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Center Street Bar & Cafe Culinary Theatre
Brandon, Vermont



Chef Robert and Line Barral have taken their very successful Café Provence Restaurant to a new level – “Street Level”. The existing second story restaurant has been expanded to include two street level spaces - The Center Street Bar (previously a Chinese restaurant) and the Café Culinary Theater (previously a bridal shop).

The project design was driven by the wall, floor and ceiling finishes, as Chef Robert and Line wanted a comfortable, yet high-end product. The deep merlot, coffered ceiling tiles add a touch of old; rich maize and deep green and yellow venetian plaster paint finishes highlight the walls; and rougher head pine details create the feeling that the spaces have always been



there. The bar area is highlighted with a custom fabricated (by Naylor & Breen's own Hawk Hill Cabinetry & Custom Woodwork) common cherry horseshoe bar top. Its sleek finish juxtaposed with the rustic pine wall below, custom iron brackets and foot rail are mutually complementary.

The Culinary Theater's main attraction is the handmade cabinets, shelves, and tops that surround a Tuscan fireplace. Hawk Hill also crafted these custom pieces.

Many local businesses contributed generously to the creative interior

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finishes. Two church pews, discovered at Branford House Antiques in Pittsford, were cut to craft a unique corner booth in the bar area. The ends of the pews (with ornate details and the row numbers still attached) were creatively used as wall art in the culinary theatre, (seen above to the right in the theater) and the bible holder racks from the back of the pews were utilized as a place to hang kitchen utensils (see above). All the Vermont-made light fixtures were generously donated by Hubbardton Forge, (www.hubbardtonforge.com) and the appliances were discounted to Café from Best Appliance in Rutland. Vermont Kitchen Supply in Manchester, VT, donated all the kitchen supplies for the Culinary Theatre.

"From the beginning to the end we feel that Naylor & Breen has given us the full attention that we were expecting and more. All of our requests and expectations have been met within the budget boundaries agreed upon ahead of time. They were very patient and understanding with the complex bureaucracy and delays for the funding of the project. The craftsmanship, the attention to details, the overall attitude of the people involved from the management to the workers has been outstanding. The highest standard of work was performed never forgetting the ultimate dateline for completion. This was very important to us due to the fact that we already had an event booked in the private dining room for August 5th. We are now getting a lot of compliments from our customers on how beautiful everything looks. We are thrilled about the positive response and first impression people have when they enter the building. For us as clients, it has been a very good professional experience, free of stress, always reassured that budgetary projections and timeline needs would be respected. This is a good feeling to have when you have to rely on others. If I had to redo the project again, I would not change a thing and I will recommend Naylor & Breen to anyone who would like a serious team of builders, who will work hard for their customer, will stay focused and dedicated to their craft done in a professional and talented manner. All our expectations have been met, it is now our job to take this beautiful new location and make it the success that we have dreamed it to be!"

-Robert Barral, Chef/Owner
Cafe Provence