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Stage Deli of New York at the Forum Shops Closing after Sunday, June 29

Las Vegas, NV, June 26, 2008 – ARK Restaurants announced today the closing of their popular Stage Deli of New York restaurant, located in the Forum Shops. The final day of business is scheduled for June 29, 2008.

New York City's Stage Deli -- a legendary hangout for comedians, athletes, and politicians -- has been slapping pastrami on rye for more than half a century. Its Las Vegas branch opened in September of 2002 and retained the Stage's brightly lit Big Apple essence. In keeping with the New York location, the focal point is a huge menu of 5-inch high sandwiches inspired by celebrities of stage and screen. Walls are hung with Broadway theater posters, bowls of pickles grace the white Formica tables, and, in the New York tradition, they have enjoyed a loyal following of enthusiastic customers.

“We have had a terrific run here at the Forum Shops, but the option for renewal of the lease was too expensive for us to remain profitable,” said General Manager Gary Bogel. All of the employees of the Stage Deli have been reassigned to other outlets in the ARK Restaurants family. “It was very important to me that none of my team, many who have been with Stage Deli since the doors opened, was left without a job.”, Bogel continued, “We look forward to finding a new location for this well-loved restaurant, hopefully not too far in the future.”

The final day of business for the Stage Deli is scheduled for this Sunday, June 29th at 5pm.

ARK Las Vegas operates three restaurants within the New York-New York Hotel & Casino; America 24-hour Restaurant, Gallagher's Steakhouse and Gonzalez Y Gonzalez Mexican Restaurant, as well as the Village Streets outlets including, Broadway Burger, Times Square To Go, Greenwich Coffee, Fulton's Fish Fry, Greenberg's Deli, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Bamboo Express, Jody Maroni's and Sirrico's Pizza and the hotel's room service, banquet facilities and employee dining room. At the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino, they own and operate Yolos Mexican Grill and at The Venetian Resort, Hotel and Casino, V Bar, Rialto Deli, Towers Deli and Shake N Burger.

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