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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2015



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FIVE LOS ANGELES YOUNG PEOPLE WHO "BEAT THE ODDS"

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Cocktails 6:30pm • Dinner 7:15pm

The Beverly Wilshire Hotel
9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills

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