

Flix Cafe

A party or meal at Los Angeles Center Studios combines all the glamour and glitz of Hollywood, but in Downtown's backyard. The magnificent Tower Building completed in 1958 features classic elements of vintage Modernism such as black terrazzo floors, glass (bulletproof on the top executive floor used for filming) and aluminum walls. The architectural gem has been restored to its original state. All the executive amenities of the time went into this powerhouse; the sleek executive conference room upstairs was featured in the film *In Good Company*.

The low-slung, modern commissary is fit for any studio mogul. Remarkable daytime views of the lush outside garden and city skyline across the way are relaxing by day and stunning by night. Custom design elements and lighting futuristically transform the cafe and intimate outdoor patios into elegant areas for pre-screening cocktail parties and sit-down dinners.

The cafe menu features full breakfast and lunch with daily specials. Freshly prepared grilled and deli sandwiches, a build-your-own salad bar, panini and pizza, homemade soup and guest sushi chefs make for a delightful dining experience. The skillful staff handles every catering need with aplomb, including cast and crews and special events. "Flix at Six" packages include a private reception and entertainment for 175 to 400 guests. A two-hour reception with tempting theme menus and a full open bar in Flix Cafe can be followed by entertainment of your choice in a 400-seat theater.

A reception with imported and domestic cheese served with assorted crackers also features seasonal fresh and dried fruits, fresh and grilled vegetable crudites served with herb dip, grilled pita chips and smoked chipotle hummus and chicken quesadillas with salsa and sour cream. The Italian antipasto display includes a quality Italian meat and cheese selection, grilled vegetables, olives, pepperoncini, marinated mushrooms and artichoke hearts. It is



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served with focaccia, extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar and fresh ground pepper, along with petite turkey garden veggie wraps and petite beef kebobs with dipping sauce. A dessert of seasonal fresh fruit, sponge cake and chocolate fondue rounds out the menu.

The Pacific Rim-themed evening menu is centered on a sushi buffet of California rolls, spicy ahi tuna rolls and vegetarian rolls. In addition there is a tantalizing selection of pan-fried pork potstickers with ginger dipping sauce, vegetable eggrolls with sweet and sour and hot mustard sauce, chicken satay with peanut dipping sauce and hoisin beef skewers.

The Beaudry Building offers a variety of special event areas in addition to Flix Cafe. This site includes two intimate patios with unobstructed skyline views, a 400-seat theater and a private dining area. L.A. Center's state-of-the-art sound stages were home to *Constantine*, *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*, *Domino* and many other feature film and television shows.

The six 18,000-square-foot sound stages have silent air conditioning and high-tech amenities. Sound stages can be reserved for large events and short-term projects. The 20-acre campus also offers a wide variety of enclosed city streets. The past party list reads like a who's who of the business and entertainment world: Sony PlayStation, General Motors, *Maxim*, AOL/Time Warner, Warner Music Group, NBA All-Star Party, Activision and Magic Johnson's Mid Summer Night's Magic. Events have ranged from dinners for 100 guests to extravaganzas for 7,000 at this unique facility, where the gorgeous, 16-foot rotating door to the cafe alone is worth the visit. Guests are sure to remember their experience at Los Angeles Center Studios, whether it takes place on a sound stage or on the dramatic outdoor decks.

Flix Cafe is at the Los Angeles Center Studios, 1201 W. Fifth St. Call (213) 534-3000 or visit lacenterstudios.com.

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