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FALL 2021: WHAT'S NEW IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND (October 1, 2021) – As the lake breeze turns cooler and crisp fall brews hit the taps, a variety of new offerings debut this autumn in Cleveland. Visitors can experience an Underground Railroad interpretive center, new restaurants, a wine bar in the Flats riverfront neighborhood and a preview of next summer's regionwide contemporary art triennial.

NEW ATTRACTIONS, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

SPORTS AND RECREATION

- **2022 NBA All-Star Game**
NBA All-Star 2022 will include a series of city-wide activities and events culminating in the 71st annual NBA All-Star Game on Feb. 20 at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse. The event will include a celebration of the NBA's 75th anniversary season.
- **Eagle Zip Adventure at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**
A new tandem zipline experience has taken flight at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The [Eagle Zip Adventure](#) spans more than 700 feet and riders reach speeds of 35 miles per hour as they cross the Zoo's Waterfowl Lake. The zipline tower stands at 150 feet and provides riders with unparalleled views of the Cleveland skyline before embarking on a thrilling ride.

ARTS & CULTURE

- **Cleveland Museum of Art**
A first-of-its-kind exhibition, [Revealing Krishna: Journey to Cambodia's Sacred Mountain](#) transports visitors to the floodplains of southern Cambodia to tell the story of a newly restored sculpture that spans 1,500 years and three continents. Running Nov. 14, 2021, to Jan. 30, 2022, the exhibition features two sculpture galleries and four digital experiences, including a full-surround, mixed-reality tour that brings visitors to the sculpture's original cave temple and an immersive film narrated by Angelina Jolie and Cleveland author Loung Ung. The eight monumental stone sculptures of Hindu deities from Phnom Da will be seen together for the first time through interactive, life-size 3D models.
- **Cozad-Bates House Interpretive Center**
The only surviving pre-Civil War structure in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood, the [Cozad-Bates House Interpretive Center](#) presents the area's history as a hub of the abolitionist movement. Exhibits are organized in three areas: the national and local context for slavery leading up to the Civil War, stories of anti-slavery activists and freedom seekers and a space that examines the impacts of slavery still seen today through an exploration of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments developed by Case Western Reserve University's Social Justice Institute.
- **Great Lakes Science Center**
Aerospace enthusiasts will soar to new heights at Great Lakes Science Center's [Above & Beyond](#), which runs through Jan. 2, 2022. The exhibit's 5,000-square-foot space explores the future of aerospace technology and air travel with interactive demonstrations and displays that include simulated space elevators, testing a supersonic jet in a virtual flying competition, flight simulations and more.

- **Cleveland Museum of Natural History Centennial**
Celebrating 100 years of scientific discovery, conservation and community, [Cleveland Museum of Natural History](#) will open the [100 Years of Discovery](#) exhibit in November, exploring the institution's history and rise as a renowned leader in human-origins research and conservation.
- **Museum of Contemporary Art (moCa)**
 - **Artist-in-Residence Program:** moCa launched an [Artist-in-Residence \(AIR\) Program](#) to support the work of emerging and early-career artists in Cleveland. The program highlights each artist's work through an interactive exhibit space. Mixed media and sculpture artist [Joyce Morrow Jones](#) is featured through Nov. 30 and photographer [Amber N. Ford](#) will begin her residency in winter 2022.
 - **Institutional Residency with Museum of Creative Human Art:** In July 2021, moCa launched a year-long institutional residency pilot with the [Museum of Creative Human Art](#). The collaboration empowers and supports underserved artists and encourages audiences to connect with unknown creators who are influencing art and culture. MOCHA will present seven exhibitions at moCa in addition to collaborative public programs for all ages throughout the year.
- **Transformer Station**
The preview exhibition [Grand Prototypes, Humble Tools](#) introduces the themes and artists for the next edition of FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, which returns summer 2022. Running Oct. 8, 2021, through Jan. 2, 2022, the exhibit features completed works alongside projects still in development, including films, works on paper, furniture, textiles, sculptures, performances and more.
- **Cleveland History Center**
Visitors to the Cleveland History Center will be fascinated by the fashion and life of the designer in [Amanda Wicker: Black Fashion Design in Cleveland](#). Establishing herself as the preeminent fashion teacher and mentor in the predominantly African American Fairfax neighborhood, the exhibit – on display through the end of 2021 – showcases the designer's more than six-decade career from the opening of the Clarke School of Dressmaking and Design to roles with the National Urban League, the United Negro College Fund and the NAACP.
- **Playhouse Square Broadway Series**
The 2021/2022 KeyBank Broadway Series kicks off this fall and includes "The Prom," "Pretty Woman: The Musical," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations" and Disney's "Frozen."
- **Karamu House 2021-2022 Season**
The historic [Karamu House](#), recognized as America's oldest African American producing theater, makes its anticipated return to live performances for the 2021-2022 season. Four shows will hit the mainstage starting with August Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" in October 2021, Langston Hughes' "Black Nativity" in December 2021, Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" in February 2022 and Keith Hamilton Cobb's "American Moor" in May 2022.

MUSIC

- **The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**
 - **2021 Induction Ceremony**
The [36th Annual Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#) takes place October 30 at a new home, Cleveland's [Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse](#). The [Class of 2021 Inductees](#) include Tina Turner, Carole King, The Go-Go's, JAY-Z, Foo Fighters and Todd Rundgren.
 - **The Biggest Show on Turf: 55 Years of Halftime Shows**
[The Biggest Show on Turf](#) honors the dynamic history of the Super Bowl Halftime Show. Fans can relive iconic moments spanning more than two decades, including The Weeknd's infinity room, Bono's flag-lined jacket, Katy Perry's Left Shark, Prince's turquoise suit and more.

- **The Cleveland Orchestra 2021-2022 Season**

The [Cleveland Orchestra's 104th season](#) will feature ten guest artist debuts, acclaimed guest conductors and more than 30 new works being performed for the first time, including 16 led by acclaimed music director Franz Welser-Möst in his 20th season with the Orchestra. The season starts October 2021 and culminates in May 2022 with an opera festival surrounding performances of Verdi's opera Otello.

NEW RESTAURANTS

Despite the impact of the pandemic and loss of iconic eateries, entrepreneurial Clevelanders continue to enhance the culinary landscape. Recently opened and soon-to-open options include:

- **Goma (July 2021)**

Japanese fusion restaurant [Goma](#) builds on chef Dante Boccuzzi's experience as executive chef at Nobu/Milan. An extensive selection of sushi rolls and shareable plates along with a full sake menu and sake-infused cocktails are highlights. An exclusive craft cocktail club, Giappone, will open below the restaurant later this year.

- **Haunted House Restaurant (July 2021)**

The aroma of freshly popped popcorn, a box office-style host stand and servers dressed in theater usher uniforms welcome guests to the [Haunted House Restaurant](#), a new eatery inspired by classic horror films. Darnell "SuperChef" Ferguson helped create a menu of urban eclectic American dishes, including a "brinner" menu with breakfast-for-dinner-style plates.

- **1330 on the River & Compass Lounge (September 2021)**

With a prime riverside patio, [1330 on the River](#) features scenic views of the Cuyahoga River along with fresh fare and craft cocktails. Guests can head downstairs to Compass Lounge cocktail bar to enjoy signature drinks and high-end spirits served along the river's edge.

- **Cherie Wine Bar (November 2021)**

Featuring velvet seating and French flare, wine enthusiasts will revel in the [Cherie Wine Bar & Lounge](#) experience when it opens in November. Guests can look forward to a carefully curated wine selection with a range of styles to enjoy in flights, glasses or by the bottle. The indoor-outdoor bar sits at on the riverfront and will offer a selection of small plates and shareables.

- **Amba (November 2021)**

Acclaimed chef Doug Katz's Indian fusion ghost kitchen, [Amba](#), will become a brick-and-mortar restaurant in the Ohio City neighborhood this November. Visitors can look forward to an enhanced menu highlighting Indian flavors and a dining space with a dark, sultry vibe. Adjoining Amba will be A Bar, where visitors can enjoy a cocktail in a casual, lounge-style atmosphere.

- **Smokey's BBQ and Saloon (Fall 2021)**

James Baker, son of Cleveland's barbecue king and NFL star Al "Bubba" Baker, is following his passion for barbecue with [Smokey's BBQ and Saloon](#), opening this fall in the Flats. Guests can dine on Texas-style barbecue cooked low and slow over local fruitwood while live country music, mechanical bull rides and a dance floor provide entertainment. Visitors can also savor sunset views, cocktails and small plates on the Sundance Lounge rooftop bar or escape to the intimate Cassidy Room for cigars and high-end spirits.

- **Filter (Fall 2021)**

Ultra-modern décor and a DJ-guided soundtrack will provide the backdrop for Instagrammable moments at restaurantier Kyler Smith's new dining and nightlife destination, [Filter](#). Chef Jarrett Mine will guide the not-your-typical steakhouse menu, while the venue will feature art, décor and an atmosphere that promises to leave a lasting impression.

- **Jade (Fall 2021)**

Visitors to the Flats East Bank entertainment district can add Asian fusion to the growing list of culinary specialties when [Jade](#) opens. The waterfront restaurant will feature three levels of dining spaces, including a rooftop bar and lounge.

- **Indie (Fall 2021)**
Partners Gabriel Zeller and Julie Mesenburg will open [Indie](#) restaurant this fall on Downtown Cleveland's East 4th Street. Celebrating their love for indie music, walls will be covered with posters from 17 years of concerts attended by the pair. The menu will feature seasonal small plates, sharables and signature dishes, along with a lengthy list of craft cocktails.
- **Bartelby (Late 2021)**
Admired for its stunning architecture and prime location across from the West Side Market, restaurateur Morgan Yagi and chef Dante Boccuzzi will open [Bartelby](#) in the historic United Bank Building. The modern supper club will feature a restaurant, bar, private dining and event space.

NEW BREWERIES, BARS & NIGHTLIFE

- **Immigrant Son Brewery (October 2021)**
[Immigrant Son](#) pays homage to the owner's Hungarian heritage and the melting pot of ethnic influences shaping Cleveland's craft beer scene. The expansive taproom will feature 20 house beers in addition to seasonal and specialty collaborations. Executive chef Ron Dippong shares a variety of globally inspired dishes including Hungarian fried bread, charred octopus and cheddar-filled pierogies with butter and onion.
- **BrewDog (November 2021)**
The much-anticipated Cleveland outpost of Scotland-based [BrewDog](#) will open November 2021. Located on a bend of the Cuyahoga River, the new 10,000-square-foot taproom and restaurant will feature 24 taps that visitors can sip in the European-style beer garden or on the massive riverfront patio that includes a kids' play area, dog park, firepits, riverfront seating and more.

NEW ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

The latest updates to attractions, hotels and Cleveland's public spaces enhance the visitor experience as well as the city's landscape. Recent and upcoming projects include:

- **The Orbit**
A former NASA site is being converted into [The Orbit](#), a 54-room boutique hotel near Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. The building was constructed in 1964 while the NASA Glenn Research Center played an important role during the space race. Renovations are set to be complete in December 2021.
- **ROOST Apartment Hotel**
[ROOST Apartment Hotel](#) will open in early 2022 inside a 106-year-old department store turned residential property in Downtown. ROOST provides furnished and fully equipped studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments for temporary and extended stays. Guests enjoy all the services and amenities of a boutique hotel in the comfort of a private living space.
- **W Hotel**
A 1960s modernist skyscraper in Downtown Cleveland will host a new [W Hotel](#), opening in 2023. Plans for the 210-room hotel include a 15,000-square-foot ballroom and event center, a full-service spa and gym and a restaurant and bar on the 38th floor with panoramic city views.
- **Hotel Cleveland**
After extensive renovations, the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel will be rebranded as the Hotel Cleveland, returning the city's second-largest hotel to its original, historic name. The 491-room hotel will be part of Marriott's Autograph Collection, a group of distinct, independent hotels. Renovations to the 1918 building are to be completed in 2023.
- **Cleveland Museum of Natural History Expansion**
The Cleveland Museum of Natural History broke ground in June 2021 on an expansion project that reimagines the museum's campus. The format will pioneer a new model for natural history museums to engage guests, protect the environment and empower individuals to be a voice for the planet. Construction is scheduled for completion in 2023 with exhibits ready for the public by July 2024.

LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next few years, Cleveland will welcome visitors for several notable events. Here's a look at what's ahead.

- **FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art**
The second edition of [FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art](#) will be held July 16-Oct. 2, 2022. Comprised of artist commissions, performances and films, FRONT 2022 will embrace art as an agent of transformation and healing. The exhibition title, "Oh, Gods of Dust and Rainbows," is inspired by a poem by Langston Hughes, who moved to Cleveland in his childhood and maintained an artistic connection to the region.
- **2024 NCAA Women's Final Four**
After hosting this Championship in 2007, Cleveland will again welcome the NCAA DI Women's Basketball Tournament Final Four in 2024 at the Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse.
- **2024 Solar Eclipse**
It will be a blackout in Cleveland on April 8, 2024, as the city is in the direct path of the total solar eclipse. Ohio will be one of just 13 states left in the dark as the moon passes between Earth and the sun. The darkness will be longest in Northeast Ohio, nearly four minutes.

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