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Step Into The Interval, Fort Mason's Stunning New Techno-Bar and Cafe

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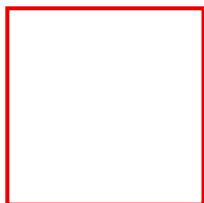
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The **Long Now Foundation** aims to promote long-term thinking for the next 10,000 years and beyond, but for the of-the-moment problem of needing a drink, the Fort Mason-based foundation now has a solution in **The Interval**, a bar, cafe, and events space that feels like stepping into an eccentric genius' well-appointed personal library. With 1,000 tomes lining the

walls (and plans to add 2,500 more), morphing light installations behind the bar, a soundtrack created by ambient master and Long Now board member **Brian Eno**, and top-notch drinks from Slanted Door alum and Small Hand Foods proprietor **Jennifer Colliau**, this truly stunning space is definitely a step up from your average watering hole.

Colliau is behind an extensive menu that has nine sections with 5-6 cocktails each. They include entire sections dedicated to variations on the martini, the daiquiri, and the Brooklyn (a classic whiskey cocktail with dry vermouth and maraschino), and a "Welcome Drinks" menu of bottled and draft cocktails, like a draft Tom Collins or carbonated gin and tonic, that are ready to serve. A "Drinking Around the World" menu highlights her takes on traditions like the Dutch kopstootje. Teetotalers can enjoy a selection of booze-free cocktails, as well as the **Sightglass** coffee and **Samovar** tea that are served during the space's daytime hours as a museum.

As if that wasn't enough to entice drinkers, the bar (designed by **Because We Can**) will soon be adding two robots to its staff: one will write on a chalkboard, while another will actually help out behind the stick. Barrel-aged gin and whiskey from **St. George Spirits**, created especially for Long Now, are also forthcoming. The Interval is currently set to open to the public this Sunday, June 14; hours will be 10 am-5 pm daily for the cafe, and 5 pm-12 am for the bar. Long Now also plans to hold salons, talks, and other events in the space on a regular basis.

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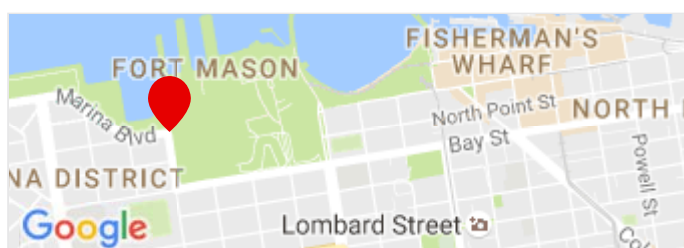
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