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# Anthony's Runway slated to reopen this week in Fort Lauderdale as new Runway 84



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Runway 84 owners Anthony Bruno, Pat Marzano, and Marc Falsetto. Photo by Runway 84

Before popular red sauce establishments like Carbone, Prime Italian, and Café Martorano made their way to South Florida, there was Anthony's Runway 84.

The iconic dining institution first opened in the heart of Fort Lauderdale 40 years ago, considered a landmark establishment that maintained a well-earned reputation for classic Italian-American cooking and hospitality.

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The restaurant closed in spring 2022 for a complete (and pricey \$4 million) renovation, and loyal diners have patiently waited in anticipation for the grand reopening.

Now, after an eight-month closure and a complete makeover that promises a cool, contemporary look that evokes the historic spirit of Anthony's Runway 84 — now simply Runway 84 — will reopen to the public later this month.

"The decision to close was not an easy one to make but it was the right one," owner Anthony Bruno tells *News Break*. "A successful 40-year run is almost unheard of in this business. We were blessed and lucky to have such a loyal following that stayed with us over so many years. It was time to refresh and prepare for our next 40 years doing what we do best: make people feel like family."



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The major refresh is the brainchild of partners Bruno, Pat Marzano of Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza and Marc Falsetto of Handcrafted Hospitality; a trio of restaurant kingpins who envision Runway 84 as a tony supper club worthy of The Rat Pack at their hippest.

"Those that loved the original Anthony's Runway 84 will find plenty of new to love and will find familiarity around every corner, from the art of the walls to the food on the plate," adds Marzano.

For the design, the team has tapped Miami-based award-winning design firm Bigtime Design Studios to reimagine the space and turn their vision into a reality. Among the additions, a live music lounge featuring a gorgeous new grand piano and dramatic crystal chandelier; a tony new bar complete with an elevated cocktail program and a dramatic new entranceway delivering major Copacabana vibes.

Taking cues from the restaurant's rich 40-year history and the storied lives of its owners, the design team strived to reimagine the space in a way that preserved what was, mirrored our present-day affections and channeled future inclinations.

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Photo by Runway 84

Now, Runway 84's new design evokes the spirit of the old-school supper clubs that made Lower Manhattan and Las Vegas hotspots in the 1930s and '40s. With hues of green, gold, and burgundy combined with an elaborate coffered walnut ceiling, custom furniture including "gangster booth" seating for families and large groups, the restaurant's new look represents four generations of dining in an authentic, sophisticated and chic way.

Thoughtfully selected details including a rose wall covering matched with dark emerald green velvet banquettes, custom crystal chandeliers and brass art lights create an intimate and sexy vibe, while elements like the "Wall of Fame," a homage to the cast of characters who have wine, dined and graced the halls of the restaurant, presents a whimsical and familiar touch. In addition to the main indoor dining room, the restaurant will feature an outdoor dining room on the al fresco patio as well as an impressive bar, intimate circular mini lounge and a private dining room. Seating 190 guests both indoors and outdoors, Runway 84 will dazzle the eye and the palate.

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A sneak peek at the menu for Runway 84 is a tempting mix of classics, favorites and new offerings sure to wow longtime fans as well as the uninitiated. Chief among appetizers is a "Wagyu Beef Carpaccio" topped with shaved truffles, pistachios, mushrooms, and chives. Must-haves, such as the classic meatballs, "Hot and Cold Antipasti" for two and "Stuffed Artichoke," among others, remain.

Two new salads will make their premiere: a delicious tableside Caesar salad and the "Chopped Antipasti" with chopped romaine, mortadella, salami, provolone and more.

Of course, pasta reigns supreme with a new "Spicy Rigatoni" making its way among classics including "Rigatoni Cauliflower," "Linguine Aglio e Olio" and "Lasagna Neapolitan," served table-side.

A frequent menu special was swordfish "Runway style" and it will be taking a well-earned place on the permanent menu. It consists of a 10-ounce portion of local swordfish dressed with fresh garlic, basil, cherry tomatoes and olive oil. And a hearty counterpoint to the swordfish might be the killer new Chicken Parmigiana dressed with a spicy vodka sauce, topped with melted mozzarella, crispy prosciutto, and peas. Like everything at Runway 84, this dish is meant to be shared.



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Photo by Runway 84

The most dramatic addition to the menu is a new "Prime Steaks & Chops" section, featuring prime cuts custom-selected and aged exclusively for Runway 84. Among the cuts, a 16-ounce New York strip and 10-ounce Filet Mignon, both wet-aged, as well as a dry-aged 40-ounce Prime Porterhouse. New and returning dishes from this section will no doubt pair well with the new giant "cacio e pepe" Twice Baked Potato, dressed with whipped ricotta and black truffles.

Runway 84 was always known as one of Fort Lauderdale's premier spots for a perfectly-made cocktail, especially when it came to the classics. Now, informed greatly by Falsetto's craft mixology acumen, the bar program at Runway 84 will continue and cement that reputation, its classic cocktail craftsmanship augmented by an array of new offerings.

For a truly top shelf luxurious libation, there are two Reserve Cocktails that wink at the restaurant's aeronautical affectations. They include the "Mile High Club," a blend of Macallan Rare Cask, Café Borghetti espresso liqueur,

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“The timing for Runway 84’s relaunch is perfect as Fort Lauderdale’s demographics are evolving and the culinary landscape continues to expand. When it comes to dining out, guests are looking for elevated experiences that merge dining, drinking and entertainment and that is exactly what the new Runway 84 will deliver. I am honored to be part of the team making this dream a reality,” remarks Falsetto.

*Runway 84 is slated to open late-January 2023. It is located at 330 West State Road 84 in Fort Lauderdale. Reservations are strongly suggested.*

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Following stops in cities like Houston, San Antonio, Chicago, New York City, and Denver, a roaming pop-up, open-air mini golf experience is headed to South Florida next. Later this month, Pixar Putt will launch at The LOOP in Fort Lauderdale, making its sixth stop on a nationwide tour.

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It's beginning to look a lot like — well, OK, so December in South Florida isn't much different than the dog days of summer. But we can pretend. This week, it's reported Florida's first 'Christmassy' day of 2022 will be in the first several days of December. This interactive map shows each state's coldest day of the year.

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**The Blind Monk finds new home at AKA West Palm opening next month**

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AKA, a luxury hospitality group, has announced it will open its second South Florida location, AKA West Palm, next month. Located at 695 South Olive Avenue in the heart of West Palm Beach's central business district, the five-story property will feature 215 hotel residences comprised of studios, one- and two-bedroom accommodations, and penthouse suites that combine the ambiance of a private residence with the indulgent services of a luxury hotel.

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**Lewis Prime Grill opens this month in Loxahatchee from family behind Okeechobee Steakhouse**

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The family behind West Palm Beach's legendary Okeechobee Steakhouse has announced it will open Lewis Prime Grill later this month. On Wednesday, November 16, the former Kocomo's Island Grill space in the Publix at The Acreage Plaza will become home to the Lewis family's first restaurant in Central Palm Beach County.

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**The O.G. Delray Beach will reopen with Miami-based Taquiza taqueria**




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The original Oceanside Grocers storefront before its massive renovation. Oceanside Grocers, Delray Beach's vibe-casual bar known as The Oceanside Grocers (AKA the O.G.) that first opened in 2018 has announced it will reopen on Thursday, December 15 after an eight-month renovation.

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**Support Movember with this mustache donut from The Salty**

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When November rolls around, it's hard not to conjure images of men – men with mustaches. Who doesn't know at least one person participating in the unofficial men's health awareness movement known lovingly as "Movember," a portmanteau of the English words for "moustache" and "November." The annual event typically involves men growing a mustache during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health. [Read full story >](#)

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### **New breakfast spot Yellow Yolk opens in Coral Springs**

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Yellow Yolk, a new South Florida breakfast and lunch concept, has opened at The Walk at University in Coral Springs, marking the brand's first location. According to its creators, Yellow Yolk is a pop-art themed restaurant that offers the perfect combination of trendy Florida eatery and laid back hangout spot for breakfast, brunch, and lunch.

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**Willie T's Seafood Shack is coming to Fort Lauderdale**


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A new restaurant that focuses on all things seafood is coming to Fort Lauderdale. Thompson Hospitality, one of the country's largest food service management companies, will soon open its latest Fort Lauderdale restaurant with the launch of Willie T's Seafood Shack.

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**All new Sunset Tequila & Mezcal Festival debuts in Boca Raton this weekend**

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Tequila lovers, listen up. There's a new festival coming to South Florida, and it's all about agave. A new festival that's all things tequila and mezcal is coming to Boca Raton this weekend, and there's more to love than spirits.

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**Fireman Derek's Bake Shop Fort Lauderdale opens this week**

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Pie master and entrepreneur Derek Kaplan, alongside the talented team behind Fireman Derek's Bake Shop, has finally landed in Broward County. After expanding his Wynwood-born shop to Coconut Grove, Kaplan is opening his dessert destination in Fort Lauderdale just in time for the holiday season.

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