

Skywalker Grill will sit atop the site. Set to open Sept. 22, it's now taking reservations.

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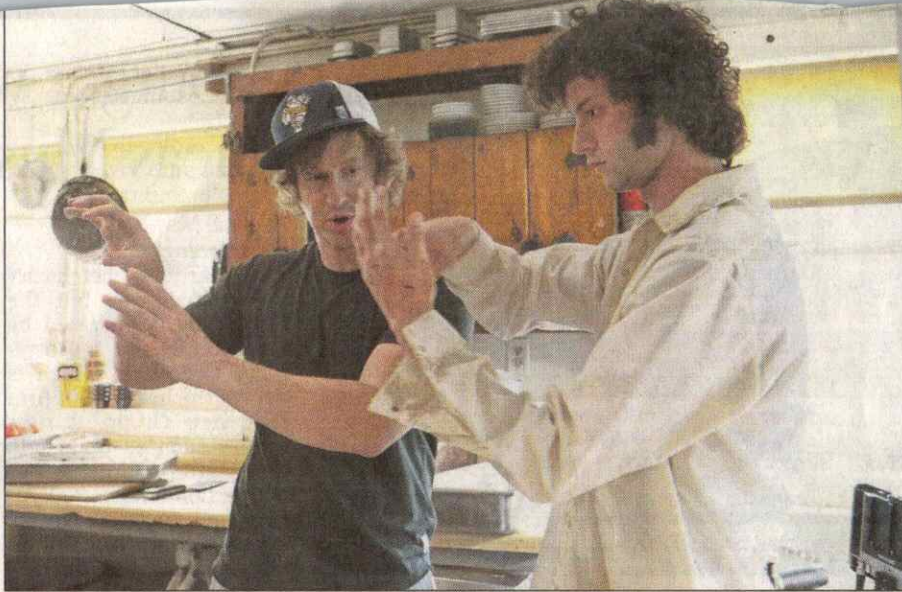
The Lucas Museum of Narrative Art on Tuesday announced its flagship restaurant, Skywalker Grill, inspired by founder George Lucas' famous Skywalker Ranch in Marin County.

The full-service restaurant and bar features classic American cuisine with California-sourced ingredients and is located at the top of the museum with sweeping city views. It will be open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch, with hours that ex-

tend well past the museum's closing. It's named after the Skywalker family, which is central to Lucas' "Star Wars" saga.

Dining is available to museumgoers as well as members of the public without tickets, and reservations are now open.

"Skywalker Grill is a natural complement to the Lucas Museum experience, offering an inviting space for guests to connect over great food and conversation before or after visiting our galleries," Lucas Museum Chief Executive Tracey Bates said in a news release. "We are equally excited for it to serve as a destination for Angelenos from across the city to enjoy exceptional hospitality and beautiful [See Lucas, E2]



WRITER-DIRECTOR Matt Johnson, left, works with actor Dominic Sessa, who stars as a young Anthony Bourdain, on the set of "Tony," which is now in theaters.

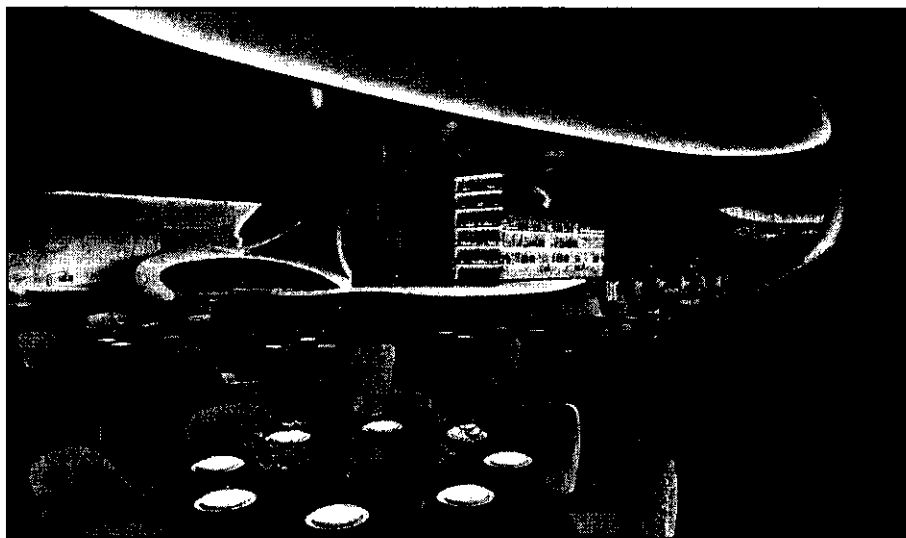
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The Tony director and his co-writers don't hew to all the facts of Bourdain's life.

BY LAURIE OCHOA

In the second film of the summer that smooths the rough edges of a complicated man, we meet not a Greek hero but the future chef and global TV star Anthony Bourdain at age 19, blustering through a comically pretentious fellowship proposal for the dour-faced members of a Vassar College faculty committee.

At first, this young Bourdain is easy to imagine as a slightly older version of actor Dominic Sessa's breakout role in "The Holdovers," as if the earlier movie's [See "Tony," E6]



Rockwell Group

THE LUCAS Museum's Skywalker Grill, shown in an artist's rendering, will have a Midcentury Modern look with curved cherry wood walls and paneled ceilings.

A burger with a side of fantasy at Lucas Museum's Skywalker Grill

[**Lucas**, from E1] surroundings."

A marquee chef hasn't been named yet, but the restaurant is operated by Rhubarb Events & Hospitality Collection, which is part of the investment firm Oak View Group. It runs venues such as Coda and Kensington Gardens Bar inside London's Royal Albert Hall. Rockwell Group, which has worked on restaurants including Nobu, Chicago's the Hand & the Eye and Museo Casa Kahlo in Mexico City, designed the

restaurant.

The eatery features Mid-century Modern touches with curved cherry wood walls and paneled ceilings, as well as illuminated white onyx Corian surfaces.

Menu offerings include Dungeness crab cake and lobster corn dog appetizers and entrees such as crispy chicken Milanese, honey miso glazed salmon and a signature Skywalker Ranch Wagyu burger. There will also be house-made pastas and seasonal salads.

The museum has an-

nounced a slate of inaugural exhibitions, including one called "Star Wars in Motion," which features vehicle designs, high-speed racers, transport vehicles and flying vessels, as well as props, costumes and illustrations from the first six films of Lucas' famed franchise. These include Luke Skywalker's Landspeeder and the first build of General Grievous' Wheel Bike from "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith."

The Lucas Museum opens to the public Sept. 22.