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## The Finnish Bistro Reopens with Renewed Spirit Following Recent Fire

[St. Paul, Minnesota] – The Finnish Bistro, nestled in the heart of the St. Anthony neighborhood of St. Paul, is thrilled to announce its return after a temporary closure due to an unfortunate fire incident on April 19th. Despite the challenges faced, the team at the Finnish Bistro has worked tirelessly to restore the beloved establishment to its former charm, and they are excited to welcome back their cherished patrons.

The fire, which occurred on Friday - April 19, 2024, caused damage to the kitchen of the cafe. However, thanks to the prompt response of the local fire department and the dedicated efforts of the Bistro's staff, the damage was contained, and there were no reported injuries.

"We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support and well-wishes we have received from the community following the fire," said Sandra Weise, owner of the Finnish Bistro. "It has been a challenging time for us, but we are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our customers, neighbors, and friends. Their support has been a source of strength as we worked tirelessly to reopen our doors."

The Finnish Bistro will reopen on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with regular hours 6:30am – 8:30pm. With a fresh outlook and renewed determination, the Bistro is ready to once again serve its signature Finnish-inspired cuisine and restart its full line of music programs and social activities.

"We are excited to welcome everyone back to the Bistro," added Sandra Weise, owner. "Our team has poured their hearts into restoring the cafe, and we're excited to take our place back in the community."

As Finnish Bistro prepares to reopen, the safety and well-being of customers and staff remain a top priority. Stringent health and safety measures have been implemented to ensure a safe dining experience for all.

The Finnish Bistro invites the community to join them in celebrating their reopening on Friday, April 26th. Whether it's for a comforting cup of coffee, a hearty meal, or simply to reconnect with friends and neighbors, the cafe looks forward to serving as a gathering place for all to enjoy.

## Supporting Fundraiser for Fire Damage Recovery:

Join us on May 4th from 2pm to 4pm as the Finnish Bistro hosts a fundraiser to support staff and independent musicians affected by the recent fire. As an independently owned small business, the Bistro faces financial strain due to the closure caused by the kitchen fire. While insured, the owner is dedicated to reimbursing staff and musicians for lost income from canceled bookings. Your donation to the GoFundMe will assist in covering costs not included in insurance coverage and will also provide support to local artists.

To make a donation and show your appreciation for the Finnish Bistro's contribution to the community, **please visit the GoFundMe page:** <u>Help Fire Damage Recovery by Finnish</u> <u>Bistro</u>

For more information please visit <u>finnishbistro.com</u> or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you for your generosity in aiding the Bistro's restoration and supporting its staff and community musicians.

## About the Finnish Bistro:

The Finnish Bistro is a cozy gathering place set in the charming St. Anthony Park neighborhood of St. Paul. Whether inside or on the patio set for 70, you get the old world feeling of simpler times. We specialize in authentic cuisine from Finland. Don't be surprised, though, when the menu features a culinary trip outside the boundaries of Finland or even Europe! There is something for everyone!

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