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ESCAPE TO "TUT'S OASIS"
EGYPTIAN -THEMED FINE DINING & COCKTAILS
FIT FOR A KING!

Philadelphia, February 8, 2007-- Visitors to "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" will be able to wine and dine in the finest middle-eastern fashion at The Franklin Institute's newest addition, "**Tut's Oasis.**" Opening on Wednesday, February 14th, "Tut's Oasis" will offer everything from specialty 'Tut' cocktails to a three-course Egyptian-themed meal. A collaboration with well known area restaurateur, **Steve Poses**, all dishes will be prepared by **Frog Commissary Catering**, the exclusive evening caterer of The Franklin Institute.

The 100-seat restaurant is located on the second floor of The Franklin Institute, and will offer a selection of popular Egyptian-themed and middle eastern dishes. Guests can choose from an assortment of meze-or first plates, such as Stuffed Grape Leaves and Baba Ganoush. Main course dishes include Braised Chicken with Pistachios and Apricots, Salmon with Golden Raisins and Roasted Tomatoes, Braised Lamb with Fava Beans, and Shrimp Tijan with Saffron Cream and Cilantro. Afterwards, it will be difficult to say "no" to such specialty desserts as Cinnamon Almond Cheesecake and Pharaoh's Golden Pyramid Chocolate Cake topped with real gold.

Ensclosed beneath a royal blue and golden 'tent' with burgundy accents, dining in "Tut's Oasis" is sure to make all visitors feel like royalty. Open throughout the run of the exhibition (February 3rd through September 30th), Tut's Oasis does not accept reservations. It is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM, and closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Founded in honor of America's first scientist, Benjamin Franklin, The Franklin Institute opens its doors to over 1 million visitors each year. Today, the Institute continues its dedication to public education and creating a passion for science by offering new and exciting access to science and technology in ways that would dazzle and delight its namesake. The popular exhibit, "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" is on view from February 3rd 2007 through September 30th, 2007. For more information, visit www.fi.edu or call 215-448-1200.