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## **“Dining Out: Livingston Restaurant And The Fox Make The Perfect Couple”**

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If you want to spend a cherished evening in Atlanta that would include some of the finest cuisine in the city coupled with a world-renowned stage production at the Fabulous Fox Theatre, I strongly recommend ordering



tickets and making a reservation for two at the Livingston Restaurant + Bar directly across the street.

When the date is set, you are already ahead of the game with the complementary three hours of parking Livingston (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308-1928; 404.897.5000) provides in the secure garage adjacent to its gorgeous Georgian Terrace Hotel locality. Entering its jaw-dropping décor—a perfect fusion of classic architecture, forty-foot ceilings, chandeliers, stone columns and contemporary furnishing—I eventually had the pleasure of indulging in one of the best meals I have had in a long time.

The man responsible for that is Executive Chef Zeb Stevenson, an eccentric culinary expert who happily

expresses his individuality in his award-winning American fare that excels in presentation, quality and flavor.

Joined by my mother and two tickets to The Fox’s production of *West Side Story*, I had to embrace the theme and explore Livingston’s “Theatre Menu” which gives patrons the option of two, three or four-course meals at the rate of \$38, \$45 and \$55 per person respectively. Couples appeared to have the same idea because virtually every table was taken, excited conversations filled the air and silverware continuously rang tones on the tableware throughout the spacious dining area.

Choices for each course were remarkably plentiful, yet nothing short of the gourmet standard. I selected the outstanding Maryland Style Crab Cakes with gaufrette potato and vegetable relish for an appetizer; the creamy Kabocha Squash Soup topped with coconut and winter spice oil as my starter; the absolutely flawless Pan Roasted Salmon with grilled shiitake mushrooms, braised leeks and lemon thyme butter for the entrée; and the silky Gingerbread Cake—a pumpkin cheesecake flavored with pecans and Guinness Stout (yes!)—for dessert. (Be sure to enjoy the variety of warm, soft breads they serve on the side throughout the meal as well.)



My mother raved about her 5-oz. Grilled Filet Mignon served with creamed spinach and brown butter vinaigrette, and Milk and Honey grand finale—raspberries, tapioca pudding crowned with an almond cookie—and the attentive service from a smiling server named Kat made the dining portion of the evening a faultless dining occasion. Refreshing the palate with my beer of choice, the Maredsous Brune 8 Ale out of Belgium, I was so content that I almost forgot about the classic clash between the Sharks and Jets that was glowing through Livingston's colossal floor-to-ceiling windows directly across one of Atlanta's main arteries, Peachtree Street. If there was more time, a second bottle of Belgian goodness in the adjacent, equally lavish Livingston Lounge would have been a great idea (visit [www.alesharpton.com](http://www.alesharpton.com) for more beer coverage).

Simple put, this is an evening you can't miss: enjoying two of the greatest attractions Georgia's capital has to offer without breaking the bank. Take a special someone, impress and provide the perfect unwinding to one of your demanding days.

There is also a Brunch A La Carte Menu, Lunch Menu, Passed Hors D'Oeuvre Menu, Reception Stations and House-Made Cupcakes available as well, so you can make Livingston your eatery of choice anytime. I surely will.

*Livingston Restaurant and Bar is located across from The Fox Theatre in the Georgian Terrace Hotel at 659 Peachtree St. NE. The restaurant serves lunch Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner Sunday to Thursday 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 5 to 11 p.m.; breakfast daily 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; and Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Three hours of complimentary valet parking is available for restaurant guests. For reservations, please call 404.897.1991 or visit [www.livingstonatlanta.com](http://www.livingstonatlanta.com). For more **Fox Theatre** information including tickets, show times, and coming attractions, visit [www.foxtheatre.org](http://www.foxtheatre.org).*