

Restaurant Review: Bona Vietnamese Restaurant

BY KACIE DUNCAN

WHEN MY BEST FRIEND FROM ALASKA visited during spring break, we had one mission: Find delicious bun thịt nướng in the Twin Cities that lived up to our expectations set by our favorite restaurant in Alaska. For those of you who don't know, bun thịt nướng is a Vietnamese dish made with rice noodles, grilled pork, and various veggies. For me personally, I find it to be a delicious dish that feels refreshing while also being filling.

After a long morning, I headed over to a restaurant within walking distance of where I live, hoping for the best. Bona Vietnamese Restaurant is located in the heart of Stadium Village, across from Chipotle and a building down from Raising Canes. My friend from Alaska and my boyfriend walked into Bona Vietnamese Restaurant with me and we sat ourselves at a table near the window. We were greeted quickly with menus and water. Having my taste buds set on one single dish, I knew what I was getting. Despite this, the menu enticed me to order more than originally planned. Along with the bun thịt nướng, I ordered egg rolls and crab rangoon. My company ordered spring rolls, another order of bun thịt nướng and sweet and sour chicken. Within two bites of my food I was kicking myself for not knowing about this place sooner. The bun thịt nướng was delicious and served in a generous amount for what you pay. The crab rangoon was delicious, as were the spring rolls and chicken. The biggest surprise though was that the egg rolls turned out to be the star of the show. They were quite honestly my favorite egg rolls I've ever had. They were fried a certain way that gave them the best extra layer of crispiness. I haven't stopped thinking about those egg rolls since I've left.

I loved the food so much that I went back less than a week later with another friend. I got my same order of food while my friend ordered their traditional pho. Once again, the food was delicious. Nothing on our table left anything to be desired.

When ordering off of the menu you are given two size options for most of the main dishes: small and large. The small, despite its name, is quite large and gives you a bang for your buck. A large on the other hand is bigger and only costs \$1-\$2 dollars more. I consider myself to be someone with a large appetite, but both times I have gone here I have taken home leftovers from my large serving of food.

Bona Vietnamese Restaurant is truly one of my favorite restaurants I've found in the twin cities since moving here. If you're looking for a no frills Vietnamese spot that serves you affordable food with great portions, this is the place to go. What started as a mission to find decent bun thịt nướng in the Twin Cities, resulted in me finding a place I know I'm soon to be a regular at. And most importantly, if you're looking to try the best egg rolls of your life...run don't walk.

Where Music and Visual Art Meet— Rock the Garden Festival 2022

BY MALIA BRAIEDY

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO CELEBRATE the upcoming nice weather? Don't worry, the Walker has you covered! (Like always!)

On June 11th, the Walker Art Center and The Current, an all-music and member supported station from the Minnesota Public Radio, will be hosting the Rock The Garden 2022 Event. A chance to experience the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden while listening to various performers from local to international popularity levels. In case you forget snacks, there will also be scattered food trucks and beer tents across the 19-acre campus.

This year's performers include co-headliners Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, an R&B-infused Americana singer-songwriter and band combo from Colorado, and Sleater-Kinney, an American Rock'n'roll group from Washington. There will also be more local performers, such as the indie-rock band LOW from Duluth, as well as international performers like bea-

badoobee, a Filipino-British singer songwriter from across the pond!

This growing event found its roots in 1998, and has hosted 14 concerts since. Past performers include Lizzo, Chance the Rapper, Bon Iver, and other popular favorites. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, this year's festival comes as a glorious return for past attendees, and as a wonderful opportunity for those of us who haven't been before!

Because of the inability to predict the spread of COVID for such a timeline, information on COVID guidelines and procedures will be posted to their website, rockthegardendestival.com, closer to the event time. General Admission tickets can also be bought on the event's website for \$84. If you're looking for a more exclusive experience, VIP tickets are currently available for \$300.

Gates open at 1pm, and the performances will begin at 2:30pm. See you there!

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