ART MARBLE 21

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Art Marble 21 is not and never has been discriminatory. We have been a part of the Seattle community since 2015. Much has been made of a leaked, internal email sent to employees in response to an incident involving an assault on one of our bartenders for making a discretionary call on the eligibility of a patron receiving a discounted drink on Ladies Night. The email was sent on September 19th, 2026, but a former bartender did not leak and post it until November 17th, 2026. This event started at the end of August and no stipulations were put in place regarding eligibility for discounted cocktails; this was left to the discretion of the bartenders. Once the assault occurred, I was forced to address the issue of people exploiting the system to get a discount intended for women. Ladies Night has been around for decades and is not a new concept in the bar industry. No one was denied before or since this assault occurred.

On its face the leaked email appears to suggest we do not allow trans people into our establishment. That is simply not true. If we did not allow trans people into our establishment, it would have been made known long before this email was taken out of context. ***My personal stance is made known in the email, but it does not reflect the beliefs of the employees that work at Art Marble 21. These are my beliefs and mine alone.*** We respect each other's beliefs. My staff would not work for me for years if they believed I was a bigot, a racist or any of the other buzz words used to condemn people who think differently than those who have made this into what it has become. I do not believe that stating a man is a man and a woman is a woman is controversial. We have known this for thousands of years. My personal beliefs have never prevented anyone from entering my establishment. I have never treated anyone differently because of their beliefs. I am a man of God and believe that He created us man and woman. Period. That is not to say the free will He gave us does not allow people to live their lives however they choose and it is not my place to deny anyone of their beliefs. I would expect that to be reciprocated.

Art Marble 21 is a welcoming environment. It always has been and always will be. Anyone who suddenly feels unsafe there because they now know that I believe in two genders is only looking for someone to hate. I am not a hateful person. What I believe is not crazy. I love everyone for who they are and where they are in their lives. It is unfair to assume that someone is bad just because they think differently than others.

My hope is that people can see that this was a misunderstanding and was never intended to be injurious. We can all have our own beliefs and cohabitate. No one has ever been enlightened to an idea by being shouted at and bullied. I am not playing the victim. I recognize how the email looked without context which is why I have taken the time to be meaningful in my response. I hide behind nothing. I stand in my convictions as do most of you. I maintain that Art Marble 21 is not a discriminatory establishment. We never have been and we never will be.

Thank you,

Danny Pentin