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In *Sex and the City: The Movie*, the women sit in a restaurant sipping cosmopolitans.

“This is delicious,” says Charlotte.

“Why did we ever stop drinking these,” says Miranda.

“Cause everyone else started,” said Carrie.

That tongue-in-check moment underscores one of the cultural contributions of the HBO series — the revival of the martini.

So what if it wasn't a real martini but a pink cocktail made with vodka, drinking it made the women look so very cool and well, cosmopolitan. Women everywhere wanted to capture some of it if only with a drink. Who, after all, could afford the shoes?

Now with the movie opening Friday four years after *Sex* ended its six-year run, the vodka makers are still celebrating.

Vodka martinis and cosmopolitans are still hot, and drink trends still support the flood of new vodkas into the market, according to industry analysts.

The Web-site Ask.com reports that searches for cosmopolitan recipes over the past few weeks are second only in popularity to query numbers for the Bloody Mary, the queen of brunch drinks.

So how better to celebrate the movie than to raise a martini glass?

Providence's Napa Valley Grille jumped on the bandwagon thanks to Jeanine Savoie, event sales manager and a fan of the series. She came up with the idea for the Providence Place restaurant to host a *Sex and the City: The Movie* pre-movie event on Friday night. The ticket price of \$50 includes a ticket for the movie at Providence Place Cinema; three cocktails created just for the evening and passed hors d'oeuvres from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The wine bar will be the setting, decorated with great shoes and fun purses in honor of the event. The Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation's Cotton Candy Boutique will be on hand selling merchandise to raise money for the charity. Reserve at (401) 270-6272 by today and the ticket will be for the 10:05 p.m. showing of *Sex*. Others will receive a movie pass for a future showing.

The martinis to be served are dedicated to the Sex girls with names like “Fashion Road Kill,” “Take It on the Terrace Brown Martini” and “Amuse My Bouche.”

For those celebrating at home, Stirrings, the Fall River, Mass. cocktail company which bottles an all-natural Cosmopolitan Mixer, has created some recipes to fuel fan’s obsession with four drink recipes. Samantha’s Punch, Carrie’s Cosmotini, The Charlotte and Miranda’s Power Martini are meant to evoke the essence of the women. The recipes are shared here. Stirrings products can be found at large grocery stores and online at www.stirrings.com.

SKYY Vodka, the official vodka of the movie so you’ll see product placement in the film, has also created specialty cocktails for women to celebrate their inner Carrie, Miranda, Samantha or Charlotte; and for men to channel Mr. Big. That drink is a traditional man’s “brown” drink made with whiskey.

They’ll be served nationally at Houlihan’s restaurants. (In New England, they are at Boston’s Logan International Airport and in Danbury and Glastonbury, Conn.)

But you can make these at home, too, as SKYY has also shared the recipes.