

FOOD + DRINK



DINNER AND A SHOW

A day spent enjoying performances at the Kimmel Center is sure to work up an appetite. Luckily, the Kimmel is located near some of Philadelphia's best restaurants, one of which is 500 feet above ground. **R2L** offers unparalleled views while dining on lobster and steak tartare. If you're seeing a matinee, we suggest going for happy hour (M-F 4:30 pm-6:30 pm). The sunset punch is a rotating cocktail geared towards the season and is the perfect accompaniment to the actual sunset you'll see from the bar. 50 S. 16th St., 215.564.5337

Where Art and Cuisine Collide



Philly restaurants are combining art with culinary expertise for a dining experience that is as much for the eyes as it is for the taste buds. When owner Ellen Yin recruited New York chef Eli Kulp to reinvigorate her restaurant, **Fork** (306 Market St., 215.625.9425) in 2013, the menu wasn't the only thing to get a new look in her Old City space. Fork emerged from a renovation with a gorgeous new mural by artist Anthony DeMelas. "At the time they were painted, he was a server at Fork," says Yin, "but after having so many commissions, he's primarily focused on his art now."

And it's not hard to see why: The mural's columns of tree trunks shimmer in shades of soft green, ocher and gold. The work has become so synonymous with Fork, it even serves as the landing page for the restaurant's website. At **Federal Donuts** (701 N. 7th St., 267.928.3893), plastered on the exterior wall of the 'FedNuts' largest location-cum-commissary on 7th and Fairmount is a mural by Yis "NoseGo" Goodwin, one of Philly's eminent graffiti artists, that features a colorful hybrid creature with a body made of doughnut rings and a head that looks like a cross between a chicken and a sea anemone. At **Graffiti Bar** (124 S. 13th St., 215.732.3501) walls and tabletops are covered in the titular street art created by three different local artists, A-LOT, Distort and Rune. "We wanted to create a unique and different experience, a space that didn't exist in the city [with] a backyard vibe," says Michael Schulson, chef and owner of the alfresco lounge. "They created life in the space," and the bar "turned out to be a huge success." —Adam Erace

Caffeine Fix

Latte Art: The best spots to find the coffee trend in Philly.

Ordering a simple coffee as part of your morning routine or afternoon pick-me-up is a thing of the past. Now, it's all about latte art. For the uninitiated, latte art is the creative whim of a barista who uses milk foam and espresso to paint designs atop your drink.

At **Square One Coffee** intricate leaf designs pull you in and a large selection of coffee roasts will keep you wanting more. All coffee is roasted at Square One's micro-roaster in Lancaster, Pa., and the freshness of the beans hits you after just one sip.

LOCATION:

249 S. 13th Street, 267.758.6352

At **Bodhi Coffee** similar plant designs are the staple, but if you're visiting during a big event, you just may see something special—like a football in honor of the Super Bowl. Wood tables and large windows make it the perfect spot to snap a photo and enjoy a great cup of coffee—they carry Brooklyn-based Stumptown Coffee Roasters and Philadelphia brand, Elixir.

LOCATION:

410 S. 2nd Street, 267.239.2928

At **Joe Coffee**, chic white dishware enhances the leaf design worked by the barista. While this café may be a chain, you won't notice once you step inside the cozy quarters.

LOCATION:

1845 Walnut Street, 215.278.2454

