

[Stage Bites: The Weekly Dining & Drinking Guide](#)



New Wave quintet Devo performs at The Vic Thursday.

Every Monday look for the week's top performances paired with the best deals before and after the show:

Inner Torments at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park. Fulcrum Point New Music Project's multi-media, movie-themed concert highlights signature selections from *The Reader* (composed by Nico Muhly), *Being John Malkovich* (Béla Bartók), Jacob ter Veldhuis's *Grab It!*, and Randall Woolf's score for *Holding Fast*, a new documentary about Tibetan refugees by Mary Harron (*American Psycho*) and John C. Walsh. Film excerpts accompany each work. 7:30pm Nov. 12. Get discounted tickets (when you use promo code 5519) [here](#), which also includes a reception immediately following performance.

[The Gage](#): Menu can get a bit pricey, but only if you don't know what you're doing. Choose from four sections of the menu, including snacks and small, share-able plates of wild game dishes. Best fall offerings: braised rabbit salad with crisp rice (\$14); bison tartare with radish, pickles, cucumber, watermelon and curry (\$16); fried chicken livers with spicy mustard (\$8); and MacFarlane pheasant thigh with sherry, Seckel pears, beluga lentils and rosemary (\$10).

[Sweetwater](#): The guys behind Wicker Park sensation [The Boundary](#) have yet another hit on their hands with this lounge located a block away from

Millennium Park. Expect a business casual, after-work vibe, plus Cajun shrimp rigatoni, a number of wraps, and a build-your-own burger option with toppings like chili aioli, caramelized onions and Oaxacan cheddar.

Tavern at the Park: A number of casual bites can also be found on the menu at this resto located directly across from the park. Miniature *Tavern Teasers* (prime rib, Buffalo chicken or sirloin cheeseburger; \$7-\$9) top the list, plus offerings such as fig & prosciutto flatbread and prawn risotto are also popular.



Sweetwater (Photo: Urban Daddy Chicago)

Devo at **The Vic.** New Wave's geekiest group takes the stage to sing 1980s hits *Whip It* and *Girl U Want*. 8pm Thursday, Friday. Get tickets [here](#), including VIP tix where you'll get to meet and greet the artists.

Kirkwood: Attracts a mostly post-collegiate, young professional crowd. They're going for \$1 mini burgers, \$2.50 domestic bottles on Thursday; \$5 Svedka vodka cocktails, \$4 Blue Moon pints on Friday.

Trader Todd's: Before Thursday's show, head here for a special fiesta menu (every Thursday) with \$2 quesadillas, nachos, chili, and chips and salsa, plus \$5 margaritas. And on Fridays, folks flock here for the all-you-can-eat shrimp (with cole slaw and baby red potatoes) for \$6.95. 5-8pm.

The Addams Family at Ford Center for the Performing Arts. See the show before it hits Broadway early next year. **Nathan Lane** and **Bebe Neuwirth** star in the production based on the kooky television series. Nov. 13-Jan. 10. Get

tickets [here](#).

Bar Novo: It's a small, yet mighty menu with updated versions on classic bar bites. We cannot get enough of the deconstructed, smoked prime rib nachos, grilled Kobe beef sliders or mini Cuban sandwiches (which come with mini Coronas!).

State and Lake: theWit's first-floor gastropub is now doing microbrew flights of three, five-ounce pours for \$7. Choose from *All Hopped Up* (Avery Brewing Co., IPA; Surly, Furious Dry Hop Pale Ale; Founders, Red Rye Pale Ale), *Autumn in the Loop* (Great Lakes, "Nosferatu," Red Ale; Two Brothers, Cane and Ebel, Red Rye; Founders, Porter) or *For the Love of Beer* (Two Brothers, French Country Ale; Goose Island, Matilda; Left Hand, Milk Stout).

South Water Kitchen: Weeknights feature half-price off on the tavern menu (brick-oven flatbreads, a charcuterie plate, truffled eggs, pretzels with warm butterkase cheese and beer dip) 4-6pm. Also, check out the wallet-friendly wine list where all bottles are \$15 everyday; and \$3 for all draft beer on Thursday.