

# Oakville Beaver Artscene

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## Tongue N' Groove serves up a grand opening

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Drink, Dance, Decadence.

Oakville's premiere supper club, the Tongue N' Groove, lived up to its slogan last Saturday shelling out plenty of all three during its grand opening.

Four spotlights shone spiraling columns of light into the night sky, marking the entrance to the club where a \$20 cover charge gained you entry.

Beyond the bouncer-guarded velvet rope, guests were ushered into the club's main dining room where those interested in the restaurant side of the club sat at elegant tables enjoying some of the club's culinary masterpieces beneath the subdued glow of five great chandeliers.

Items on the menu included Calamari for \$10, Red Snapper Fillet for \$24, Le Ferme Chicken Breast for \$19 and Chicken K-Bobs for \$14.

Dinner seating times have been set for 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

On either side of this main room, customers crowded around the two very well stocked bars, whose back walls, lined with rows and rows of brightly coloured liquor bottles, advertised countless options for thirsty patrons.

At one point, the guests of the club were entertained by a duo of gyrating belly dancers that danced from table to table soliciting people to dance with them, some of whom did so while simultaneously turning red from embarrassment.

Those looking for something a little more lively than dining and drinking needed only wait until 10:30 p.m. when the tables were cleared away to reveal a dance floor.



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**GROOVEY OPENING:** Tongue N' Groove owner Jason Troy Warsh (JayT) enjoyed the grand opening of his new Speers Road night club with his mother Yasmin, on Saturday night.

At this point the pleasant background music, which had been perfect to eat one's dinner by, intensified into pounding house music ideal for allowing the beautiful and the sophisticated to dance the night away.

The subdued lighting present during the dining part of the evening also changed as coloured lights reflected off the club's chandeliers making them appear

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to change from red to blue to green, along with the rest of the room.

For club owner and Oakville resident Jason Troy Warsh (JayT), the grand opening is the culmination of months of work.

"I'm ready to rock," he said.

"This is Oakville's only and Oakville's premier supper club. It's catering towards a mature clientele, 30 plus for

men and 25 and over for women. It's all about social dining, we want people to socialize and have a good time."

Despite the opulent nature of the club, which includes attendants in the restrooms who hand you towels to dry your hands, Warsh insists his club is not snobbish.

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Maintaining this air of class requires some help from the guests as the club does have a dress code, which essentially states that guests are to look stylish.

This requirement was taken very seriously and anyone not fulfilling it was turned away at the door by the bouncers.

However, even though dress shirts and dress pants seemed to be the order of the evening, there were a large number of attractive young women in tight-fitting jeans who seemed to have no trouble getting in.

Bringing the club to this point has not been easy, said Warsh.

"We started this project in October of 2006. I went through a lot of hard times with our contractors. There were delayed openings in December, delayed openings in February."

Warsh said his refusal to open the club until it met with the vision he had for it also delayed the opening.

"We kept working it and working it because I wanted it to be perfect, service wise. Aesthetically I wanted it to be perfect. So, we just kept on postponing until I was satisfied with the whole project."

This attention to detail has not gone unnoticed by the club's customers.

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