

George & Harry's serves spicy cuisine, cool music

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For those suffering from a bit of the down home blues, George & Harry's has a menu and the sultry spirits to liven up the evening.

The dining room may be dimly lit in blues tradition, but the décor and the atmosphere are fresh-faced and warm. The food is equally impressive with a spicy American cuisine balancing out heartier selections.

"We're known for steaks, filets, Beef Mignon's Oscar — filet tips with Crab Ravioli and Bernalise sauce and Jambalaya," says Nico Dimopoulos, son of owner George Dimopoulos.

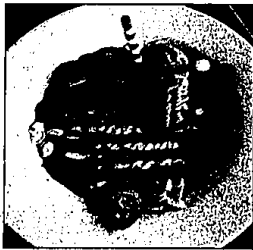


George & Harry's is the vision of name-sakes

Dimopoulos and Harry Sisko, both who staked their claim in restaurant business in the mid-70s.

Dimopoulos first tested the Dearborn market with Senate Coney Island. Sisko closed his Taylor blues bar, Sisko's on the Avenue, last fall. Before coming to Dearborn and

In the foreground is pork chops with veggies and in the background is seafood jambalaya.



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The chocolate mousse lower.

meeting each other, each had made their mark in the restaurant business downriver.

"They both owned businesses in Taylor, neighbor businesses. They knew of each other," Dimopoulos says. The two formerly met a few years ago. "They said, let's do a fine venue dining establishment." George and Harry chose Dearborn and opened their doors in February.

"They teamed up to build a restaurant and blues club. They're friends," Dimopoulos says.

What is distinctive about George & Harry's from typical blues venues is the finite attention to detail including several hand-painted murals, ample lounging and seating areas and a mean Caesar salad served in an asiago cheese shell.

The blues is cranked through the sound system, but the music is live on stage Wednesday through Saturday night. Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Guitar Shorty and Steve Cornell have graced the stage at George and Harry's.

Joe'lyn B & The Detroit Street Players perform the last Friday of the month and resident Johnnie Bassett performs every Thursday. September's lineup includes Michael Hill's Blues Mob, the Kinsey Report and Bill Perry.

There is a standard \$5 dollar cover after 9 p.m. on blues nights, with performances starting at 9:30 p.m. during the week and 10:30 p.m. on the weekends.

While the music is a draw Wednesday through Sunday, lunch prices draw the daily customers with pastas for \$5.95 and salads in the \$7 range.

The eclectic menu features a range appealing to every taste, designed in part by Chef Campbell.

Over a dozen sandwiches are featured on the menu with everything from blackened whitefish served with Cajun tartar sauce to the B.B. King Burger with bacon and American cheese.

Entrees range from \$13.95 to \$22.50 for 14-ounce veal porterhouse.

The staff is attentive and well organized, ensuring prompt service and hot meals.

The attention to detail at George and Harry's extends to the outside world with a thorough Web site listing entertainment and the menu in the restaurants signature colors. www.georgeandharrys.com.

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Harry Sisko of Allen Park owns half of George and Harry's Blues Cafe, which has been open since February.

GEORGE & HARRY'S

Location: 22048 Michigan Ave., between Monroe and Mason, in Dearborn. Parking lot behind the building.

Hours: 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday through Saturday; Lunch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dinner 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; live blues 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 10:30 p.m. weekends. Closed Sunday. Phone: (313) 359-2799

Menu: George & Harry's, a high class dining establishment by day and an all out spiffy blues bar by night. Entrees include seafood, steaks, chicken and Southern-style jambalaya and ribs. The bar is a draw for martini drinkers, the wine list is up to par and the iced tea is freshly brewed. Desserts include cheese cake, tiramisu and crème brulee.

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