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A Fort Lauderdale institution for 40 years, Anthony’s Runway 84 has been reborn following a \$4 million facelift.

The Italian-American restaurant and supper club, now simply dubbed [Runway 84](#), bursts with life through a glitzy, jewel box-inspired aesthetic executed by Miami-based [Bigtime Design Studios](#). “We boldly created a design that says old school luxury as seamlessly as Runway 84’s Italian-American roots and its 40-year multi-generational appeal,” says Callin Fortis of Bigtime Design. “We created a vibe and internal ethos for our design that took cues from an era in New York City and Las Vegas that had seemingly had its time.”

An immersive color palette and custom, tactile elements set the foundation for a journey back to the supper clubs of the 1930s and ’40s. Gold velvet, brass finishes, and deep burgundy hues comprise a sumptuous visual experience beneath ornamental coffered walnut ceilings, while the new bar and dining room features rose-patterned wallcoverings and emerald-hued banquettes.

Separating the two spaces are fluted, high-gloss lacquer accents and a new mini lounge. “It serves double duty as a natural divider between the two areas as well as creates a lush sense of intimacy in front of the stage reminiscent of a Vegas sneak joint, where a Manhattan was more than an island,” Fortis adds. New additions to the restaurant include a live music lounge with a handsome grand piano installed below a theatrical crystal chandelier.



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