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# IT'S A DATE!

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To the cynic, planning anything special with your significant other during this time of year can seem like an epic quest to achieve standards set by an industry and not your sweetie. Not to mention the cards, love letters, chocolates, and knick-knacks engraved with "I WUV You" that you're tired of buying, and (most likely) your sweetheart is tired of collecting.

The perfect Valentine gift is often about a special *experience*, not the obligatory hand-to-hand exchange of an item (though, they aren't all bad—especially, when bought local!). It's a glass of red or bottle of craft brew, a shared menu of local cuisine, a slow walk through the story of your city, or a sweet treat in one hand, with a nightcap in the other. In other words, focus more on a special date experience if you're having a hard time figuring out the special gift this year.

*So, how about a twist on dinner and a show?*

Nowadays, a movie is just as costly as going to a live theater show. So, why not upgrade your evening?

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TheatreNOW hosts a wide variety of traditional and original acts in an intimate theater, accompanied by menus especially prepared for each one. Throughout January and February, TheatreNOW presents “Love Happens” by Richard Orloff, an apt choice for the time of year.

This romantic comedy follows a year in the lives of two couples: One young and just in the first stages of their blossoming relationship; and the other, approaching their 50th anniversary. As the younger couple progresses from meeting and dating to the challenges of living together and commitments of relationships, they get advice and testimony from the older couple—who happen to develop their own problems when they’re influenced by the younger pair.

While “Love Happens” has been offered since early January, we suggest trying to get in for its final Valentine’s Night Show on February 14, with a menu especially made for this one evening.

## Valentine’s Day Menu 2015

### Lobster-Crab Roll

*A Mini Lobster & Lump Crab Roll with Red Slaw*

### Sweetheart Salad

*Hearts of Palm & Artichoke Salad with Herb Dressing*

### Lover’s Lane Entrée (choose one)

*Potato Gnocchi (dumplings), in a House-made Tomato & Vodka Cream Sauce, topped with Crispy Eggplant, Olive Tapenade & shaved Italian Cheese*

OR

*Sirloin Steaks: twin Sirloins, pan-seared, then braised in a Red Wine Bordelaise Sauce. Served with Chef’s Vegetables & roasted Baby Potatoes*

OR

*Fresh Salmon Filet: cooked in a Parchment Paper “Bag” with Shallots, Garlic, Julienne Vegetables, White Wine & Herbed Truffle Butter. Served with roasted Baby Potatoes*

### Sugar Pie! Honey Bunch!

*A Sugar Pie for Two, topped with Honeyed Pecans & Chocolate-dipped Berries*

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*Tickets are \$30 adults, \$20 show only*

*Valentine’s Night Special menu will be \$45/\$80 per couple*

*Shows Friday & Saturday night thru February 14*

*Doors open at 6pm. Show at 7pm. Reservations requested.*

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If you can’t get to the Valentine Show, be sure to head over to TheatreNOW for its regular dinner theatre shows anytime you’re in the mood for a unique and special date night.



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