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Cinco de Mayo

Ready for a little party, Mexican style?

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Who doesn't love helping our neighbors south of the border celebrate their national holiday by sipping a cool margarita or two on the patio and reveling in the culinary delights they introduced to the U.S.? We're ready for a party, and with May just around the corner, it's time to make a reservation. Pass the guacamole!



Margarita Del Diablo at Tavern

1. ROSEPEPPER CANTINA (East Nashville): This is some of the best Mexican food in Nashville—and a personal favorite. (Try the chimichanga!) Drink specials will accompany the fantastic menu. Your perfect drink awaits, with almost 100 tequilas to choose from and an amazing, knowledgeable bar staff. rosepepper.com, (615) 227-4777.

2. 55 SOUTH (Franklin): The 55 South crew promises us it's a party in the streets with live music all day. Food and drink specials will support the crowds and *The Guinness Book of World Records* will be on site as they attempt the largest-ever tequila toast. eat55.com, (615) 538-6001.

3. TAVERN (Midtown): They'll be featuring the Margarita del Diablo (tequila, Grand Marnier and strawberry puree garnished with two jalapeno slices) and specials on Tavern's "bazooka" guacamole—plus, graze on tacos and nachos all day long (11 a.m. to 1 a.m.). tavernnashville.com, (615) 320-8580.

4. BEYOND THE EDGE (East Nashville): They're having a Pub Crawl with prizes all evening. The grand prize is a seven day trip to Cancun. Five bars total are included in the crawl from 7 p.m. to

midnight, and Corona is the beer sponsor. beyondtheedge.net, (615) 262-3344.

5. MARGARITAVILLE (Downtown): C'mon, you can't have a party without Jimmy Buffett getting involved. This newcomer to downtown will be throwing out *all* the stops for Cinco. Grab a seat upstairs in the "Cowboy in the Jungle" bar and float away to the islands with drink and food specials open to close. margaritavillenashville.com, (615) 208-9080.

6. HOLLAND HOUSE (East Nashville): They're planning a large menu of epicurean tequila cocktails, some old and some new. Mexican beer selection will also be larger than normal and offered on usual happy hour specials. San-Antonio style puffy tacos with an array of fillings (three for \$9). Hollandhousenashville.com, (615) 262-4190.

7. SPORTSTOWN BARBQ GRILL (Church Street): Planned is a Mexican-themed barbecue. Drink specials are (2-3-4) \$2 drafts, \$3 well and \$4 wines. This is a great non-smoking destination near downtown. Sportstownbarbqgrill.com, (615) 678-7116.