

City of Big Flavors

Eating Chicago—from the sublime to the ridiculous.

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>>The nightly car-park jostle of Bentleys and Mercedes outside **Gene & Georgetti**, one of our favorite old school Chicago eateries, is awe-inspiring. Like Dan Tana's in LA and Rao's in Manhattan, G&G is a step back into a world where Frank and the boys could walk in at any moment and everyone starts dinner with a stiff Manhattan. Almost sixty-five years old and still in family hands, this River North gem is an endearing cliché right down to the celebrity pictures on the wall. Skip the first courses and go straight to the broiled lamb chops, bone-in rib eye or veal chop, and just because the aged prime steaks and chops come with cottage fried potatoes doesn't mean you shouldn't order pasta to share. The sides are all you would want in a dance partner if you were a steak—creamed spinach and Lyonnaise potatoes being the studs. G&G also

