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ARENA STAGE AT THE MEAD CENTER FOR AMERICAN THEATER UPDATES CONCESSIONS AND DINING OPTIONS WITH CATWALK CAFÉ

(Washington, D.C.) Moving into the second season in its expanded campus, Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater has updated the culinary options available to patrons in the venue. The upper lobby-level dining area has become **Catwalk Café**. This casual self-service café, along with its adjoining bar and the main lobby-level concessions, will continue to be operated by Ridgewells Catering, who ran the café launched during the inaugural season in the Mead Center: Next Stage Café by José Andrés.

“We want to thank 2011 James Beard Foundation Award recipient José Andrés and his staff for his vision, insight and creative impact on our successful inaugural season,” shares Arena Stage Managing Director Edgar Dobie. “We are pleased that Ridgewells will continue as our café and concessions operator.”

Catwalk Café features a variety of sensational selections, ranging from quick bites to custom-designed salads, soups and entrées. It offers *dramatic cuisine* featuring flavors inspired by the great American plays currently in production, *inspired views* of the Southwest Waterfront and the Mead Center and features *environmentally friendly* service products. Catwalk Café opens two and a half hours prior to the start of scheduled evening performances and weekend matinees and closes once the show begins. Concessions, which serves lighter fare, opens 30 minutes prior to curtain and remains open one hour after the show.

To view up-to-date menu options for Catwalk Café and the Mead Center concessions, please visit [here](#).

Catwalk Café Menu (through September 9, 2011)*

SALADS

BLT Salad - \$10

Bacon, Chopped Romaine Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Scallion Greens and Croutons Tossed in a Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Classic Caesar Salad - \$10/\$8

With Chicken or Shrimp; Chopped Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese and Croutons

Asian Salad - \$12

With Chicken or Shrimp; Chopped Romaine, Shredded Cabbage, Mixed Field Greens, Wonton Chips, Mint Sweet Corn, Red Bell Peppers and Carrots Tossed in a Fresh Thai Dressing

SOUPS

Tortilla Soup - \$6

Chicken, Cheese, Cilantro, Tomatoes, Corn, Tortillas and Scallion Greens in a Fragrant House-Made Savory Chicken Broth

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Golden Gazpacho - \$5

Cherry Tomato, Jicama, Crispy Noodles and Chive Oil Finished with Micro Greens

PANINIS

Turkey & Cheddar - \$12

Smoked Turkey, Sliced Apple and Sharp Cheddar Cheese Dressed with Delicious Honey Mustard

Red Pepper & Brie - \$10

Roasted Red Peppers and Imported Brie Dressed with Luscious Coriander Pesto

ENTRÉES (with Sides)

Hickory Smoked BBQ Beef Brisket - \$17

Smothered in Delicious Tangy BBQ sauce

Herb Roasted Chicken - \$17

Tender Oven-Roasted Breast of Chicken with Natural Herb Jus

SIDES

Mashed Potatoes - \$4

Cheddar Cheese and Chives

Succotash - \$4

Black-Eyed Peas, Lima Beans, Tomatoes, Sweet Corn and Green Onions

Cornbread - \$2

Classic House-Prepared Cornbread

DESSERT

Pecan Pie - \$4

Strawberry Shortcake with Coconut Whipped Cream and Minted Strawberries - \$5

Blondie - \$3

Double Chocolate Brownie - \$3

Jumbo Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$3

Jumbo Oatmeal Raisin Cookie - \$3

**Menus and prices are subject to change. All prices include tax. Menu will change with first preview of Trouble in Mind.*

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