

SALISH LODGE & SPA HIRES MELANIE SILVER AS SPA DIRECTOR

SEATTLE – (March 2, 2009) – Salish Lodge & Spa has hired Melanie Silver as spa director. In her new position, Silver will oversee all aspects of the award-winning Spa at Salish Lodge, a Zen-like retreat nestled in the Cascade Mountains.

Prior to joining Salish Lodge & Spa, Silver worked for The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas, USVI for seven years, serving as spa manager for the first three years and spa director for the last four. While with The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, Silver was responsible for directing and overseeing all aspects of the spa, retail and fitness programs, while maintaining the highest service standards and quality.

“We are very fortunate that Melanie has left the white sand beaches of St. Thomas to work with us at Salish Lodge & Spa,” said Lenny Zilz, general manager for Salish Lodge & Spa. “Melanie’s creativity, enthusiasm, knowledge of the industry and commitment to the highest standards of service and quality is directly in line with our mission here at The Lodge.”

Prior to her work with The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, Silver owned and operated Melanie’s Salon and Day Spa in Harrisburg, Pa. for six years. Before that, Silver operated and maintained Brenda Bettingers salon in Williamstown, Pa. Silver graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College, where she specialized in culinary arts and business, and Empire Beauty School, where she received her license in cosmetology, esthetics and massage therapy. A native of Pennsylvania, Silver now lives in Seattle, Wash. During her time with The Ritz-Carlton, Silver received several awards from The Ritz-Carlton including “Employee of the Year” and “Leader of the Year.”

About Salish Lodge & Spa

Consistently ranked among the best small resorts in the world, the AAA Four Diamond Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. Each of its 89 guest rooms has a bedside wood-burning fireplace, two-person whirlpool tub, goose-down comforter, feather bed and balcony or window seat. The resort offers a variety of recreational activities, treatments at the award-winning Spa, Chef Justin Sledge’s seasonal cuisine, an award-winning wine list and personalized service. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle, within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and three hours from Vancouver, B.C. and Portland, Oregon. For more information or reservations, please call 800-2-SALISH or visit salishlodge.com.

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