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OF Music Citys BEST RESTAURANTS & ATTRACTIONS

Music Biz means business — but it doesn't mean you can't take some time out of your busy conference schedule to enjoy a big bison burger with Big Yellow Dog's Carla Wallace! In addition to planning four days of action packed panels and private meetings, we've curated the latest list of restaurant recommendations from your favorite industry friends and foes!

Searching for a steak and sushi extravaganza? Jeff Ruby's does it right. Peking duck better than Beijing? Try Tánsuŏ. More tacos, please? Mas Tacos Por Favor is the favorite. We could go on and on ... and we will in the pages ahead! Keep reading as we detail restaurants that are 'All About the Ambiance & Atmosphere' to the ones perfect for 'Quick, Good, Cheap Eats'. From established 'Music Industry Institutions' to the culinary creations of 'The New Nashville' – our guide is all that and a bag of biscuits.

AMBIANCE & ATMOSPHERE

5th and Taylor

Refined American fare served in lofty, rustic-industrial surrounds with a tree-lined patio.

1411 5th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37208

Kelly Rich, Amazon

They have the best Fried Chicken! Yes it's fried, but it's not thick and crunchy, but instead more soft and juicy. You don't leave feeling full and greasy. I have never had a meal there that I didn't like and absolutely love the atmosphere.

lestie Fram, CMT

Favorite Dish: Everything on the menu!

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Butcher & Bee

Hip, happening sequel to the Charleston original. Creative New American fare and house cocktails.

902 Main St, Nashville, TN 37206

Justine Avila, Music (Ety Music Council

"I love sitting at the bar by the open kitchen and watching the chefs do their magic. It is a bustling atmosphere with wonderful libations that always makes for a memorable meal."

Favorite Dish: The whipped feta dip! I wish I could put it on everything I eat.

Husk

Regional ingredients cooked on an ember-fired grill create inventive meals in a historic mansion.

37 Rutledge St, Nashville, TN 37210

Nicole Csabai, Big Machine Label Broup

"It's the perfect mix of old and new with the entrance being an old victorian, and the back of the restaurant being a modern glass structure."

Favorite Dish:

Their menu changes regularly, but the deviled eggs remain my favorite. Right now they're doing them with smoked trout, and they're perfectly balanced and delicious.

(Thrus Parham, Vector Management

"It's a really nice restaurant in an old house overlooking downtown Nashville so sit by the windows. Share the deviled eggs and the pimento cheese. The Fried Chicken and the Cheeseburger are both the best in the city. Nashville is known for "hot chicken" but you should just get the fried chicken at Husk. It's the best."

Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse

Stylish, upscale steakhouse offering handcrafted steaks and seafood fare, plus cocktails, wine and beer.

300 4th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37219

Tim Donio, Music Biz

Walking into Jeff Ruby's is like entering a Tony award-winning broadway production. Between the live music played on the piano atop the bar to the bend-over-backwards service from the staff – this establishment screams excellence. We hold our official Music Biz team dinner here and I could not think of a better way to kick off the conference week. It's truly one-of-a-kind.

Moto

Contemporary approach to authentic Italian cooking that utilizes product consciously sourced from local farms and artisans balanced by premium product imported from Italy.

1120 McGavock Street, Nashville TN 37203

Meghan Kane, Big Machine Label Broup

Favorite Dish: Two words, one delicious dish — Brussel Sprouts. If your Mom made these as a kid, you may have actually ate them versus feeding them to your dog!

Brad Belanger, Homestead Red Light Management

Favorite Dish: Wagyu meatball and ricotta. Amazing with a glass of red.

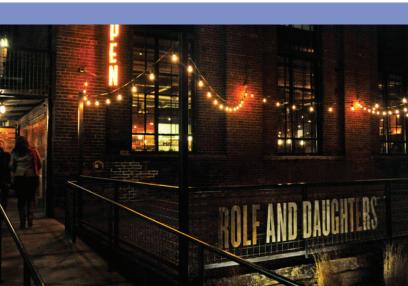
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Rolf & Daughters

Industrial-chic restaurant with clever New American dishes, communal tables and inventive cocktails.

700 Taylor St, Nashville, TN 37208





MUSIC INDUSTRY INSTITUTIONS

Fin & Pearl

Southern-accented seafood plus a vast wine and craft cocktail list in a seaside-inspired setting in The Gulch and close to Sony and WME offices.

211 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

Kayne Prime

Upscale dishes in a neutral-toned space with a bar backed by picture windows and city skyline views.

1103 McGavock St, Nashville, TN 37203

Randy Goodman, Sony Music Nashville For a great steak dinner with an artist request the 'nook' at Kayne Prime.



Midtown Cafe

Long-running restaurant serving creative American cuisine in an intimate, art-lined setting.

102 19th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

Kelli Turner, SESAC

"We hosted a board lunch here and everyone loved the food!"

Favorite Dish: Shrimp and Grits and Sunset Caesar with Blackened Chicken

Christy Watkins, The AristoMedia Broup

"The owner, Randy Rayburn, is a veteran of Nashville's restaurant industry and he's a familiar face to so many people in this town. You can always expect a good network of artists and industry when eating lunch at the Midtown Cafe as so many people go there for their power lunches."

Favorite Dish:

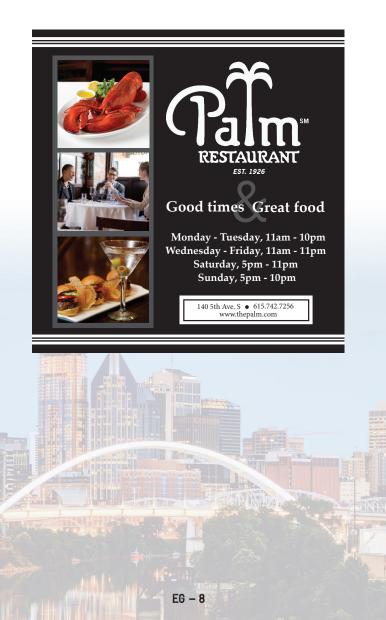
I love the CHICKEN CROQUETTES; Classic Southern croquettes pan sautéed and topped with sweet pea cream sauce, served with rice pilaf and vegetable confetti.



The Palm

Storied staple serving high-end steakhouse fare, seafood & diverse wines in clubby surrounds that feature caricatures of industry execs throughout the restaurant.

140 5th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203



The Southern

Diners come for wood-fired meats, Southern fried staples and the oyster bar at this trendy spot.

150 3rd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37201

Nicole Hennessey, Music Bie

"From drinks to dessert, you can't go wrong with The Southern! I've sat at the diner-style bar with a plate of oysters, had an informal dinner with my team and held a breakfast in one of the party rooms. Whatever the occassion, the service and food are great! Stuff the leftover biscuits in your pocket! You'll regret it if you don't!"

Ted's Montana Grill

Old West-style chain known for its burgers & chops made from bison.

2817 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203

Carla Wallace, Big Yellow Dog Music

Most people automatically know when they eat with me we are going to Ted's Montana Grill! I eat there almost everyday! Ok, not "like almost", it is EVERYDAY. It has become a music business place to eat, sometimes I think there is an ASCAP award going to hit there. They have excellent bison burgers, which have zero fat, or at least I tell my hips that. They have milkshakes, and the desserts are so out of this world fresh. No microwaves there...and sometimes Troy Tomlinson from Sony/ATV or Ted Turner are there..more Troy than Ted really. Is this name dropping? I could go on. Please get me a gift card from there if you go! It's straight down West End!

Park Cafe

Southern-accented bistro fare and wine pairings in a dimly lit, sleek room with patio seats.

4403 Murphy Rd, Nashville, TN 37209

Derek (rownover, Pickinson Wright, PLLC

"Lots of locals and many music industry folks who live in Green Hills frequent the bar and the restaurant with their families and clients for special occasions or just business/social dinners"

Favorite Dish:

Ask Jessica the bartender what is best. Many specials. The Szechuan green beans are healthy candy!

THE NEW NASHVILLE

Adele's

Farm-to-fork restaurant with a cool vibe offering New American dishes, cocktails and patio seating by famous chef/ restaurateur Jonathan Waxman.

1210 McGavock St, Nashville, TN 37203

Nick Maiale, Music Business Association

"Every time I'm in Nashville, I have to stop at Adele's for dinner. Jonathan Waxman's JW Chicken is similar to that of his famous Barbuto restaurant in NYC, but I must say it tastes a little bit better in Music City. Make sure you order with extra salsa verde."

Chauhan Ale & Masala House

Set in a refurbished brick garage, this vibrant eatery serves creative Indian cuisine and cocktails.

123 12th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37203

Meryl Johnson, Country Music Association

I grew up in Nashville, then moved away to LA. The thing that I loved about LA was the diversity of food options. Now that I'm back, it's so great to see a complex range of dining experiences in the downtown area. Multi-layered dishes that speak to the evolving palate of 'New Nashville.' Plus, anytime I can go somewhere and not see half of the menu filled with fried food is a gift to my stomach and my love handles.

Favorite Dish:

When I'm in the mood for simple Indian, look no further than a create your own Desi Fare dish. You are supposed to only choose one protein, but what's great about this place is the service. I add some lamb and shrimp in a Tikka Masala Sauce. Get a side of Saag sauce and some Garlic Parmesan Naan, yum! The Spiny Lobster Rasam and Kashmiri Spiced Braised Lamb Shank are also pretty high on the list of delicious dishes.

Deacon's New South

Modern steakhouse featuring dry-aged steaks, robust vegetable dishes and a sommelier-led beverage program.

401 Church St, Nashville, TN 37219

Etch

Open-kitchen setting for eclectic, upscale dining, plus a rich cocktail & wine list.

303 Demonbreun St, Nashville, TN 37201

Ben Vaughn, Warner Chappell

"Healthy eats and food fusion - all part of the New Nashville! I defy you to not inhale the roasted cauliflower appetizer at Etch."

Tánsuŏ

Modern riffs on Chinese classics & dim sum by Maneet Chauhan in a refined, spacious setting.

121B 12th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37203

ARKo Rogens, WME

"Tánsuŏ has the craft cocktails and southern hospitality that Nashville is known for, but brings a big city atmosphere and vibe along with the best Chinese food in the city."

Favorite Dish:

I would put the Peking Duck up against anything you will find in Beijing or Shanghai, but you must be sure to preorder 48 hours in advance!

The Pharmacy

Creative selection of burgers & sausages along with an oldtime soda fountain & outdoor seating.

731 Mcferrin Ave, Nashville, TN 37206

Justin Atkins, Ficketmaster

"In the heart of East Nashville, it's one of the best spots to eat a killer burger, have some awesome drinks, and sit outside."

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101 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37201

Arnold's

Diners choose Southern & soul food classics plus desserts from a cafeteria-style steam table.

605 8th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

Anna Lundy, Brimey's

"Quick and oh-so affordable. Even if there is a line out the door when you arrive, the line moves and the tables turn quickly. It's also a fun place to spot your favorite songwriters, touring performers, and music industry friends!"

Favorite Dish:

OMG, the cauliflower casserole ... it's creamy and has just the right amount of crustiness, making it a delightful accompaniment to fried catfish or pork chops.



Biscuit Love

Trendy, bright, spacious offshoot of a food truck known for locally sourced Southern breakfast, lunch, and brunch fare.

316 11th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

Cary Sherman, RIAA We all have to indulge once in a while. Any place that has "biscuits" in its name has got to be great. I mean, biscuit French Toast!! Definitely worth it. Casual, fun and really popular.

Five Points Pizza

Simple spot with craft beers on tap & New York-style pizzas made to order or by the slice.

1012 Woodland St, Nashville, TN 37206

Nathan Dohse, AGD Entertainment Co.

"Five Points Pizza is a great excuse to leave the downtown area and venture into East Nashville. The pizza is the best in Music City and you can choose from dine-in or window slices. The staff is always friendly and often comprised of aspiring musicians. After you grab a couple slices or split a pie embark on a Five Points Bar Hop. Nashville staples 3 crow, Red Door East, and The Five Spot are all within walking distance. New bars to the neighborhood include Rosemary and Beauty Queen."

Favorite Dish:

The Zeus: Pepperoni, spicy capicola, black olives, banana peppers, red onions, feta.

Hattie B's

Nashville Hot Chicken restaurant that serves mild to very spicy fried chicken, Southern sides and local brews in a casual, counter-service eatery.

112 19th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

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Mas Tacos Por Favor

Snug, no-frills Mexican restaurant fixing up an array of tacos and other standards.

732 Mcferrin Ave, Nashville, TN 37206

Copeland Isaacson, Spotty

"Great prices. Real food. Not fast. Cash only."

Favorite Dish:

Chilaquiles (avail Saturday mornings only), but you can't go wrong with the tacos or the Pozole Verde soup.

Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant

Southern bar and grill with an old-general-store feel and a large stage for live music acts.

500 Church St, Nashville, TN 37219

Taco Mamacita

Inventive tacos, enchiladas & margaritas are the draw at this colorful Mexican taqueria & bar.

1200 Villa Pl, Nashville, TN 37212

Katherine Forbes, Designing the Row

"Taco Mamacita is one of the first restaurants I went to when I moved to Nashville. When someone asked me if I had a favorite place yet, I couldn't remember the name and described it as 'that Mexican place with all the cool lighting."

Favorite Dish:

Who doesn't love tacos and margaritas!? I'm a bit of a picky eater so I go for the Sloppy Jose Tacos (hold the jalapeños) and either sweet potato fries or Mexican street corn!

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS OASIS

Avo

Locally sourced raw & cooked vegan meals, plus craft cocktails & desserts in a light-filled space.

3 City Ave #200, Nashville, TN 37209

Blenn Peoples, Curio Dojo

"I've eaten at every vegetarian place in Nashville (it's not difficult given the small number). Vegetarians often have one or, on a good day, two things to eat on a typical restaurant menu. Avo is vegetarian food done well. On the higher end of casual. The menu has some expected dishes: veggie burger, kale salad, pad Thai, a bowl with quinoa, avocado toast, other stuff you often see at a vegetarian place. But the food is done well enough to excuse the run-of-the-mill menu."

The Grilled Cheeserie

Cheery counter serve for grilled cheese sandwiches made with local ingredients, plus milkshakes.

2003 Belcourt Ave, Nashville, TN 37212

The Mockingbird

Chic diner for classic American comfort food with a global spin, plus cocktails, in a hip space.

121 12th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37203

Cameo Carlson, m Theory Nashville

Favorite Dish: Meatless, Rye Not? Vegetarians rejoice! This is a genuine reuben made with seitan pastrami. You will NEVER miss the meat in this one!

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The 404 Kitchen

Farm-to-table New American fare & craft cocktails are served in chic digs, plus a basement bar.

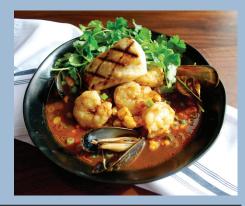
507 12th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

Kelly Jarrell, Sandbox Entertainment

The restaurant started in the bottom of The 404 Hotel in a tiny space —literally the size of a shipping container. The intimacy and ambiance were perfect for a special occasion or a quiet date night. They recently moved to a much larger building across the street. I haven't made it in yet, but I'm sure the standards that applied before, carried over here.

Favorite Dish:

The menu changes constantly based on season and what they are able to get, so nailing down a favorite dish is impossible. That's one of the things I love about it! Every experience feels special and different. I've honestly never had a bad meal there, and the level of freshness and creativity from their culinary team functions at such a high level.



Bastion

Creative cocktails, draft beer and wine offered in warehousestyle digs with trendy, restored decor.

434 Houston St, Nashville, TN 37203

Madeleine Donovan, VEVA Sound

"Purchase a ticket to experience the finest food show in the city. It only seats 24 people; reserve at least one month in advance!"

Lockeland Table

Rustic, rehabbed storefront setting for Southern-accented American grub & wood-fired pizzas.

1520 Woodland St, Nashville, TN 37206

Megan West, SoundCloud

"Lockeland Table is a wonderful community-centric restaurant in East Nashville. Combining a neighborhood feel with a fantastic wine list, and the freshest local ingredients, the most difficult thing is making a decision on your meal.

Urban Cowboy is across the street, so if you're looking to extend your night by sipping a beverage next to a campfire, this is a great place to start."

Virago

Hip hangout for Asian fusion fare, sushi and cocktails, with chic, modern decor and a roof deck.

1126 McGavock St, Nashville, TN 37203

"Virago has fantastic service. Great for business conversations or enjoying cocktails with old friends that don't want to smell like barbecue! The ambience inside is fantastic. Smooth lighting and comfortable seats. Terrific for a nice dinner."

Mike Giangreco, Big Loud



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120 3rd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37201

Robert's Western World

Live country bands, cold beer and fried bologna sandwiches draw fans to this prototypical honky-tonk.

416 Broadway B, Nashville, TN 37203

The Stage

Honky-tonk featuring live country bands & a dance floor by a large mural depicting music icons.

412 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203

Tootsie's Orchid Lounge

This historic watering hole and prototypical honky-tonk is across the alley from the Ryman.

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MUSEUMS

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Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum

222 5th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

The Country Music Hall of Fame[®] and Museum adds a strikingly modern touch to the Nashville skyline and is situated at the epicenter of the city's rapidly growing core, a block from the popular honky-tonks of Broadway, across the street from Bridgestone Arena and Music City Center, and adjacent to the Omni Hotel. The museum is often called the "Smithsonian of Country music" because of its unrivaled collection.

Hatch Show Print

224 5th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203

The tour of legendary Hatch Show Print will engage your senses. Listen to the presses crank as you learn more about the history of Hatch Show Print, see the brilliantly colored posters that put the shop on the map in the last century and compare them with the posters printed today for your favorite entertainers, handle some of the tools of the trade and smell the ink as you pull your own keepsake print in the print shop-within-a-print shop Space for Design.

The George Jones Museum

128 2nd Ave N, Nashville, TN 37201

Modern museum offering exhibits on the life & music of George Jones, with an eatery & rooftop bar.

Musicians Hall of Fame

401 Gay St, Nashville, TN 37201

The Musicians Hall of Fame is the one and only museums in the world that honors the talented musicians who actually played on the greatest recordings of all time. Some like Jimi Hendrix are well known, while others like L.A session drummer Hal Blaine are not as well known to the public, but have played on hundreds of hit records.



Patsy Cline Museum

119 3rd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37201

Though she left the world tragically at the age of 30 in 1963, Patsy Cline made an indelible mark on Country Music and remains one of the biggest names in Country history. The Patsy Cline Museum celebrates the life of the legendary songstress and features hundreds of never before seen artifacts, personal belongings, videos and much more.

Johnny Cash Museum

119 3rd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37201

The Johnny Cash Museum takes you on an in-depth journey through the Man In Black's amazing life featuring hundreds of artifacts and interactive exhibits.



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