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## **Oregon Convention Center's Stir cocktail lounge to offer 'Happy Hour' Wednesday through Friday weekly**

Beginning this week, the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) expanded the hours of operation of its hip new cocktail lounge, Stir, to offer 'Happy Hour' specials every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Stir opened on November 4, 2009, to rave reviews and healthy sales revenues. Since that time, it has catered to convention center clients and customers mainly. By expanding and establishing regular hours of operation, neighborhood workers and residents can now enjoy a convenient boutique space and the city's largest selection of locally-distilled spirits. Portland beers and Oregon wines are also featured, in addition to small plates crafted with fresh, local ingredients on a menu that evolves as the seasons change.

Stir's signature drink is the Solartini, created in honor of the OCC's soon-to-be constructed solar panel rooftop project, comprised of Portland-based New Deal Distillery's Portland 88 vodka, triple sec, Brandy Peak Blackberry Liqueur and freshly squeezed lemon juice. KOIN-6 TV's feature show, "Keep it Local" will feature Stir's Solartini as its Drink of the Week on February 5.

Located directly within the OCC's main entrance on 777 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Stir is also open during large conventions and trade shows scheduled at the center.



An exterior view of OCC's Stir cocktail lounge. Photo courtesy of the Oregon Convention Center.

About the Oregon Convention Center:

The Oregon Convention Center is the largest convention center in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and a top meeting destination. It leads the industry in sustainable operations and business practices as the first to earn LEED-EB (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Existing Building) in 2004 and, in 2008, recertification as LEED-EB Silver. Totalling one million square feet of space, it hosts an average of 650 events and over 700,000 visitors annually.

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The OCC is joined by the Portland Expo Center and the Portland Center for the Performing Arts in a family of venues managed by the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) on behalf of Metro. Visit [www.oregoncc.org](http://www.oregoncc.org), [www.mercvenues.org](http://www.mercvenues.org) or [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov) for more information.

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