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# Oscar Wilde Fun Facts

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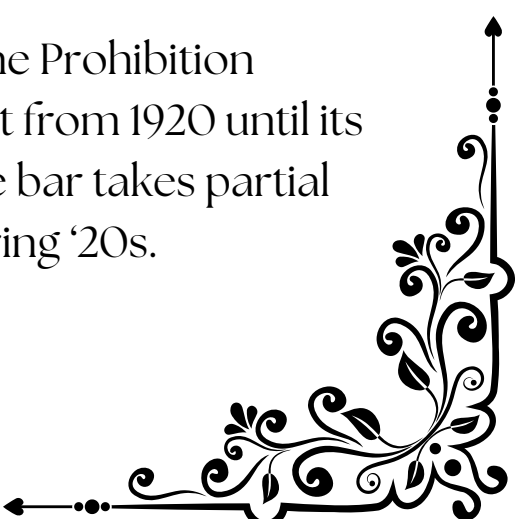
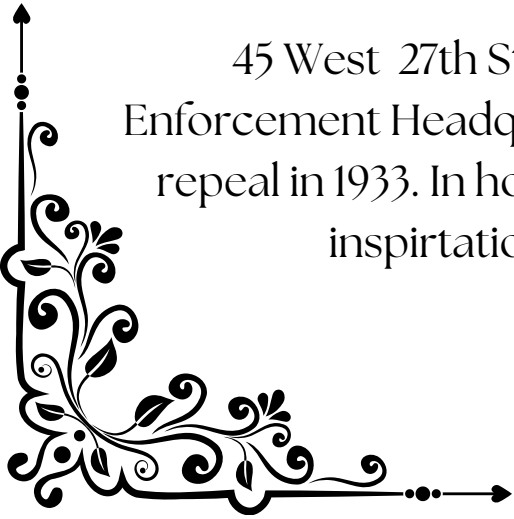
Driven by the spirit of Irish playwright, our restaurant & bar pays homage to his exceptional story. Oscar Wilde turns the Victorian era on its head - without relinquishing any of its glamour. Just like Wilde (1854-1900) himself, we believe life should be lived to its fullest, with a touch of sophisticated debauchery. Why miss out on the fun? We're here to help you celebrate with Wilde Abandon. Sit back and relax, extravagance is always in season.



*a public place for private affairs*

## OUR BUILDING

Oscar Wilde, the renowned intellectual and aesthete, once said "I can resist everything but temptation." As is only fitting to the legendary playwright, this bar commemorates the sprightly spirit of the playwright who won the world over with his prose, quick tongue, and liberal love of libation.



45 West 27th Street had once been home to the Prohibition Enforcement Headquarters, serving as a federal unit from 1920 until its repeal in 1933. In honor of the building's history the bar takes partial inspiration from the glamour of the roaring '20s.



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Oscar Wilde was a firebrand for the modern aesthete. Collector, poet, and pervasive intellectual, Wilde offered a contemporary dialogue within the Victorian era. Born to Anglo-Irish intellectuals, Wilde soon proved himself to be an outstanding classicist at University, spearheading the movement later known as aestheticism. He established himself with fashionable and intellectual circles, winning rank throughout the London scene through his biting wit, flamboyant dress, and controversial talent.

One of the most successful playwrights of late Victorian London whose work remains canonical today, Wilde often incorporated themes of decadence, duplicity and beauty within his works. This was likewise seen in his one and only novel, the *Picture of Dorian Gray*, first published in 1890.

Tragically, Wilde's success was unable to spare him from persecution for his sexuality. Criminally convicted for his relationship with Lord Alfred Douglas, deemed a gross indecency by Victorian Law, Wilde was jailed, leading him to eventually flee his home for Paris, where he died a pauper.

Wilde's legacy lives on through the inexorable virtue of his talent and philosophy. In a celebration of love - as well as Wilde's progressive life and ideals - his homeland of Ireland became the first nation in the world to legalize gay marriage by popular vote. During a time in which established aesthetic and moral conventions were aplenty.

Oscar Wilde challenged the concept of acceptance and carved a place for himself among literary and LGBTQ history.

*Let the Victorian era reign*

