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# THE DORCHESTER'S VESPER BAR PARTNERS WITH TEQUILA ENEMIGO AND HANDSHAKE SPEAKEASY, MEXICO CITY, FOR DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



**London, September 6, 2024** – The Dorchester's Vesper Bar is partnering with Handshake Speakeasy in Mexico for an exclusive one night only Día de los Muertos event. The evening will see the two talented bar teams come together to create a memorable evening of delicious cocktails and celebration, taking place on Friday November 1, 2024. Vesper Bar's bar manager Lucia Montanelli will join forces with the Handshake Speakeasy team for the night, in partnership with Tequila Enemigo.

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a joyous Mexican holiday celebrating the deceased and remembering their lives, for the one day a year the heavens are said to be open. For the special occasion, Handshake Speakeasy's top bartenders, Brandon and Miguel, will travel from Mexico City to join the team at Vesper Bar. The Mexican-themed event will be open to the public, allowing guests to experience the fusion of some of the world's best bar teams.

True to name, Handshake Speakeasy's confidential location is difficult to find, but those who discover the Mexico City lounge are rewarded with a stellar cocktail experience. Hidden in the hip Colonia Juarez neighbourhood, bar director Eric van Beek delights in employing molecular mixology to create a liquid dialectic. Van Beek's synthesis is a drink list that appears classic to the eye, but reveals unexpected, layered flavours to the palate. The innovative approach to mixology resulted in Handshake Speakeasy being announced as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Bar in the World's 50 Best list in 2023.

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On the night, a selection of handcrafted cocktails inspired by Handshake Speakeasy and Tequila Enemigo, will be served alongside a menu of dishes influenced by Mexican flavours. These unique cocktails are to be sipped in the gilded setting of The Dorchester's Vesper Bar, designed by legendary designer Martin Brudnizki, featuring soft velvet interiors and a Palladium leaf ceiling. Alongside the bar team, there will be a Mariachi band and DJ on hand to bring the evening of Día de los Muertos into the night.

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