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Baltimore Sun

“Best of Baltimore 2011”

by Richard Gorelick

Summary

“What better way to celebrate Edgar Allan Poe than with the dark and cozy corner tavern, Annabel Lee? Named after one of Poe’s most famous works, this Canton haunt has mesmerized its diners from the start with a creative menu of upscale comfort food and very friendly service.”

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Baltimore Sun

“100 Reasons to Love Baltimore”

by Mary Alice Yeskey of Charm City Cakes

Summary

“Annabel Lee Tavern is my go-to for out of town visitors and date night with my husband. It’s perfect in nearly every way - the ambiance is spooky-cozy, the food is thoughtful and delicious, and their cocktails are extraordinary.”

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Baltimore Magazine

“Top 25 Bars”

Summary

“The concept of Annabel Lee Tavern alone—A Poe-themed bar! Why didn’t we think of that?—is genius, and the execution flawless. Stuffed ravens perch on top of Tiffany lamps behind the bar, which has Raven, Resurrection, and Guinness on tap. Poe quotes are painted in script on the merlot-colored walls, and everything from the outside wrought-iron railing in the shape of a barren tree to the sumptuous drapery is perfectly Victorian gothic.”

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Baltimore Sun

“Elizabeth Large’s Top 10 Fine-Dining Bars”

Summary

Annabel Lee Tavern Takes #1!

“At heart its a neighborhood corner bar, only with duck fat fries, filet mignon and mushroom risotto.”

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Cleveland Magazine

“A Haunting on the Bay”

Summary

“Amused by cocktails such as Manhattintinnabulation and Tell Tale “Tini, we nestled into the alcove that held our table and unhurriedly pursued the menu. The food was unexpectedly sophisticated for such a casual place: Annabel Lee’s sweet potato fries, which are drizzled in honey then tossed in brown sugar and Cajun spices, were a standout.”

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Baltimore Magazine

“Best of Baltimore 2009”

Summary

Annabel Lee Tavern Won Best Bar for Grown-Ups!

“On any given evening, Annabel Lee Tavern, is packed—and not just with young bar hoppers, but with actual grown-ups!”

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Baltimore Magazine

“Get to Know... Kurt”

Summary

“Always a fan of Edgar Allan Poe, Bragunier dedicated his bar to the prolific gothic writer. Poe’s dark romanticism is echoed throughout the space, from the lines of poetry scrawled on the walls to the Poe-themed cocktail menu. The bar/restaurant is known not only for its incredible food, but also its inventive drinks and local beer selection.”

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Arrive Magazine

“City Guide to Baltimore”

Summary

“Honor Poe, at the Annabel Lee Tavern, aptly named for his last poem. Opened in 2007, the restaurant has been earning local praise for good food at a good prices as well as for innovative cocktails, often named after Poe’s works.”

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Baltimore Sun

“Elizabeth Large’s Top 10 Happy Hours for 35-and-overs”

Summary

“This tiny tavern can get packed, but it’s kind of romantic, and during happy hour various beers and rail drinks are \$1.50 off.”

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About.com

“4 Star Review of Annabel Lee Tavern”

Summary

“Annabel Lee Tavern in Baltimore’s Canton is one of the city’s most exciting new eateries. A small, casual, neighborhood restaurant, Annabel Lee serves vibrant food in a laid back atmosphere.”

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“Poe’s Spirit Still Inhabits Baltimore”

Summary

“The obvious name for a Poe-themed pub would be the Happiest Hour, but Kurt Bragunier wanted something more evocative for his corner bar on the fringes of Canton. Thus, the Annabel Lee Tavern was born.”

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Restaurant Association of MD

“Winner of Favorite Bar and Tavern”

Summary

“With an immense deal of pride in its city, Annabel Lee Tavern pays great attention to detail with everything geared towards comfort! Its mismatched grandmother dishes and continuously playing 1940s music make the atmosphere warm and welcoming to all guests.”

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ZAGAT Rated

“Noteworthy Newcomer”



Summary

“Inspired” by Edgar Allan Poe’s final poem, this “unpretentious” corner tavern in Canton may look “like nothing from the outside” but its interior is “dark and cozy”, with a buzz that draws urbane gentrifiers for whimsically “creative” New American fare; with limited seating at the bar and several high-top tables, it can get packed at peak times with Resurrection Ale-sipping regulars who look forward to the opening of an upstairs addition in late 2008.”

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Best of Baltimore

“Best New Bar”



Summary

“The secret’s out. Every time we step into Annabel Lee Tavern, it’s more crowded than the last The Tiffany lamps behind the bar, the dark-red color scheme, and the 40’s and 50’s jazz and big band tunes give the place the feel of an old friend’s living room. Owner Kurt Bragunier runs the place with a smile on his what-has-to-be tired face. People seem to love the Edgar Allan Poe-themed bar’s homey charm. Or maybe they’re just addicted to the sweet potato fries, served piping hot and doused in cayenne and brown sugar.”

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Food Network

“Ace of Cakes”

Summary

“Annabel Lee Tavern was featured on an episode of Ace of Cakes. An Annabel Lee- EA Poe cake was made for our first anniversary (Dec. 7th). It was a surprise orchestrated by Mary Alice and the owner’s sister. It was six months in the planning and as the picture shows it was a beautiful cake.”



Baltimore Magazine

“Apres Poe”

Summary

“If Baltimore’s famous writer were around to celebrate 200, he’d be wise to stop into Canton’s Annabel Lee Tavern to try one of eight cocktails on the new drink menu.”

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City Paper

“Upscale Comfort Food”

Summary

“Upscale comfort food has made a big mark on Baltimore’s restaurant scene in recent years and Annabel Lee’s offerings are particularly tasty.”

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Washington Post

“A Quaint & Curious Time in Baltimore”

Summary

“After seeing the home, head to Annabel Lee Tavern named after Poe’s last poem. It boasts a shrine to the late author, his poetry covers the walls and Raven beer is on tap.”

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The Baltimore Sun

“Elizabeth Large’s Top 10 Soft-Shell Crabs”

Summary

Ranked #2

“Dusted with flour and Old Bay rub (contains a little brown sugar) and sauteed, finished with basil aioli at Annabel Lee Tavern in Canton.”



The Baltimore Sun

“Elizabeth Large’s Top 10 Romantic Spots for the Budget-Minded”

Summary

Ranked #1!!!

“Annabel Lee Tavern in Canton. Dark and romantically mysterious setting. Good food and drink. Need I say more..”

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Time Out New York

“Weekend Trips from NYC to Baltimore”

Summary

“The gothic Annabel Lee Tavern named after a poem by Baltimore’s most famous literary transplant, Edgar Allen Poe. The tavern offers inexpensive grub and Poe-themed drinks.”

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The Baltimore Sun

“Elizabeth Large’s Top 10 Places to Get Great Sweet Potato Fries”

Summary

Ranked #2

“These got the most votes when I asked for suggestions on my blog.”

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Urbanite

“Eat / Drink”

Summary

“Unlike its poetic namesake, the Annabel Lee Tavern is very much alive. The often-packed little bar plays up it Edgar Allen Poe theme.”

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Style Magazine

“Dead Poets Society”

Summary

“Last winter, residents of Highlandtown got a treat when an old neighborhood corner bar was taken over by Kurt Bragunier and turned into the Annabel Lee Tavern.”

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The Baltimore Guide

“Dining Out”

Summary

“It’s a dimly lit, romantic, and stylishly creepy, with the poet’s mournful face gazing at us from above the hearth, and the poetry stenciled on the wine-dark walls.”

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Daily Record

Summary

“Annabel Lee Tavern, bringing small plates as well as a welcome measure of thoughtfulness to a tiny tavern decorated as a shrine to Baltimore’s favorite poet, Edgar Allen Poe.”



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Baltimore Sun



“Dining for \$25 or Less: Annabel Lee Tavern”
by Karen Nitkin

Rated 3.5 Stars out of 4!

Summary

“Like Annabel Lee herself, the restaurant named in her honor is worth remembering. We knew we were in good hands as soon as we placed our drink order. Bragunier’s Brewer’s Art legacy includes an affection for craft beers, and our waitress, when asked, spoke with impressive insight about the difference between two local beers that are offered on tap - Raven and Resurrection. Standards are high at Annabel Lee, thanks in large part to the chef, Mark Littleton, most recently of Lulu’s Off Broadway, who strives to make each dish special. Even a simple spinach salad (\$9.50) is almost a work of art.”



Baltimore Magazine

“The Dish Dining Guide”

Summary

“A cozy spot with amazing food whose name is a homage to Edgar Allen Poe’s poem Annabel Lee. There’s a nice selection of bottled beers and brews on tap.”

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Baltimore Sun

“There are Plenty of Tell Tale Signs that Annabel Lee will Thrive”

by Sam Sessa

Summary

“The Tavern is my favorite new spot in Canton for conversation. You should probably end a bar tour at the tavern. If you start there, you might not want to leave.”



Baltimore Magazine

“Raising the Bar”

by Suzanna Loudermilk

Summary

“You know, the kind of watering hole that also has amazing food. Certainly, go for the drinks but stay for the food. But whether you grab a seat at the bar or a few tables in the back, don’t overlook the impressive fare delivered by chef Mark Littleton, formerly of the defunct Lulu’s Off Broadway.”



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Baltimore City Paper

“High Spirits”

by Richard Gorelick

Summary

“The beautiful Annabel Lee Tavern opened in December and was an instant hit. Opened by Kurt Bragunier, a former general manager at the Brewer’s Art, Annabel Lee, like Brewer’s, feels contemporary in spirit but old and unpretentious, too.”

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The Examiner

“Reporters Ravin’ Over Poe Tavern”

by Jessica Novak

Summary

“You’ll be hooked on Annabel’s ambiance with just one foot in the door. Annabel Lee Tavern like the Edgar Allen Poe poem waxes and wanes between romantic, cozy restaurant and eerie pub”

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What's Happening

“The Happiest Hour”

by Wayne Laufert

Summary

“The place to close out the day for my beloved and me in a city by the Bay is Annabel Lee Tavern. Jean and I keep going back because of Poe and the ambiance and the drink selection – but mostly because of the food.”



City Living

“The New Kids on the Block”

Summary

“This little pub offers an eclectic, but unpretentious menu. The presence of Edgar Allen Poe can truly be felt at the Annabel Lee Tavern. Come see for yourself!”

