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Downtown Shop a Haven for Cigar Connoisseurs

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HOLLYWOOD, FL – Cigar aficionados can savor a quality smoke and so much more at Cuenca Cigars in Downtown Hollywood.

Hollywood's only cigar shop is a welcome retreat for those who appreciate premium cigars, which Cuenca has been manufacturing since 1984. In addition to its handmade Coronas and other high-end, brand-name cigars, Cuenca offers its patrons complimentary cappuccino, espresso and Wi-Fi wireless Internet access, all in a cozy and relaxing setting.

Since Cuenca Cigars opened in mid-November at 1928 Harrison Street, cigar connoisseurs and newcomers alike have been attracted to these amenities as well as the inventory of discount-priced fine cigars, humidors, lighters and cigar bundles.

Cuenca devotes its entire handmade production to Coronas, a subcategory of Parejos, or straight-sided cigars. Coronas are Habano cigars made from the finest Nicaraguan tobacco leaves selected by skilled cigar-makers, with seeds of Cuban origin, and they are subjected to rigorous control checks during all stages of manufacturing. Cuenca Cigars also features premium brands such as Ashton, Oliva Serie V, Toraño and H. Upmann.

Cuenca Cigars boasts a helpful, multilingual staff who are fluent in French, Italian and Portuguese, and Friday nights soon will feature a "roller-master" demonstrating the art of hand-rolling cigars.

Cuenca Cigars owner Miguel Cuenca chose to open his business in Downtown Hollywood because of its "nice, clean and friendly environment."

In addition to specialty shops such as Cuenca Cigars, the Historic Downtown District is home to a wide variety of restaurants, pubs and clubs, unique boutiques, art galleries and studios, the stunning ArtsPark at Young Circle and other cultural facilities.

Cuenca plans to become more involved in the downtown business community through participation in the monthly ArtWalk event presented by the Downtown District of the Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) from 7 to 10 p.m. every third Saturday. ArtWalk features artist displays and complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres at galleries and other businesses, a variety of live music and free guided maps for visitors.

Cuenca Cigars is open from 11 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday at 1928 Harrison Street. For additional information, call 954-364-7660.

The Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created under the authority of Florida's Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. The CRA's mission is to encourage economic development through the use of tax increment financing by funding development, special projects and enhanced services that address areas of community concern. The Downtown District was established in 1979 to promote Hollywood's central business district including Historic Hollywood Boulevard, Young Circle and nearby residential neighborhoods. The Downtown District is approximately 580 acres and extends from 22nd Avenue on the west to generally 17th Avenue on the east, Johnson Street on the north and Washington Street on the south.

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