

Classé Catering taking over 11 North Pearl for events

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Classé Catering of Colonie has **signed a two-year lease** to make the first two floors of 11 North Pearl St. in Albany into a location for private catered events. The gorgeous lobby, with 40-foot columns stretching up to the elaborate ceiling, will be the main catering venue, able to host 200 for dinner or 400 for cocktail parties, while the second floor will have board rooms and ancillary spaces. According to The Business Review, Classé won't pay rent but will use the space in exchange for a percentage of the event revenue. Because the facility lacks a real kitchen, cooking will be done at the caterer's Colonie headquarters.

It's a spectacular space. Congrats to Brian Palazzolo and the rest of the Classé crew for finally making something happen after years of others talking about what to do with a lobby that hadn't been used in two decades (except for occasional events like a legendary art show a few years back).



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1. That's a beautiful space!

Comment by wineguy57 — April 14th, 2009 @ 1:49 pm

2. Gorgeous!

Comment by kerosena — April 14th, 2009 @ 2:37 pm

3. Breathtaking!

Comment by In The Biz — April 14th, 2009 @ 3:00 pm

4. Wow – can you imagine a wedding there??? It would be incredible!!

Comment by CC — April 14th, 2009 @ 3:19 pm

5. Classe is hands down one of the best caters in town. I am so glad that they are going to rock this venue....to bad I already got hitched.

I use them any chance I get for work and they did an amazing job for a friends wedding.

Comment by K8 — April 14th, 2009 @ 5:21 pm

6. Wow...One of Albany's best kept secrets finally exposed. I wish Classe Catering the best of luck to make it work!

Comment by Blue — April 14th, 2009 @ 7:01 pm

7. Very nice shot. As an amateur photographer, I'd love to sneak in with my camera...

Comment by -S — April 15th, 2009 @ 2:29 pm

8. Agreed – amazing looking venue, and Classe is fantastic. I loved them so much after they did my wedding, that I now use them for work functions every time I can!

Comment by [Name] — April 15th, 2009 @ 2:29 pm