



Will You Marius?

Feeling like every dance floor in Downtown has been overrun by the younger set? Searching for the perfect place to kick up your heels without throwing out your back? Well, finally, there's a spot where grown-ups can get their groove on! [Marius \(196 Crown Street\)](#) provides a sophisticated dining and nightlife alternative on the ever popular Crown Street strip.

Patrons will be struck by alluring décor upon entering Marius, located in the heart of Downtown's entertainment district. The mirror-flanked dance floor and flowing waterfalls create a nothing-less-than-lush ambiance. Several discrete spaces – Wine Room, Booth Room, bar and more – provide options for those seeking different drinking, dining and dancing experiences.

But Marius is more than just a pretty face. The menu features fine dining fare with a Southwestern and Brazilian flare. From surf (the Marius Lobster) to turf (South American Churrascaria) and back again (Sea Salt Fish of the Day), the menu is as creative as it is varied. And speaking of variety, the bar boasts over sixty wines and more than one hundred vodkas.

Marius is open Tuesdays from 4pm to 1am, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1am, Fridays from 11am to 2am, and Saturdays from 4pm to 2am.

At Marius, you're sure to meet your (dancing and dining) match!

For more information call 203-772-3792.

NMS Saves the Music

There's a whole lot of activity going on over in the Audubon Arts & Retail District this week, but it's not spring cleaning. It's Performathon, the [Neighborhood Music School's \(100 Audubon Street\)](#) fundraising event. Each year, NMS schedules a festive week of recitals (this year's theme is Fun for All and All for Funds!), including a day long music fest on Saturday, April 5, during which the talented student body raises money for financial aid and scholarships.

The NMS staff and instructors believe in making quality music and dance instruction accessible to all who want the opportunity to learn. That's why the funds raised during Performathon will go directly to those students who could not otherwise afford to study at the school. Over seven hundred students currently benefit from the financial aid program, and in order to continue to provide assistance for existing students as well as create opportunities for new ones, the 2008 Performathon goal has been set at \$25,000. This year, the folks at NMS, with the support of the [Community Foundation for Greater New Haven](#), have made donating to the cause as easy as a click of your mouse. Click www.nmsmusicschool.org/performathon, follow the super simple instructions and make your (very generous) donation. Don't forget to mention Performathon in the Special Comments/Considerations box on the donation page!

Performathon: Put your money where the music is!

Click here or call 624-5189 to make a donation to NMS Performathon.

Art in Motion

Think you've seen some moving performances in the past? Get ready to *really* be moved as the [Arts Council of Greater New Haven](#), in partnership with [CT Transit](#), takes the show on the road with [Exact Change](#), a performance on wheels project. On Sunday, April 13, four New Haven city buses will provide riders with live entertainment as they make their way into the heart of Downtown. Arts-loving commuters will enjoy poetry, theater, music and much more, all for the bargain price of a one-way bus ticket (that's a \$1.25, exact change, please!). Additional support for Exact Change was provided by the [Connecticut Commission for Culture and Tourism](#) and the [Odonnell Company](#). We've got the lowdown on the performance schedule, so you can plan your trip to suit your entertainment tastes.

Fans of improv should catch the 1:25pm, GF bus at Amity Shopping Center (112 Amity Road) to ride along with the [New Haven Theater Company's Meter Theater](#). The journey down Whalley Avenue will feature a host of improv games including The Forgetful Tour Guide, Is This Seat Taken?, The Bell Tour Guide, and The Musical. Check your shyness at the door! These games require some audience participation.

Riders on the D5 bus departing from Walmart (315 Foxon Boulevard) at 1:30pm will enjoy the bilingual fusion of musical sounds and poetry by the [Carlos Hortas Collective](#) as part of their journey down Grand Avenue. Other poets and musicians will climb aboard at stops along the way to join in the artistic celebration.

The [New Haven Theater Company's Teatro Del Sol y de la Luna](#) will entertain and educate passengers aboard the D4 bus with Latin American folklore using music, movement, masks and puppetry. Characters in the stories will enter and exit the bus at various stops along the way. The D4 will depart from Hamden Plaza (near 2100 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden) at 1:33pm.

Poetry lovers can hop on the PMF bus departing from Putnam Place (1245 Dixwell Avenue) at 1:35pm and relish the spoken word artistry of the [Universal Art Movement](#) as they travel down Winchester Avenue.

It all comes together as the four buses arrive on the [New Haven Green](#) at 2pm where the artists will participate in a final not-to-be-missed performance. Forget about Sunday driving and get on board with Exact Change! We know you'll enjoy the ride.

Click here or call 772-2788 for more on Exact Change.

Upcoming Downtown New Haven Events, April 3, 2008-April 15, 2008

★ means event is ticketed and/or charges admission. Town Green District is not responsible for ticket availability or schedule changes.

Theater, Dance & Film

Thu 3. First Thursday! Special events& discounts on merchandise & services. Stores open til 9p. Yale galleries open til 8p. Chapel Historic District. 773-9494.

★**Apr 3-5.** The Five Fists of Science. Yale Cabaret, 217 Park St. Thu 8p; Fri-Sat 8p & 10:30p. \$15; students \$10. 432-1566.

★**Apr 3-5.** Sclavi, the Song of an Emigrant. Yale Univ. Theatre, 222 York St. 8p. \$20-48. 432-1234.

Fri 4. Cinema @ the Whitney: Objects of Desire. Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall St. The Devil is a Woman (1935) 7p; That Obscure Object of Desire (1977) 8:45p. cinema@yale.edu.

★**Apr 4-5.** Insomnia Theater. The Shining (1980). Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple St. Fri & Sat 11:30p; Sat 11a. \$5. 498-2500.

★**Sat 5.** New Haven Oratorio Choir Spring Gala. Music, champagne, wine, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave. 5p-8p. \$40. 444-8538.

Sat 5. HMS Pinafore. Romance aboard the British naval vessel with the improbable name. Shubert Theatre, 247 College St. 8p. \$53; \$46; \$33. 562-5666.

★**Sun 6.** Movies & Mimosas. Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953). Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple St. 11a. \$5; \$2 mimosas. 498-2500.

★**Apr 10-12.** Sidewalk Opera. Yale Cabaret, 217 Park St. Thu 8p; Fri-Sat 8p & 10:30p. \$15; students \$10. 432-1566.

Fri 11. Cinema @ the Whitney: The Ethics of Murder. Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall St. Monsieur Verdoux (1947) 7p; Le Boucher (1970) 9:15p. cinema@yale.edu

★**thru Apr 12.** A Woman of No Importance. Yale Repertory Theatre, 1120 Chapel St. Mon-Sat 8p; Sat 2p. \$20-\$40. 432-1234.

★**Apr 12-13.** Insomnia Theater. Serenity (2005). Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple St. Fri & Sat 11:30p; Sat 11a. \$5. 498-2500.

★**Sun 13.** Movies & Mimosas. La Dolce Vita (1960). Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple St. 11a. \$5; \$2 mimosas. 498-2500.

Tue 15. Cinema @ the Whitney: Looking Back: Orpheus on Film. Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall St. Orphée (1950) 7p; Black Orpheus (1959) 9:15p. cinema@yale.edu.

Lectures

Sat 5. The Power of Beauty: Aesthetics, Politics, Morality. Symposium exploring aesthetic, political, and moral power of beauty. Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. 9a-6:30p. 432-2800.

Mon 7. Reading. Rhode Island State Senator, Lincoln Chafee discusses & signs copies of his memoir, Against the Tide. Yale Bookstore, 77 Broadway. 6p-7p. 777-8440.

Thu 10. New Haven Bird Club presents Conservation Across Landscapes. Dr. Robert Askins, Connecticut College. CT Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St. 7p. 787-1642.

Exhibitions

thru Apr 5. Escapes. The art of Jean Alexandre Kandalaft. Accomplished international artist works spanning two decades. White Space Gallery. 1020 Chapel St. Mon-Sat 10a-6p. Thu until 7p. 495-1200.

thru Apr 6. Crosses and Crucifixes. 160 crucifixes and crosses, from antique to contemporary, in a dramatic setting. Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State St. 865-0400. Daily 10a-5p. 865-0320.

thru Apr 16. Reckoner's Art: Reading and Writing Mathematics in Early Modern England. How readers learned, practiced and implemented mathematics in mid-16th thru 18th century England. Beinecke Library. 121 Wall St. Mon-Thu 8:30a-8p; Fri 8:30a-5p; Sat 10a-5p. 432-2977.

thru April 18. Harold Rabinowitz & Peter Ziou: A Retrospective. Celebrating two longtime members of the CAW community. Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St. Mon-Fri 9:30a-5:30p. 562-4927.

thru Apr 27. The Lure of the East: British Orientalist Painting, 1830-1925. Exploring encounters between 19th century British Artists and the Middle East. Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. Tue-Sat 10a-5p; Sun 12p-5p. 432-2800.

thru Apr 27. Pearls to Pyramids: British Visual Culture & the Levant. Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. Tue-Sat 10a-5p; Sun 12p-5p. 432-2800.

thru Apr 30. Figure This. Local artists focus on the human form and its interpretations. Elm City Artists, 284 York St. Mon-Wed 10a-6p. Thu-Sat 10a-8p; Sun 12p-5p. 218-3832.

thru May 4. Making it New: The Art and Style of Sara and Gerald Murphy. Yale Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. Tue-Sat 10a-5p; Sun 12p-5p. 432-0600.

thru May 4. Colorful Impressions: Printmaking Revolution in 18th Century France. Yale Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. Tue-Sat 10a-5p; Sun 12p-5p. 432-0600.

thru June 8. Master Drawings from the Yale Art Gallery. 85 master drawings from the collection. Yale Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. Tue-Sat 10a-5p; Sun 12p-5p. 432-0600.

Music

Apr 1-6. Performathon-All for Funds, and Funds for All. Week-long student performances to raise money for Financial Aid Program. Neighborhood Music School, 100 Audubon St. Times vary. 624-5189.

Fri 4. Bach's Lunch. Bring your lunch & enjoy a concert by faculty member Laura Richling (piano) What Shape Are You In? Neighborhood Music School, 100 Audubon St. 624-5189. 12:10p.

★**Fri 4.** Lura. French Afro-pop, Brazilian rhythms and earthy, traditional African music. Shubert Theatre, 247 College St. 8p. \$18-\$30. 562-5666.

★**Fri 4.** Spring Jazz Series. Aaron Goldberg Trio. Firehouse 12, 45 Crown St. 8:30p (\$15); 10p (\$10). 785-0468.

Sat 5. Yale Glee Club hosts Seraphic Fire, Miami's chamber choir. Battell Chapel, College & Elm St. 8p. 432-4136.

Sun 6. Richard Ford & Friends: The Christian Journey. Cast members from Black Nativity present songs representing the Christian journey. Bethesda Lutheran Church, 450 Whitney Ave. 4p. Donations accepted for Habitat for Humanity. 787-2346.

★**Sun 6.** The Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile. The new guard of bluegrass takes the stage of the Shubert. Shubert Theatre, 247 College St. 7p. \$30; \$25; \$20. 562-5666.

★**Mon 7.** Toots & the Maytals. Toad's Place, 300 York St. 8p. \$25; \$20 adv. 624-TOAD.

Fri 11. Helmuth Rilling conducts Elijah. Woolsey Hall, College & Grove St. 8p. 432-4158.

★**Fri 11.** Spring Jazz Series. Joe Morris Quartet. Firehouse 12, 45 Crown St. 8:30p (\$15); 10p (\$10). 785-0468.

Families & Children

Sat 5. Family Funday. Telling Stories. Stories from Native American traditions relating to A New World: England's First View of America. 10:30a-11:30a. Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. 432-2800.

Sat 12. Picture This! Looking at Old Things in New Ways. Using interactive gallery activities while looking at objects from the special collections. Kids 7-12 years old. Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. 10:30a-12p. 432-2800.

Sat 12. NHSO Family Concert Series: Whiz Kids 2008! Featuring CT's finest student soloists performing with the NHSO. Woolsey Hall, 500 College St. 2p. \$12; \$5 child. 865-0831.

Sun 13. Family Program. Stories & Art. Yale students and staff relate folktales and myths from across the globe to works of art in the Gallery's collection. Yale Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. 1p. 432-8459.

★**Year-Round.** Saturdays at 2. Artists& educators engage children with dramatic readings of books through the Creating Readers program. Each family receives a copy of the book for their home library! CT Children's Museum, 22 Wall St. 2p. \$5. 562-5437.

Classes & Workshops

Click for classes & workshops in New Haven.

Don't miss the April installment of Wine Dine Design on Tuesday, April 29! Visit winedinedesignnh.com for more information.