

Rumba Room Brings Latin Flavor to Eugene

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100 E. Broadway

484-1747

Fare: Mexican

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Kim Humphries with Tim Bott

As I walked into Eugene's newest Latin Cuisine and Bar, I was preparing for a completely unique experience. The deep red walls, Christmas lights strung along the ceiling, and a disco ball in the center of the room made me feel like I was walking into an authentic Latin discotheque.

I was greeted with a warm smile from the manager as he whisked us away to our black table topped with an elegant white tablecloth. Our server, the manager himself, was very attentive and insisted on a special drink for me, "the lady".

He came out right away with chips and salsa and told us about the specials. A carne asada marinated in

Black Butte Porter was my date's choice, while I chose the steak fajitas. Both dishes greatly exceeded our expectations and we were impressed with the chef's attention to detail and presentation.

The Rumba Room is reminiscent of a Latin cantina, taken straight out of a Caribbean or Latin American hotspot and placed in the heart of Eugene's downtown.

Until 10pm, all ages are welcome. Then the dance lights fire up and the Salsa dancers take the floor. For those who have never danced before, or those wishing to perfect their salsa dancing, a pair of professionals give lessons, beginning at 9pm.

We started the night with the manager's suggestion; two margaritas made from scratch. These were quite possibly the best margaritas in town! The bar offered a variety of tropical drinks served up by a bartender of many talents.

The Rumba Room is a place I would definitely take a group of friends or a first date. With the salsa dancing lessons, my first thought was an ideal first date. The salsa dancing would be a great icebreaker, and it gives the opportunity to get close!



Tino's Spaghetti House is Currently Hosting "Mob Hit" Night

Tino's

15th and Willamette

(541) 342-8111

Fare: Italian

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romantic feel, yet the two big screen TVs lighten the overall mood.

With a large dining room as well as a secondary dining room, the restaurant can accommodate large groups as well as plenty of smaller parties.

The wait for a seat at peak times (particularly Friday and Saturday nights) is short, and the wait staff is friendly and prompt.

Their selection of entrees includes many options for under \$10, well within a student budget. A wide selection of Italian food is available as their standard menu fare, and Sunday night features a buffet as part of their "Mob Hit" night.

For this event, the establishment plays a Mafia movie or will tune into a television series that fits the organized-crime genre for their weekly "Mob Hit" theme.

The restaurant also includes a full bar

featuring many beers on tap and a variety of wines are featured by the glass or bottle.

Tino's is a picture-perfect Italian restaurant that provides excellent food and good company. Spirited and creative weekly events add to an enjoyable evening out.

Michelle Chan and Aaron Golden

Picture a candlelight dinner consisting of exquisite Italian cuisine, a bottle of wine, mood lighting...and a big screen television.

For over 50 years, Tino's Spaghetti House, located on 15th and Willamette, has provided Eugene residents and students at the University of Oregon with excellent food and an intimate atmosphere. The candles on the restaurant tables create a

