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Kanela Streeterville

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Abandoning the warm blankets for a quick shower and the chaotic rush hours (especially if it's cold outside) is a major issue for non-morning people. A cure, however, has been discovered: a pleasing meal at **Kanela Breakfast Club-Streeterville** (500 N. Lake Shore Dr.; kanelabreakfastclub.com).

This newest Kanela location offers the same experience in terms of efficient and warm service as well as price/quality relationship as the other venues all over the Windy City. Patrons are able to get a vast breakfast (from 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri.), friends can meet for a delicious brunch and nine-to-fivers even have a late lunch alternative (until 3:30 p.m.). Conveniently located close to the busy Navy Pier, wise guests should be careful to plan their visit, particularly during weekends. Tables on the sidewalk and glass walls welcome growling stomachs to a friendly place.

Kanela's decor combines harmoniously the cozy atmosphere of wooden design with a trendy taste. The open kitchen does not make it any easier to



resist the scents, and the soft contemporary rock music soothes the ambience, allowing everyone to talk comfortably. Even the toilets are neat.

Here comes the tricky part: deciding. The extensive menu includes starters, coffees and juices, non-fat Greek yogurt smoothies, cocktails, savory dishes with eggs in almost any style, soups, salads, sandwiches, plenty of vegetarian plates and salsas for those with a sweet tooth. (There's also a catering menu.)

The Skin Revive juice might be a tad acidic, but it is perfect to wake someone up thanks to its components of kale, pineapple, cucumber and lemon. However, for the ones who rather have a sweeter drink, the Strawberry-Orange juice blend might be a better choice.

As for the food, starting with the moist and sweet monkey bread with kanela, honey butter and walnuts will stimulate anyone's appetite (and sharing might be smart). The buttermilk-fried chicken and waffles—complete with sunny side up eggs,



The chicken and waffles (left) and exterior of Kanela Streeterville.

Photos by Andrew Davis

sriracha honey sauce and fresh fruit on the side—is very substantial and good, if not great.

The dish consisting of eggs over housemade chorizo with Chihuahua cheese—along with toast with strawberry jam, potatoes and fresh avocado on the side—is recommended for those who also enjoy spicy salsa verde. And in case anyone has room, the sticky Nutella S'Mores Waffle—with its crushed Graham crackers, caramelized marshmallows and chocolate sauce—will probably force the guests to ask for a wheelbarrow to transport themselves from the premises.

An extra cardio session is worth trying the good, tasty and affordable Kanela.

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OUR WEEKLY PICKS TO PLAN
YOUR NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR



Miller Lite presents:
Night of 100 Drag Queens:
Queens At Play

Wed., Oct. 21
& Thu., Oct. 22

Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Ferocious, fierce and fabulous queens from all over the state will be taking the Sidetrack stage for a production like no other to benefit Equality Illinois. This year's theme is Queens At Play. This year's performers celebrate games, dolls, toys, and all things play-ful with large production numbers featuring sexy dancers and outrageous costumes. For over 20 years, Chicago's longest-running drag benefit has celebrated the campy, the beautiful, the avant-garde and the just plain "sickening" Chicago drag community and Equality Illinois at Sidetrack.

Directed by Jeffrey Lynch and hosted by Dixie Lynn Cartwright and Alexis Bevels, Night of 100 Drag Queens features a who's-who of Chicago drag, including Chicago's own RuPaul's Drag Race favorites Dida Ritz, Monica Beverly Hillz (pictured at last year's event; photo by Kirk Williamson) and Jade Sotomayor. A special VIP reception allows you in early to grab the best seats in the house and enjoy the beautiful and hilarious Tequila Mockingbird as she sings live for your entertainment.

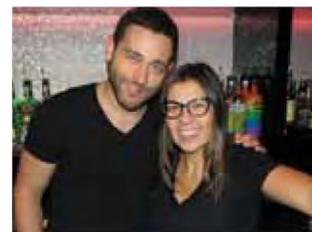
Two nights only: Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 22, 2015.

VIP tickets are \$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the door. Doors open for VIP reception at 7 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$15 per person in advance and at the door. Doors open for general admission at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.sidetrackchicago.com or can be purchased at Sidetrack.

—from a press release



HYDRATE

Miss Richfield 1981 opens her big mouth, Friday, October 9.

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RICKY MARTIN @ ALLSTATE ARENA



TOUCHE

Hangin' during American Brotherhood Weekend.

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Many bon-bons were shaken, Sunday, October 11.

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