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**Consume**

**New year, new favorite cocktail**

1/2/10  
 Kiss 2009 and shitty homemade cocktails goodbye with this liquid deliciousness. Welcome to 2010—year of the ginger martini

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**TOCEatOut: RT @GrubStreetCHI: Bombshell: @Rick\_Bayless is opening two L.A. restos, plans to be in the kitchen at both, will divide his time. http:// ...**  
 2:56pm

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**Five things to do today: January 5**

12:13pm  
 Maya Deren 1945-1955, Gogol Bordello Non-Stop, Backroom at Bar DeVille, City Soles/Niche sale, Doodleganza: The Drawing

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# Restaurants & Bars

## Double A

108 W Kinzie St, lower level  
 River North, Chicago | [Map](#)  
 no phone  
 El: Brown, Purple (rush hrs) to Merchandise Mart; Red to Grand; Blue, Green, Pink, Orange to Clark/Lake. Bus: 11, 22, 156 | [Directions](#)

**Prices**

Average cocktail: \$14.

**Description**

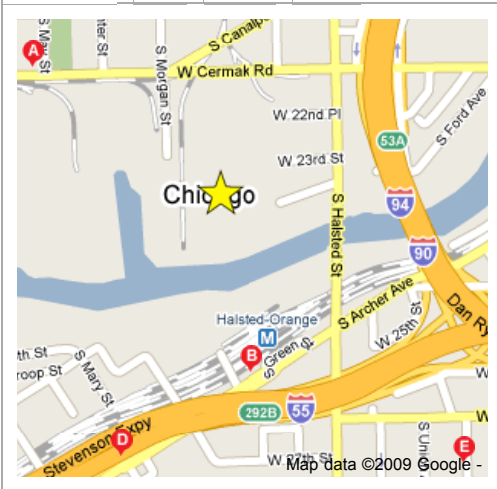
Getting into this unmarked lounge isn't so hard. You email Victor at [rsvp@doubleachicago.com](mailto:rsvp@doubleachicago.com), he confirms your request, you show up, give your name to the enormous upstairs bouncer, who walkie-talkies to the equally enormous downstairs bouncer, who, upon your approach, walkie-talkies Victor, who opens a heavy, unmarked door, welcoming you inside a square-shaped, sauna-like lounge. You sit in one of the cushy black-leather booths lining the exterior of the room, looking down onto a long worktable where a couple extraordinarily thin female bartenders alternate between vigorously shaking cocktails—spicy, strong concoctions designed by the NYC consultants the Tippling Bros—passing off oversize bottles of Belvedere and popping corks of Dom for a dense crowd or hard party-ers. Getting yourself out of this lounge is going to be another story.

**Hours**

Wed–Fri 10pm–2am; Sat 10pm–3am (closed Sun–Tue).

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**May Street Café**  
 1146 W Cermak Rd 312-421-4442

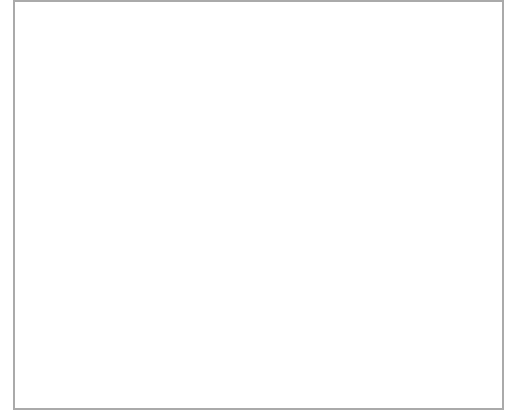
**Los Girasoles**  
 3661 S Archer Ave 773-847-0433

**Nightwood**  
 2119 S Halsted St 312-526-3385

**Mangia Fresca**  
 2556 S Archer Ave 312-225-7100

**Gio's Café & Deli**  
 2724 S Lowe St 312-225-6368

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**New reviews this week 12/31–1/6**

**DMK Burger Bar**

**Melanthios Greek Char House**

**Conoce Mi Panama**

**Decolores**

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- And on Sunday, they ate
- Most monumental restaurant openings of the decade
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**Retro Holiday Redux**  
Peter Vestinos + John Kinder reinvent punch with Death's Door Spirits and Rare Tea Cellar teas.



**Bone. Belly. Back.**  
Chef Laurent Gras makes use of the entire hiramasa fish at a one-night-only dinner at L2o.

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Wild Blossom Meadery's mead



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XOCO's hot chocolate

