G Pizzas offers creative flavour combinations that distinguish them from the competition

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Is G Pizzas the best-kept culinary secret in Montreal's West End? If it is, I can certainly understand why. I had driven past this unassuming storefront for years without giving it a second thought, only discovering its existence after owner Giuseppe Sacchetti personally invited me to stop by. Located at 5463 St-Jacques Street West near Girouard, the menu features both round and Roman-style pizzas crafted with slow-fermented doughs, premium toppings, and creative flavour combinations that distinguish them from the competition. Try the St. Louis-cut pork ribs, the hot meatball and the chicken parm pizza.

For dessert, try The triple chocolate chunk cookie. They are baked to order and loaded with four varieties of chocolate. The restaurant also offers catering services for a wide variety of occasions, including corporate lunches, grazing tables, pizza parties, picnics, and special celebrations. Operating hours are Tuesday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday from noon to 9 p.m. Orders can be placed online or through DoorDash. For catering and private events, call 514-312-9865 or email G@Gsacchetti.com.

Iranian Cuisine in Pointe-St. Charles

Ispahan in Pointe-St. Charles specializes in traditional Persian cuisine, with an emphasis on expertly grilled meats and time-honoured family recipes. Among its signature dishes are the Joojeh Kebab (saffron-marinated chicken skewers), Koobideh Kebab (minced lamb and veal skewers), Mahicheh (slow-braised lamb shank), Kashk-e-Bademjan (eggplant dip), and the refreshing Shirazi salad of cucumber, tomato and herbs. And I absolutely loved their fluffy white rice infused with precious saffron.

The family-run restaurant is the creation of Farah Esfahani and her son, Arsalan Khalilian, with support from other family members, including her other son, Erfan, an aerospace engineer by day. The family immigrated to Montreal from Iran in 2011 and initially opened a French-inspired lounge in 2017 before pivoting to the cuisine closest to their hearts in 2022: authentic Persian cooking. Open for dinner from Thursday through Sunday, 1777 Rue Centre in Pointe-St. Charles. Info or reservations, 514-805-5002 www.ispahan.ca, email ispahan.mtl@gmail.com.

Patty Slaps its way to the Big Apple

For one day only, Patty Slaps recently benched its signature pretzel bun as New York's 7th Street Burger took over the 1449 Sainte-Catherine St. West locale for its first-ever pop-up in Canada: every burger on the menu was served on 7th Street's buns. The two brands also launched a collab cheeseburger, available that day only: 7th Street's bun and sauce, two smashed beef patties, American cheese, pickles and grilled onions, 7th Street style. Patty Slaps, which you can also find at Royalmount and soon Phillips Square in the old Burger King, will now be headed to the Big Apple to do a pop-up of its own at 7th Street Burger…

La Cage plans "Grandio" sized restaurant

La Cage is heading to Windsor Station, where an 11,000-square-foot sports bar is planned for spring 2027. Groupe Grandio has signed a 10-year lease for the former St-Hubert rotisserie space at the corner of Avenue des Canadiens-de-Montréal and Stanley Street, a short walk from the Bell Centre. The opening, first expected this fall, is now planned for spring 2027.



Giuseppe Sacchetti, owner of G Pizza

Pizza Toni Arrives

Pizza Toni has brought its New York-style pizza to the West Island, opening a location at 3800 Boulevard des Sources in Dollard-des-Ormeaux. The new shop gives suburban diners another place to grab its thin-crust pies and slices without heading to the Mile End or Saint-Henri locations. Its signature sesame-seed crust is one of the details that sets it apart. The DDO shop joins its Mile End and Saint-Henri locations, bringing the same New York-style pizza west.

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