

## If This Wall Could Talk

Mural at historic hotel tells era's tale

It's where Babe Ruth was sold to the Yankees and where the martini was allegedly invented. In the 14 years that the Knickerbocker Hotel was open in Times Square, it was the hottest spot in town. An endless parade of celebs and power players drank, mixed, mingled and drank some more. Prohibition ended the party in 1920.

But now the Knickerbocker has reopened — and to commemorate its storied past, the hotel commissioned artist Molly Crabapple to recall the characters and debauchery that made the place so famous.

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