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Late Night Dining in the East Village



When it comes to late night dining, you take your options seriously.

Which is why you'll be rather pleased to hear about *The Smith*, the new resto just opened over the weekend in the East Village.

Brought to you by the same people who run the brunch-centric Jane, The Smith in contrast gives you a little bit more of the late night. It's one of those places where you go for the drinks and stay for the food—a collection of gourmet (booze-absorbent) American Brasserie favorites like the *Chopped Steak with Mushroom Gravy* and the *Lamb Schnitzel with Parmesan Crust* and the sure-to-be-loved crowd-favorite *Hot Potato Chips with Gorgonzola fondue*.

But before you get too comfortable at your table, head in the direction of the bathroom, where there might be a scene developing. Instead of the standard barren hallway that you often see when you attempt to heed nature's call, there's the added distraction of a photo booth (with a soon-to-come cork board to frame your Polaroid masterpiece), a barber chair (byob—bring your own barber) and a peephole showing all your old burlesque movie favorites.

Because nothing goes with late-night schnitzel like burlesque through a peephole.

*The Smith, 55 3rd Ave (between 10th and 11th) 212-420-9800*