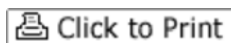




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Skirvin Hilton Ready For The Holidays

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Oklahoma City -- The Skirvin Hilton has been a staple of downtown Oklahoma City for nearly a century. The hotel has been closed for the last 19 years, so this holiday season the Skirvin Hilton is giving everyone something to look at. Decorations started going up last week. KSBI-TV's Kealey McIntire tells us how the hotel was transformed.

You're surrounded by the holidays from the moment you enter the Skirvin Hilton. Lights, wreaths, countless bulbs and ribbons and trees are almost everywhere you look.

Rebecca Thai, Owner of Little Surprises Design, is the mastermind behind much of the decorations.

"It was an amazing moment for me, I mean, just to be a part of this hotel in general," says Thai.

The hotel features ten trees and more than 40 wreaths and every room has a theme.

The planning for this year's holiday decorations started in June 2006. Several meetings were held discussing things like ornaments, decor and colors.

"There's a lot of rich colors as you can see," says Thai, "and we wanted to keep the colors kind of light, on a lighter scale, just accenting with those colors to really make everything pop."

Hundreds of hours went into planning and picking out each piece, but you won't find a single poinsettia in the hotel.

"Everybody recognizes that as the flower of the holidays, but I wanted something unique for the hotel," explains Thai.

The Skirvin Hilton was closed for 19 years, translating into 19 years of holiday traditions that don't exist. John Williams, Skirvin Hilton General Manager, says they wanted everything to be perfect this year in hopes that families would start creating new traditions at the hotel.

"It's about bringing the family down, it's about connecting to this hotel as part of the social center of the city as their parents and grandparents and great-grandparents did all the way back in 1911 when the hotel was built," says Williams.

Thai says it was quite an undertaking and she hopes they did the hotel justice.

"We just want to make sure that everything that's put in here stands out and everybody can come back and say hey, we had a great time and the decorations were wow! So we just want to make sure we did justice to the hotel," says Thai.

Several holiday events are taking place at the Skirvin Hilton, including afternoon tea and breakfast with Santa. You can call the hotel at 405-272-3040 and ask for the holiday hot line for information.

