

Pick Up Lines: A Love Letter To Takeaway Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is often a hassle. Impossible-to-get dining reservations plus dull *prix fixe* menus with predictable rubber chicken entrees and gauche lava cake desserts equal a less than romantic atmosphere for the most amorous day of the year. Luckily, these local gastronomic geniuses save the day with enjoyable divertissements for at-home fun to take Valentine's Day from dull to desirable.

MOSAIC TABLE

Israel-born owner and Chief Experience Curator **Anat Sagi** brings her unique brand of culinary hospitality to Mosaic Table, a vibrant pop-up dining experience at Warren's Hope and Main food incubator. Ever the conscientious hostess in these trying pandemic times, Sagi offers a full at-home Valentine's Day feast for pickup or delivery, which includes a lovingly crafted multicourse meal, flower arrangements from **The Lilac Thief**, and of course, a handpicked playlist of tunes to get you in the mood. Looking to get out of the house and meet some new friends (or something more?) - On February 20th, **Hope and Main** transforms into a romantic supper club, featuring Sagat's seasonal specialties, local libations from **RI Cruisin' Cocktails**, and some exciting surprises sure to ignite that spark!

GRAZE ON MAIN

Nothing is better than staying in on Valentine's Day with a giant charcuterie board, because unlike a real date, cheese will never let you down! **Elyse Pare** and **Geza Tanner** run this small-but-mighty "SpeakCheesy" in the heart of downtown East Greenwich, and their menu has something for everyone. From the Tuscan Nights Board (perfect for two, resplendent with merlot-soaked cheddar, hot capicola, and grape preserves) to the girls' night-ready Bougie Board (your choice of six meats and cheeses, plus house-made accompaniments - don't sleep on the raspberry cabernet jam!), there's something for everyone to celebrate love in all its cheesy glory.

RIFOODFIGHTS' Valentine's SWEETS POP-UP

Back by popular demand, RIFoodFights' Valentine's Sweets Pop-Up is definitely not to be missed! Filled to the brim with sugary goodness from local purveyors, the boxes even offer a vegan option. Favorites last year included Coffee Milk & Cookies Ice Cream from **Warwick Ice Cream**, Red Velvet Valentine Cupcakes from **LaSalle Bakery**, and macarons from **Silver Spoon Bakery**. The contents of this year's incarnation are a heavily guarded secret, but what's better than a blind date to spice up your Valentine's Day?

Pre-Order Online, Pickup 2/12 and 2/13 at PVDBagels, 695 North Main Street, Providence

NEWPORT SWEET SHOPPE

Something special happens when real-life partners parlay their love for each other into a business venture, and that's exactly what **Patrick** and **Amanda Bryan** did when they opened Newport Sweet Shoppe ten years ago.

Valentine's Day is kind of a big deal at this pink-tinted confectionary, and the menu of chocolate covered strawberries, heart shaped cookies, and even a saccharin spin on a charcuterie board -- with truffles and dipped pretzels taking the place of the expected savories -- doesn't disappoint. This holiday is all about consuming copious amounts of chocolate, so why not enjoy the best Rhode Island has to offer?

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