

## **THE WALDORF ASTORIA ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF HOTEL HISTORY DVD**

NEW YORK, April 13, 2009 – The renowned Waldorf Astoria recently announced the sale of its namesake history documentary entitled “The Waldorf Astoria – Host to the World,” now available for purchase on Amazon.com. This film explores the past and present of the New York City landmark, illustrating how the hotel has become one of the city’s most beloved and utilized institutions. Available for shipping or download, “The Waldorf Astoria – Host to the World,” is approximately one-hour long and costs \$20. To purchase a copy of the DVD, please visit Amazon.com or [www.waldorfnewyork.com/hosttotheworld](http://www.waldorfnewyork.com/hosttotheworld).

During the film, top hotel insiders share the legacy behind “the unofficial palace of New York,” from its star-studded opening in 1893 to its glorious present. As one of the first "grand hotels", the Waldorf Astoria is synonymous with the elegance and grandeur of the best of New York City. For over a century, the Waldorf Astoria was possibly the world's most celebrated and renowned hotel. In the film, viewers will discover how the Waldorf Astoria shaped the social fabric of the nation and engineered many innovations still appreciated today, including being the first hotel to offer complete electricity and private bathrooms. Through the use of historic photography, eye-catching video footage and exclusive interviews, those watching will receive a true behind-the-scenes look at the Art Deco treasure.

For more information on the Waldorf Astoria or for reservations, please call 212-355-3000 or visit [www.waldorf.com](http://www.waldorf.com).

### ***About The Waldorf Astoria:***

The Waldorf Astoria, an official New York City landmark since 1993, has been an internationally recognized symbol of elegance and grace for more than 100 years. As such the Art Deco masterpiece, occupying an entire city block of midtown Manhattan, is at the epicenter of the city’s cultural, commercial, social and political life. A grand hotel in the grandest of traditions, with cosmopolitan restaurants, bustling lounges and bars, more than 60,000 square feet of high-tech equipped function space, state-of-the-art business center and intriguing boutiques, The Waldorf is a microcosm of the city it has served so well for so long. A 14,000 square-foot Guerlain Spa recently opened at the hotel. The Waldorf Astoria is a member of The Waldorf Astoria Collection™, Hilton Hotels Corporation. Call 1-800-WALDORF or visit [www.waldorf.com](http://www.waldorf.com) for more information.

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