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With Tremendous *ZEST!* a New Contender Takes on *TASTE*

Tucked discreetly in a strip across from Mama Carolla's on 54th Street just east of the Monon Trail, *Zest! Exciting Food Creations* sits with a cheerful and eclectic, albeit spare, interior. The quirky décor soon fades once you understand that the focus is the food. Yes, *Zest!* capitalizes on one of the hallmarks that makes my other favorite Broadripple eatery, *Taste Cafe*, so successful – taking the “ordinary” and creating extraordinary meals.

Comfort Food. Maybe it's the chill in the winter air, but comfort food is always appealing this time of year, and *Zest!* fills this niche quite nicely. A key example: Mama's "Amazing" Meatloaf and World Famous Mac and Cheese. Have this Chef's Table signature entrée (\$7.95) for lunch and you'll be looking for an easy chair to curl up in and take a nap an hour later – be warned if you have to go back to work. Or try the Turkey Melt Sandwich (\$7.95) loaded with pulled roasted turkey, cranberry chutney and brie. This is a twist on the classic “day-after-Thanksgiving” sandwich we've all grown to love.

The Crème de la Crème. Breakfast for dessert, or dessert for breakfast, call it what you want, the Crème Brulee French Toast (\$8.95) at *Zest!* is, I believe, the signature dish that will cause everyone to fall in love with this restaurant. I cannot do it justice. If you order a sandwich or salad for a sensible lunch, go ahead and order the French toast for dessert. Far more useful than any real estate or design advice I could ever dole out, you will never regret this recommendation. Never. Say it with me out loud right now: Crème Brulee French Toast at *Zest!* Now go.

Also of note. You must try the Pomme Frites with Roasted Bell Pepper Aioli. All these new eateries seem to be coming up with new spins on French fries, and you will never find me complaining about this. The daily quiche and soups selections are out of this world, and the Baja Tacos are another hearty meal with, cornmeal-crust cod, white cheddar and chiptole slaw.

Zest! Exciting Food Creations

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Closed Sunday & Monday
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