

Chicago's New, Now, Wow!

MUSIC VENUES CHICAGO'S HOTTEST SPOTS

While the summer festival season is winding down and all of those outdoor concerts are pretty much non-existent after September that does not mean the Chicago music scene is in hibernation. Check out our list of favorite music venues to escape the chill in the air...

Andy's Jazz Club

www.andysjazzclub.com

Opened in 1951, Andy's was an oasis for employees of the newspaper industry. This shot & beer joint was transformed into a jazz club in 1977. Lunchtime jazz sessions were originally scheduled once a week, every Friday at noon. The response was overwhelming and after adding Jazz at 5 on Fridays and then at noon & 5pm five days a week, Andy's Jazz Club was born. Andy's has since become a premiere venue for mainstream, bebop and swing-jazz combos. Andy's is a great place to escape the River North hustle, enjoy some great music and take in some real Chicago history.



Buddy Guy's Legends

www.buddyguys.com

There is only one place in Chicago to experience live blues seven days a week, Buddy Guy's

Legends. Not only is the man whose name's on the marquee a star but his bar has become an icon in the local music scene. Buddy Guy's consistently books national, local and international blues acts. And in the past the



stage here has been graced by such big names as Van Morrison, Bo Diddley, The Rolling Stones, ZZ Top and John Mayer who have all stopped in for a jam session either on their own or to play with Buddy. Stop into Legend's and check out the memorabilia that covers just about every inch of the walls and stay for the fantastic tunes (you never know who might be up on stage).

Double Door

www.doubledoor.com

Warm up and step inside the steamy, bi-level rock club Double Door. The intimacy of the fans with the performers is what makes this a premier venue in Chicago and secures some of the most established touring acts around. Direct views of the stage from just about anywhere, excellent acoustics and dim lighting allow this 500 seat hall to feel much more intimate than it really is. Even though it feels like a neighborhood bar, the Double Door has serious booking cred and prides itself on a long history of awesome acts that includes The Smashing Pumpkins, Bush and even The Rolling Stones.



Green Mill Cocktail Lounge

www.greenmilljazz.com

Are you trying to call yourself a true Chicagoan? Then you have to make the

pilgrimage up to the Green Mill Lounge. This spot has a storied history that dates all the way back to the 1920's when it was owned partly by Al Capone's henchman "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn. One of Chicago's true gems, the Green Mill is still one of the premier places to hear live jazz. With touring and local artists every night, get there early to get a good view of the stage and even earlier to get

a seat! The Green Mill may not have a lengthy beer list, posh martinis or any food but the stiff, old-school cocktails, great music and the occasional poetry slam make this one of Chicago's great stops.

House of Blues

www.houseofblues.com

If you find yourself in River North, near Marina City, stop into the House of Blues. Opened in 1996, HOB has the most diverse music lineup out of any Chicago venue, from Aretha Franklin & Al Green to The Who & Ted Nugent. Before entering the music hall, spend some time at the HOB restaurant, the Back Porch. Once here, take in the sights and sounds where food & drinks collide with music & art (HOB has one of the country's largest collections of folk art). Modeled after the spectacular "Estavovski" Opera House in Prague, the views from the exclusive Opera Boxes are a unique and unforgettable experience. And to keep with tradition the HOB Chicago keeps a metal box of mud from the Mississippi Delta underneath the stage.

Schubas

www.schubas.com

This former home of a Schlitz Beer Brewery Tap house has become a Chicago staple in the music scene. The jam-packed music calendar attracts everyone from local punk bands and hip-hop artists to national folk & country singers who perform almost nightly in Schubas intimate back room on its chapel-like music stage. Every element you are looking for in a small music venue comes together here seamlessly; excellent sound, great lighting and an up close invitation to the artists make it a place that any music fan can appreciate.

