Russ

The History, Evolution and Future of Iconic Cocktails—Claire Bertin-Lang

The Problem with Blended Scotch Whisky: A Heretical Scotch Whisky Primer – Kerrin Egalka

11:30am

I'll Take Potent Presidential Potables for \$500, Alex – Philip Greene

Madeira Understood – John Garrett and Alba Huerta

Tequila & Xocolatl, A Natural Pairing—Juan Pablo De Loera

Time to Check Out that 'Other' Yack: Armagnac—May Matta-Aliah

Winning From the Pour—Sly Cosmopoulos

12pm

Yoga Remedy—Courtney Munch

1pm

365 Cocktails & 2 Years Later—Jack Preston

And What Can You do for Me—Dushan Zaric

Whiskey Bon Voyage Sails Again—Daniel Barnes and Matt Moody

1:30pm

Cigar Pairing: Cocktails and Otherwise—Greg Mays

Discovering Sotol—Ricardo Rodriguez Pico

Five Cocktails that Changed Irish Whiskey Forever—Time Herlihy and Stephen Halpin

Inside Mezcal Culture: The American Bartender's Perspective—
Houston Eaves, Phil Ward, Misty Kalkofen, Ezra Star and Francisco Terrazas

Why Rye, Why Now?—Dave Pickerell

3pm

Jalapen-Oh-No You Didn't—Jessica Sanders

Omontenashi—Ezra Star

The Cocktails of Ian Fleming & James Bond—Philip Greene and Simon Ford

To # or Not to #, That is the Question—Pamela Wiznitzer