New Restaurant's Design is Inspired by the Exotic Flavors of Kashmir.



Venice, CA (October 2004) – RipBang Studios is pleased to announce the opening of Tamarind restaurant, at the Spectrum Towne Center in Chino, California.

When the Ali family of Chino Hills wanted to create a contemporary restaurant featuring the "sub-continental cuisine" of Kashmir, a lush valley bordering Pakistan and India, they chose RipBang Studios to bring their vision to life. The result is a stylish and inviting new restaurant, designed to accentuate the unique ingredients featured in Tamarind's authentic Kashmiri dishes.



Tamarind's design incorporates rich woodwork, fabrics, colors and textures to create a variety of experiences that simultaneously unite and expand the space. Banquette seating under a lowered ceiling creates an intimate dining experience, while casual bar seating surrounds the clay tandoor ovens, where Chef Shabaz Ghouri reinterprets Kashmiri recipes with a creative flair.

RipBang's innovative design and Ghouri's menu promise to position Tamarind among the highest quality dining experiences in the area.

"Our goal was to create an engaging atmosphere that was at once contemporary and stylish, but was also as rooted in tradition as the food itself," noted Bob Bangham, RipBang's Creative Director.

"The tight space also presented quite a challenge, but like many Manhattan restaurants, we saw it as an opportunity to develop a decidedly unique personality," concluded Bangham, who has designed several hip New York night spots as a Senior Associate for famed restaurant designer David Rockwell in New York.



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"From the interiors, to the design of the logo and menus, RipBang has done a wonderful job creating a warm and welcoming setting that compliments the quality and flavors of our food," raves Tamarind's Owner, Tia Ali.



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RipBang Studios, based in Venice, California, is a focused multi-disciplinary design firm made up of experienced professionals. RipBang specializes in the design, implementation and graphic communication of memorable entertainment destinations including restaurants, hotels, theatres, retail stores, branded environments, museums and sports venues. With wit and humor, RipBang's designs aim to translate client goals and objectives into a well-choreographed experience.

RipBang's current projects include The PBS Kids Backyard and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's ON TOUR Museum, a 24,000 square foot museum scheduled to open in Phoenix this spring.

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