

Chez Monique

In June, 1965 Eric Stettler and Monique Lips were awarded a licence to open a coffee house at 88 Yorkville Ave, that would come to offer live music and dancing. Blues and R&B were the main musical themes. The house was poorly advertised, at least in the mainstream press until December '66, possibly to avoid the scrutiny of the musicians union if this was a non-union house. Alternatively the owners may have felt they didn't need to advertise to fill the room. After October '67 it vanished.

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1965

Jun 10	An article in the Toronto Star	Star Jun 10 th p.33 The Metro Toronto Licensing Commission awards licences for three Yorkville coffee houses including one for 88 Yorkville to Eric Stettler and Monique Lips. The article provides a good overview of the local politics of the time.
Oct 27	An article in the Toronto Star	Star Oct 27 th p.7 reference to "the coffee houses and discotheques like the Chez Monique" in an article by Ron Haggart also describing the local state of affairs.

1966

Star Jun 4th p.B26 In an article by Stan Fischler titled "*Everyone's eye in on The Sparrow*" *May Take over Arthur*" in which members of Sparrow including John Kay are quoted and Chez Monique cited as one of the places they played.

Star Jul 23rd p.19 A rather good summary of what Ralph Thomas thinks of the various Yorkville houses/clubs that offer a dance floor. As for Chez Monique: *"An old tumble-down house with a rickety porch fine for leaning against. Twangy music and urgent 17-year-olds come here six nights a week and pay \$1.50 to dance 'til 2 a.m."*

Aug 12-13 and
19-20 **The Weepers**

G&M Aug 12th p.10 In the *Things to do and See during the Weekend* listing: *"The Weepers play for dancing"*.

Dec 16-17 **J.P. & The Saints (Fri)**
Tom and Ian and the Soul Set (Sat)

Tely Dec 15th After Four Classified

Dec 23-24 **Who and the Blazes (Fri)**
Lornie Adams and Junior
appearing with **Tom and Ian**
and the Soul Set (Sat)

Tely Dec 22nd After Four Classified (scan very blurry)

Dec 30-31 New Years Eve Party with
Lornie Adams and Junior

Tely Dec 29th After Four Classified

1967

Jan 6-7 **Manana (Fri)**
The Bo-Street Runners (Sat)

Tely Jan 5th After Four Classified - calling itself "The Home of the R&B Sound"

Jan 13-14 **The Cats' Pyjamas (Fri)**
Tom, Ian and the Soul Set (Sat)

Tely Jan 12th After Four Classified

Jan 20-22	Heart and Soul (Fri) Tom, Ian and the Soul Set (Sat and Sun)	Tely Jan 19 th After Four Classified
Jan 27-28	The Soul Gents (Fri) Tom, Ian and the Soul Set (Sat)	Tely Jan 26 th After Four Classified
Feb 3-4	The Howling Masses (Fri) The Soul 'n Blues (Sat)	Tely Feb 2 nd After Four Classified
Feb 10-11	The Blues Trio (Fri) Bo-Street Runners (Sat)	Tely Feb 9 th After Four Classified
May 5-6	Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents	Tely May 4 th After Four Classified
May 19	The Entertainers (formerly Soul N' Blues) and Tom, Ian & The Soul Set	Tely May 18 th After Four Classified <i>FRI "ALL NITE" DANCE"</i>
Jun 15-18	Bobbi Shon & The Temple (Thurs/Fri) Tom, Ian & The Soul Set (Sat/Sun)	Tely Jun 15 th After Four Classified
Jun 22-25	The Intruders (Fri) Tom, Ian & The Soul Set (Thurs, Sat/Sun)	Tely Jun 22 nd After Four Classified
Jul 7-9	Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents (Fri) The Statters (Sat) A.G. & The Organization (Sun)	Tely Jul 6 th After Four Classified
Jul 14-16	Brandy & Scotch & The Kingdom (Fri) The Tongs (Sat) The Marsades (Sun)	Tely Jul 13 th After Four Classified

Jul 21-23	Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents (all days)	Tely Jul 20 th After Four Classified
Jul 28-30	The Intruders (all days)	Tely Jul 27 th After Four Classified
Aug 4-6	James Stafford Set (Fri) Delphie Review (Sat/Sun)	Tely Aug 3 rd After Four Classified
Aug 10-13	Sounds of Silence (Thurs) The Tongs (Fri, Sat, Sun)	Tely Aug 10 th After Four Classified
Aug 25-26	The Stattlers (Fri) The Entertainers (Sat)	Tely Aug 24 th After Four Classified
Sep 1-4	Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents with guests: Brandy & Scotch, Ed Belmer, Bo Sherman and Bobbi Alexander (and Friday "all nite dance") Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents (Sat) The Nomad Five (Sun and Mon)	Tely Aug 31 st After Four Classified - a Labour Day special.
Sep 8-10	The Entertainers (Fri) The Mansons (Sat) Thad and Leroy (Sun)	Tely Sep 7 th After Four Classified
Sep 14-16	The Shadow Clique (Thurs) The Nomad 5 (Fri) The Tongs (Sat)	Tely Sep 14 th After Four Classified
Sep 22-23	The Entertainers	Tely Sep 21 st After Four Classified
Sep 29-30	James Stafford Set	Tely Sep 28 th After Four Classified

Oct 6-8	Thad & Leroy & The Revised Additions (Fri) The Mansons (Sat) A.G. & The Organization (Sun)	Tely Oct 5 th After Four Classified
Oct 13-14	The Kingdom Show Band (Fri) The Nomad 5 (Sat)	Tely Oct 12 th After Four Classified

1969

Nov 27	The address now home to Marie Cluthe, an evening gown designer	G&M Nov 27 th
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Data Collection

These listings are a compilation of what appeared in the Toronto Telegram's (the "Tely") *After Four* section, augmented by electronic searches of the Toronto Star (Star) and Globe and Mail (G&M) archives from the 1960s on. A number of the scanned Tely pages are very blurry so my apologies in advance for spelling errors.

Where I take words directly from a listing I use "quotation marks" and/or italics. Where I cite an article I reference the reporter if identified, as best I can.