



NOTABLE EDIBLES

THE MEETING PLACE OF ALL THE ARTS by SIENNA SPENCER



Chef Onil Chibás specifically did not want a restaurant. Having had a solid career in animation at Disney and Dreamworks for over a decade, he hoped to keep that 9-to-5 work schedule as he transitioned into the culinary arts via Le Cordon Bleu, so he started catering in 2005. However, the thoughtful chef could not pass up the intimate space in a charming Pasadena brick building, confiding that he derives “a real creative satisfaction” from running his ingredient-focused lunch and brunch café, Elements Kitchen.

That satisfaction is about to be twofold as Chibás moves in with the famous Pasadena Playhouse and opens a second Elements Kitchen this summer. The Playhouse is looking forward to serving Elements’ fresh, creative fare at its concessions stand during performances. Those limited intermission options of soda and a cookie will finally be upstaged. After the show, the actors, crew and audience members will no longer be forced to shuffle off to an open-late greasy spoon equivalent for a round-robin as they nosh. Word is that the two partners are even working on an official “dinner and show” combo.

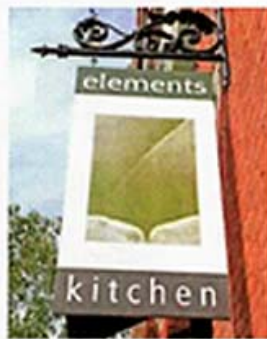
Now playing: lasagna, made from scratch—including the Ricotta and Mozzarella. Homemade pickles, potato chips, rosemary-focaccia rolls. House-cured gravlax and house-dried tomatoes. Summer greens from the local Dervaes Gardens. Heirloom tomato sorbet with Parmesan shortbread. Adding dinner to the menu at last, Elements will continue its concept of American Modern Fun, from Southwest to Asian to French, and everything in between.

Summer theatergoers, whether you are attending the intense Lillian Hellman drama *The Little Foxes* or the high-octane gospel musical *The Crown*, don’t forget to add a little drama to your evening by ordering Elements’ spotlight dish, the Mac ‘n Cheese,

available with chicken, tomatoes and truffle oil. You will feel like a king when the individual serving is set before you. Gratinéed perfection.

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The stage is not merely
the meeting place of all
the arts, but is also the
return of art to life.
—Oscar Wilde

