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Michael Krupp



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Area Four co-owner Michael Krupp (left) knows you can't resist a good grilled cheese. ZAC WOLF



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There's rarely no line outside A4cade, the Area Four/Roxy's Grilled Cheese venture that serves quirky cocktails and artisan grilled cheese alongside rows of token-fueled classic arcade games. It's a brainchild of Area Four co-owner Michael Krupp and James DiSabatino of Roxy's and Whole Heart Provisions. The two hit a nostalgia sweet spot with 18-foot Shuffleboard and Skeeboard tables and tiki-inspired drinks served out of a porcelain Death Star.

Krupp, who helms the beloved pizza outposts in Kendall Square and the South End's luxury residences, the Troy, has no trouble spreading the love to the city's other fine establishments.

While we could eat Area Four's perfectly crispy, wood-oven-baked pizzas every night, the 38-year-old South Ender divides his time eating at some of the tastiest joints around town. He shares his faves:

Best late night meal?

Peach Farm in Chinatown — the go-to spot for salt-and-pepper shrimp, surly waiters and no windowless dining. Perfect for late nights and sad afternoons.

4 Tyler St.,
peachfarmboston.com

Best meal under \$5?

The grilled cheese with tomato at Cabot's is still \$4.99, but one should really splurge the extra \$2 for the best tuna melt in town.

743 Washington St.,

Newton, cabots.com

Best hidden foodie gem?

Cocobeet in Government Center — yes, it's a juice, yes, it's healthy, yes, they also have amazing salads and sandwiches that are suitable for my half-ass-meat-loving-vegan lifestyle. Also, acai bowls are like healthy dessert.

Best place to dine alone?

Café Sushi — come for the award-winning sushi, stay for the conversation with the irresistible Imura brothers.

1105 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge,
cafesushicambridge.com

My wife is a terrible eater. Strangely, she has no problem finding plenty to enjoy at Kava, this adorable little Greek spot. No [reservations] and fills up quick, so perfect for those of us who have to make it home in time to relieve the babysitter.

Best place to catch up with friends?

JJ Foley's in the South End. At this point in my life, I don't even know if I want to drink anything but Guinness and Jameson with friends. Stick with the corner entrance to avoid people who aren't there to just drink.

117 E. Berkley St.,

iffolleyscafe.com

Most Instagrammable meal in town?

Self-promotion here, but is there anything more Insta-Face-Tinder-Tumblr-able than a gooey grilled cheese next to a tiki

cocktail for two served in an R2D2 surrounded by the flashing screens of arcade games? I think not! A4cade. 292 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, areafour.com/locations/a4cade

Spot you recommend for out-of-towners?

Oleana is one of the city's most long-standing and praised restaurants, for all the right reasons. It's also convenient enough that even visitors to Boston proper should be enticed to come over the bridge.

134 Hampshire St., Cambridge,
oleanarestaurant.com



Tiki cocktails are served in vessels like R2D2. RACHEL RACZKA