

EVENTS AT

THE RAINES LAW ROOM

48 West 17th Street New York



CELEBRATE YOUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENT AT THE RAINES LAW ROOM

Since The Raines Law Room on 17th street opened in 2009, it has become an institution in the New York City speakeasy scene. The authenticity, secrecy and mouth watering cocktails have made The Raines Law Room a destination parlor in The Flatiron District. Upon ringing the doorbell and entering our parlor, guests escape the bustling New York City streets and are transported to another era of decadence and tranquility.

The Parlor is designed with care and attention to detail by **DELPHINE MAUROIT**. The cocktail menu created by **MEAGHAN DORMAN** combine both pre-prohibition gems and modern classics.

We look forward to hosting you and your guests, cocktails in hand.

Yours Sincerely,
The Raines Law Room Team



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HISTORY



J. Raines

THE RAINES LAW WAS PASSED ON MARCH 23, 1896, BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE. IT WAS NOMINALLY A LIQUOR TAX, BUT ITS INTENTION WAS TO CURB THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY IMPOSING REGULATIONS.

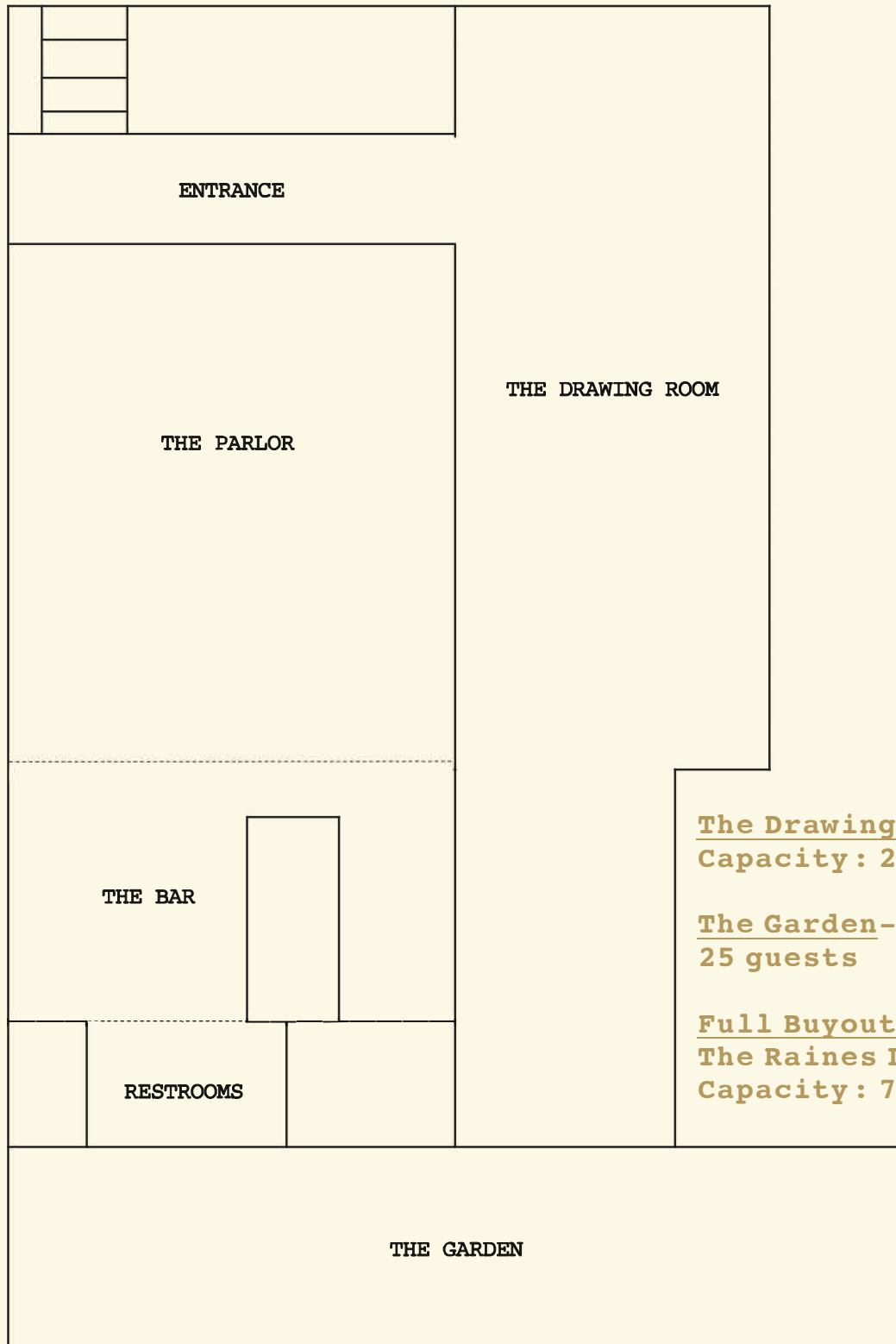
Among other provisions, it prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday—except in hotels. Most men worked a six day week, and Sunday was the only full day for drinking at saloons. Under the law, however, hotels were allowed to serve liquor on Sunday, to guests only, provided it was during a meal, or in the bedrooms of the hotel. State statues allowed that any businesses was considered a hotel if it had 10 rooms for lodging and served food with its liquor. Saloons quickly found

a loophole by adding small furnished bedrooms and applying for a hotel license. Dozens of **"RAINES LAW HOTELS,"** often located directly above saloons, opened.

As a contemporary source put it, "This offered a premium on the transformation of saloons into hotels with bedrooms and led to unlooked-for evils," i.e. an increase in prostitution, as the rooms in many **"RAINES LAW HOTELS"** were used mostly by prostitutes and unmarried couples.

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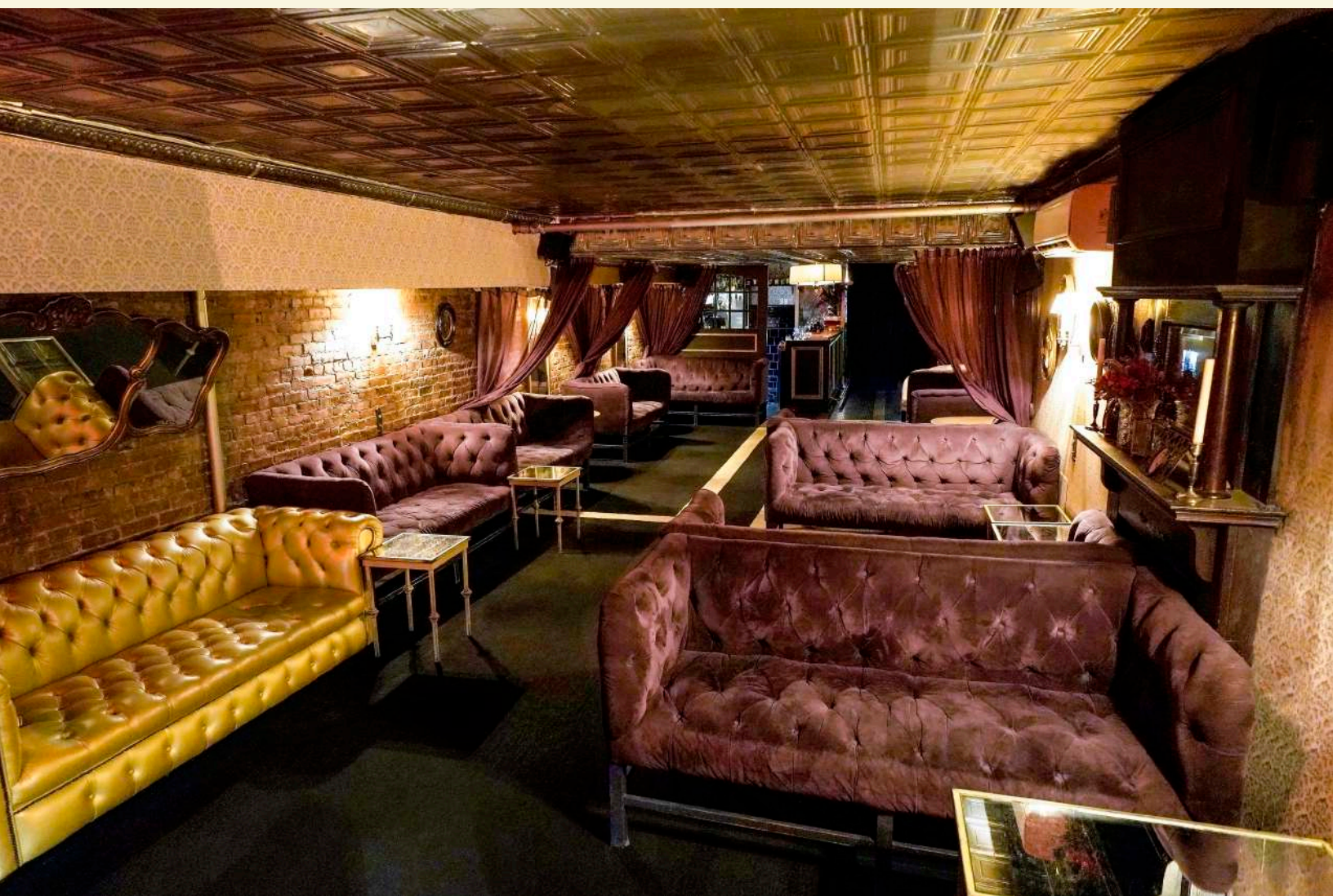
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THE RAINES LAW ROOM



THE PARLOR



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THE BAR



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THE DRAWING ROOM



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THE GARDEN



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