

Fishtales - A Whale Of A Find

Fried Oreos that taste like jelly donuts with a decorative not so subtle strawberry drizzle!!! Oh my word - what a sinful dessert specialty. Tuxedo Mousse!!! The monumental richness can never be understated. Add to that Chocolate Peanut Butter Mousse Cake and the race for temptation is on.

You're probably wondering why we go "straight to the waist" in this dining review. Let's say this writer can't help it. And now, the morning after she wants to savor the experience again and again. Yes, I want to "reel in" the



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total experience a busy place like Fishtales has to offer.

Fishtales is located in the heart of Galt Ocean Mile in a heavily populated strip shopping complex at 3355 NE 33rd Street, Ft.

Lauderdale, just north of Oakland Park Blvd. A1A and is definitely a flavorful catch in more ways than one. Where to begin is the question, as this is not your ordinary drinking lounge. It's not your ordinary showroom where the music plays on and on (seven nights a week). And please, don't refer to it as a "dive bar" or a hangout, even though it is a gathering place. There's something invigoratingly different at Fishtales, bringing past aura of clubbing in south Florida to the present. When I say past, I refer to the "good old days" when the local club scene was really rockin with great music and great eats.

The restaurant seats, both indoors and out approximately 150 guests, hopefully all enjoying the camaraderie of close quarters and making new acquaintances. There's a dance floor stage front for those who love to show off those fancy foot grooves.

Packed to the gills on a Monday night, there was nary a seat in the house for the fabulous legend showcase of talent, which featured the super fine vocals of Willie Citron and his interpretation of both Frankie Valli and Dean Martin. Actually, this gentleman can sing just about anything and everything. His range is fabulous can't wait to see him again. Gone is the dance floor for these Monday night



Scott (ent/promotions director) & Cathy (owner)



Bloody Mary Bar

presentations as the tables are set up banquet and night club style

surrounding the stage. For the past 5 weeks South Florida Legends have brought the house down with tributes for artists such as Barry Manilow, Barry White, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond to Rod Stewart and upcoming Paul McCartney, Tina Turner, Donna Summer, lest we fail to mention in June, Michael Jackson and the Thriller Dancers. Never a cover charge, for the Jackson show however, there is one and reservations are being taken now. The other six nights, offer a variety of bands from rock to jazz, so be prepared to move to the beat.

Fishtales will celebrate its 9th anniversary come September. Owner Cathy Vassallo has upgraded the scenario aplenty. Prior to opening Fishtales she owned Big Game Bar & Grill for 7 1/2 years and before that, in

her home town of Philadelphia she was into interior design as well as hospitality. She's definitely a go-getter, so don't let her youthful looks fool you. The secret to her youth? "Working hard and no sleep," she laughs.

Fishtales is not overly fancy in décor, however they have a magnificent mural painted by south Florida's Mark Voz as backdrop to the stage area that brightens up the room and there are plenty of lighting effects that shimmer. Then again and most predominately there's that friendly ambience that triggers success and you can't argue that fact, nor can you argue the course the menu takes you on.

Kudos to chefs Nick Santiago, Joseph Saint Fort and
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