

NIGHT + DAY

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DECEMBER

Weekly
Entertainment
Guide

NIGHT: SHEILA
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BRIGHT LIGHTS

San Diego Bay boat parade
turns on the holiday cheer



CRITIC'S CHOICE James Hebert, U-T San Diego

Dr. Seuss'
**How The GRINCH
STOLE CHRISTMAS!**
17th
Smash
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Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Book and Lyrics by Timothy Mason

Music by Mel Marvin

Directed by James Vásquez

Original Production Conceived and Directed by Jack O'Brien

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DINING



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The colorful Puesto at The Headquarters, designed by Thomas Schoos. ALEJANDRO TAMAYO • U-T



TIP
OF THE WEEK

A TWO-MONTH, \$1.5 MILLION RENOVATION AT JSIX MADE USE OF STONE, SUBWAY TILE AND BRICKS TO LOOSEN THE STUFFY CORPORATE TIE THAT WAS STIFLING THIS RESPECTED SPOT AT THE HOTEL SOLAMAR. 616 J ST., EAST VILLAGE. (619) 531-8744 OR JSIXRESTAURANT.COM

STYLISH ENTRANCES

THE BEST-LOOKING RESTAURANT DINING ROOMS WE VISITED IN 2014

They're chic, they're fashionable, they're trendy. They're restaurant dining rooms.

High design was served up in 2014 as new places with fabulous spaces opened, including the U-T's Restaurant of the Year, Juniper & Ivy. And while dazzling décor will never replace inspired cooking, restaurants are investing big bucks to lure customers in and provide a dining experience that goes beyond what's on the plate.

Here are some of the most stylish entrances of the year.

Puesto at The Headquarters

What happens when star designer Thomas Schoos is turned loose in an old jail? He unleashes a

riot of color and texture, transforming a taqueria into a hip and sexy multilevel party room. 780 W. Harbor Drive, downtown. (619) 233-8880 or eatpuesto.com

Bottega Americano

Another Schoos success story: The L.A.-based designer divvied up the 8,000-square-foot restaurant marketplace into distinct intimate areas that still allow you take in the big-city bustle of the overall space. 195 Island Ave., East Village. (619) 255-7800 or bottegaamericano.com

Ironside Fish & Oyster

Part cruise ship, part Steampunk whistle-stop, and all designer Paul Basile, Ironside's \$1.8 million industrial interior is its most striking feature. Upping the

cool factor is the wall of piranha heads and Basile's signature fold-up doors. 1654 India St., Little Italy. (619) 269-3033 or ironsidefishandoyster.com

The Patio on Goldfinch

Earth tones and two living green walls — on the front patio and in the back dining room — give this Lahaina Architects-designed restaurant a seamless indoor/outdoor feel. The soaring cheese cave in the middle is unlike anything else in San Diego. 4020 Goldfinch St., Mission Hills. (619) 501-5090 or thepatioongoldfinch.com

Sea 180° Coastal Tavern

How do you compete with panoramic 180-degree Pacific Ocean views? You don't. Cohn Restau-

rant Group design guru Philippe Beltran smartly complements the sea with warm woods, pale blues and sea-foam tones. The result is simple, understated elegance. At the Pier South Resort, 800 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach. (619) 631-4949 or cohnrestaurants.com/sea180

Savoie French-Italian Eatery

Eclectic, playful and sophisticated, Savoie defies any mall-location expectations. Like its sister restaurants in Chula Vista, La Tequila and Enamorada, Savoie was designed by owner David Contreras-Curiel, the youngest of the six Contreras-Curiel kids born to Karina's Group founders Arnulfo Contreras and Maria Ines Curiel. 2015 Birch Road, Chula Vista. (619) 591-5757 or savoieeatery.com