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Where Now

Start Playing With Your Food

Fine dining is getting some serious competition in Chicago as a new crop of restaurants come to the table with whimsical displays and creative menu options that encourage guests to make food fun again. From interactive experiences to artful displays and devouring something known as "goth bread," these new local hot spots replace the white linen culture with a youthful, experiential approach to dining out that makes the meal even more memorable. Here are some of our new favorites that are whipping up something special.



THE LATEST DISH

Food gets creative at these interactive restaurants

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1. COURTESY BARTON G. THE RESTAURANT 2. VINICK PLUS SWAY 3. GAST-N-NEW RETIERS 4. COURTESY NO BONES BEACH CLUB

1 BARTON G. THE RESTAURANT

With a brand-new location in Chicago (sister spots are in L.A. and Miami Beach), Barton G. expands its reputation for over-the-top presentation, known as one of the world's most Instagrammable restaurants. Try the whole grilled bronzini on a large floral bed and Marie Antoinette's Head (at left), a cotton candy pompadour dessert.

415 N. DEARBORN ST.; 312.260.5050
WWW.BARTONG.COM/CHICAGO

2 YOUNG AMERICAN

The name says it all; this Logan Square "progressive bar and kitchen" caters to a certain demographic that revels in the CBD-infused cocktails and kitschy items like goth bread made with activated charcoal and smudged butter.

2545 N. KEDZIE AVE.; 773.687.8385
WWW.YOUNGAMERICANBAR.COM

3 MACHINE

The eclectic Modern American dishes and whimsical cocktail program from a Violet Hour alum (some come with hammers and a creme brulee texture) are enough to make us love this new Wicker Park spot but even more unique is the restaurant's in-house flower shop and floral program, including the city's first tableside floral cart.

1846 W. DIVISION ST.; 773.276.7422
WWW.DINEMACHINE.COM

4 NO BONES BEACH CLUB

Get major beachy vibes when you step into this laidback surfer shack that offers a vegan food and cocktail menu. While surf boards and wicker furniture add to the ambiance, it's the veggie 'crab' cakes and golden beet poke we crave.

1943 W. NORTH AVE.
WWW.NOBONESBEACHCLUB.COM