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The Space Needle Invites Guests to be Among the First to “Float” Over the Seattle Skyline on its New Glass Benches called Skyrisers

The Landmark’s Newest Feature Offers a Stunning Experience That Will Allow Guests to Take the Ultimate Seattle Selfie

SEATTLE – Another signature feature of the Space Needle’s \$100 million renovation is making its public debut. On Thursday, May 24, the tower will unveil 10 newly installed glass benches called Skyrisers, and will invite guests to sit back and take what is bound to be the ultimate Seattle selfie. Affixed to the new 11-foot high glass walls along the open-air Observation Level, each Skyriser inclines over the outermost part of the Space Needle, allowing visitors to lean back and experience the intense feeling of floating over the Seattle skyline 520 feet above ground.

The observation level’s original pony wall and caging have been completely replaced with 48 glass walls and will eventually include a total of 24 Skyrisers. Fourteen additional Skyrisers will be made available to the public as soon as they surpass the 28 day period required for the installation adhesive to cure.

The Space Needle’s Century Project is focused on preservation and renovation all while expanding and improving the Space Needle’s iconic views and guest experience. The 520 foot Observation Level has been open throughout this historic renovation. Crews have already started removing the temporary work platform which should be completed in the next few weeks. For Memorial Day weekend, 10 of the 24 new Skyrisers – the slanted glass benches attached to the outer edge of the open-air observation deck – will be open to the public and about 80% of the upper observation level and open-air observation deck will be complete. The full two-level experience including the world’s first rotating glass floor will be revealed by the Fourth of July weekend.

WHAT:

Be one of the first to sit on one of the Skyrisers and capture the initial reactions from visitors on the 520 foot Observation Level as they enjoy this “first-in-glass” experience.

WHEN: Media is invited to arrive prior to opening (as early as 5:30am) and broadcast live hits of their reporters on the Skyrisers before the public's arrival. Please contact Dave Mandapat at (206) 605-8637 if you have specific arrival time and interview requests. All other media is encouraged to arrive by 8:30am as the upper Observation Level will open to the public at 9am.

WHERE: Space Needle, 400 Broad St. Seattle, WA 98109

NOTE: All media must wear ankle-high hiking/work boots. The Space Needle will provide hard hats, vests and goggles.

RSVP: Please reserve your place by contacting Dave Mandapat at 206-605-8637 or davem@spaceneedle.com.

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