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### music

#### **ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO**

WHAT His old band. The Nuns. opened for the Sex Pistols at their final show. And Sheila E. is his niece. How much more cred do you need?

WHEN | WHERE 8 tonight and

tomorrow night, City Winery, 155 Varick St., Manhattan **INFO** \$30-\$40; 212-608-0555, city

winery.com



- KEVIN **AMORIM** 

**Escovedo** 

## food

#### **NYC RESTAURANT WEEK**

WHAT Now's your chance to eat on the cheap at more than 300 New York restaurants. The offer is good Mondays to Fridays through Feb. 10. New participants this year include Boulud Sud, Fish Tag and Marble Lane.

**INFO** Dinner \$35, lunch \$24.07. Complete list of participating restaurants and other special deals at nycgo.com/restaurantweek



Rubix Kube will take you back.

## nightlife

#### **BACK TO THE EIGHTIES SHOW**

WHAT You know you want to dance to "I Want Candy" again. Return to the Reagan years with '80s tribute band Rubix Kube. WHEN | WHERE Tomorrow at

9:30 p.m., Canal Room, 285 Broadway, 212-941-8100 INFO \$17 advance, \$20 at door, 866-468-7619, ticketweb.com

## fireside chats

# Now, that's hot!

BY MARIE ELENA MARTINEZ Special to Newsday

hen the thermometer drops, there's no better way to warm up winter bones than to log some time in front of a roaring fire. Luckily, New York City is awash in bars and restaurants featuring fireplaces of all shapes and sizes. Drop in on one of these spots for a hot toddy, comfort food and some serious heat.

**TRIBECA** WHAT Located in a bright pink town house that dates back a couple of centuries, Tiny's & The Bar **Upstairs** is the latest from the team behind TriBeCa hot spots Smith & Mills and Warren 77. The rustic ground floor features a roaring fireplace, and though the casual joint serves a killer burger, chef John Martinez excels at simple New American dishes like seared scallops and grilled duck breast.

WHEN | WHERE Daily lunch and dinner,

brunch on weekends, 135 West Broadway INFO 212-374-1135, tinysnyc.com

**GRAMERCY** WHAT An inviting bilevel space off Park Avenue, **Ciano** is bathed in orange and yellow hues that glow brighter as the main dining room's large fireplace burns. Chef Shea Gallante's Italian dishes focus on farm-to-table ingredients, and while Ciano's menu changes seasonally, the veal meatballs over polenta with truffle pecorino are always a sure bet.

WHEN | WHERE Daily lunch (except Saturday) and dinner, closed Sunday, 45 E. 22nd St.

**INFO** 212-982-8422, cianonyc.com

THEATER DISTRICT WHAT Set in a landmark building just off the bustling action of Times Square, The Lambs Club, owned by "Next Iron Chef" winner Geoffrey Zakarian, was once the stamping ground of old Hollywood. Nowadays, the twostory space is adorned with red leather



In the intimate lobby of The Bowery Hotel, patrons might spot a celeb hanging out.



Once a haunt for film stars, The Lambs Club now attracts a pre-theater crowd.

banquettes and a stately floor-to-ceiling fireplace that burns fiercely through the din of power meetings and pre-theater

WHEN | WHERE Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner, 132 W. 44th St., in the Chatwal Hotel

INFO 212-997-5262, thelambsclub.com

LINCOLN CENTER WHAT Although the Empire Hotel's 12th-floor rooftop is associated with summer's velvet-roped debauchery, come winter, the west terrace boasts a steady fire in the hearth and plush couches where visitors can linger, taking in killer views of Lincoln Center. The drinks here can be pricey, but this dimly lit spot is perfect for a little canoodling over cocktails.



Come to Ciano for the fireplace; stay for the veal meatballs over polenta.

WHEN | WHERE Open daily, 44 W. 63rd St. INFO 212-265-7400, empirehotelnyc.com

**EAST VILLAGE** WHAT The Bowery Hotel is one of the city's most intimate hideaways. Dark-wood panels and soft lighting enhance the lobby's crackling fireplace; antique chairs and chandeliers accent the vintage vibe. Settle in for cocktails or order up some afternoon tea, but keep one eye on the crowd you might catch someone fabulous passing through.

WHEN | WHERE Open daily, 335 Bowery at East Third Street **INFO** 212-505-9100, theboweryhotel.com