

Good Service, Good Food, and a Taste of Hollywood at Studio One

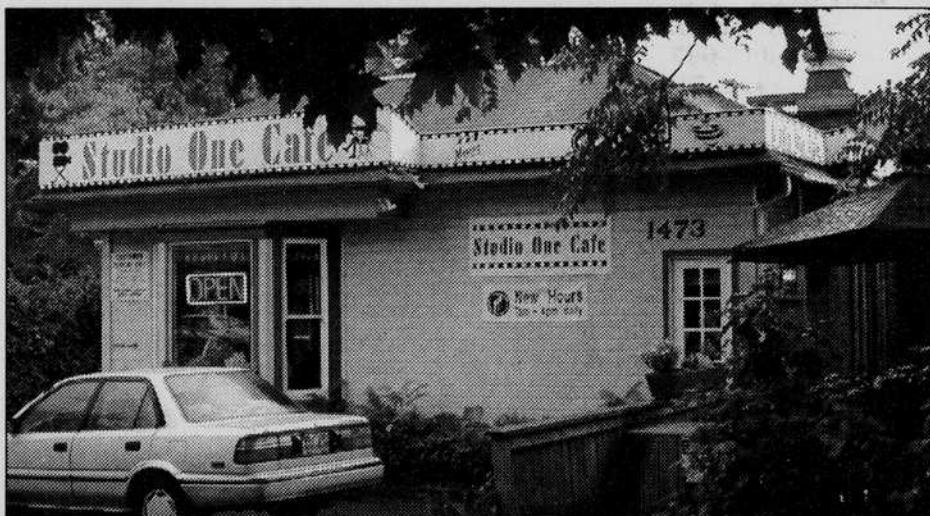
Studio One

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A good restaurant with good breakfast is not uncommon. Twenty-four hour pancake houses and local cafes will typically offer food in the early morning, but the formula for food, location, and service for most of these establishments remains fundamentally benign. Studio One bravely breaks from this form, and the result is perfect.

Gone are cheap plastic plants and waiters coming off marathon graveyard shifts. Instead, Studio One has converted the first floor of an old 19th Street home into a small restaurant with sensational food and



unbeatable service amidst an old fashioned Hollywood theme.

The atmosphere is the biggest attention-getter for this establishment. Large photos of Cagney, Bogart, Monroe, and other silver screen stars grace the otherwise simple white stucco walls. The theme continues with authentic studio equipment scattered about and a menu that adheres to the classic Hollywood twist.

The stucco walls and tight seating did make the dining room louder than average, but the background noise was still tolerable, and the ambiance was perfect for a hearty, healthy start to the morning.

The next piece to this wonderful experience is the service, which stands far above typical restaurant service. The host was prompt with presenting menus, and the wait staff is

attentive without being overbearing. Even the gentleman who made us a latte came by to ensure that we were satisfied with his service.

When our food order was taken, the waiter was sure to get our food prepared exactly as we requested. Have you ever had a waiter ask you how you wanted your bacon cooked? Being offered a choice between chewy or crispy was completely unexpected and welcomed.

The final important part to Studio One is the food. Frankly, the atmosphere and the service could have been this restaurant's only distinguishing features, and I would still be satisfied. But Studio One adds to the mix food like no other. Fresh ingredients and good preparation make these dishes stand out from other breakfast. The French toast came to the table covered in a rich blackberry compote, with a sweet butter and cream sauce poured liberally off to the side. The bread itself was thick and perfectly prepared: lightly battered and cooked until it was not too soft and not too crispy. The bacon was crispy, just as I had requested, and the eggs were cooked exactly to ordered.

The prices of the dishes are competitive with most breakfast cafes, but the value of what you get at Studio One extends far beyond the bill.

Rarely does a restaurant offer as much as Studio One, blending top-notch service, outstanding food, and an energetic and unique atmosphere.



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