

Social Cantina Expanding to Broad Ripple, Marking Sixth Location

Fan-favorite, modern Mexican restaurant brings signature flavors to historic Broad Ripple-Meridian

Kessler neighborhoods

INDIANAPOLIS (AUGUST 21, 2025) – The Broad Ripple dining scene is adding another player to its lineup as <u>Social Cantina</u>, a brand owned and operated by Bloomington-based <u>Finney Hospitality Group</u> (FHG), has secured its spot on College Avenue. Anticipated to open its doors this fall, Social Cantina will feature signature craft cocktails, modern Mexican-inspired cuisine, and a vibrant atmosphere with nods to the Broad Ripple and Meridian Kessler historic neighborhoods.

Coming to the former Gallery Pastry Shop, located at 4573 N. College Avenue, Social Cantina looks ahead to hosting date nights, happy hours, brunch with friends, and patio parties. The 4,500-square-foot location will serve Social Cantina fan favorites, such as the chips & salsa flight and house-made margaritas. Outside, along with a 1,000-square-foot patio, will be a mural by local artist Kimmy Wachtel, paying homage to the vibrant cultural district of Broad Ripple. Just a short walk from Indianapolis icons, such as the beloved Monon Trail and Butler University, the restaurant will be a hub for families, students, and foot traffic from surrounding businesses.

"After opening our first location outside of the state earlier this year in Nashville, Tennessee, we're excited to be back home in Indiana," said Chris Martin, president of Finney Hospitality Group. "The Meridian Kessler and SoBro neighborhoods have been highly influential in shaping Broad Ripple into the tight-knit community we love, preserving historic details from College Avenue while welcoming new neighbors along the way. Our hope is that Social Cantina can be another place that brings people together through what we do best – good vibes and great food."

Social Cantina is known for its bold twists on classic Mexican cuisine, from monthly taco specials like Chorizo and Butternut Squash and Cajun Shrimp and Crab, to endless margarita options. Whether it's a casual night with friends or a celebratory meal, Social Cantina embodies Broad Ripple's <u>unofficial motto</u> – "We're always open if you are."

"We're thrilled to bring Social Cantina to this community – it's a concept that has already resonated in and around Indianapolis, and we are confident that it will thrive here as well," said Meghan DeMars Kiger, EVP, Gershman Partners. "The approachable menu, vibrant atmosphere, and strong brand identity make it a perfect fit for the surrounding neighborhoods. We see it as more than just a restaurant – it's a place to connect."

Social Cantina is owned and operated by Finney Hospitality Group, a restaurant group based in Bloomington. In addition to its soon to be six Social Cantina locations in Bloomington, Carmel,

Indianapolis, Mishawaka, Broad Ripple, Indiana and Nashville, Tennessee, Finney Hospitality Group operates The Tap, a craft beer bar and full-service restaurant. This brand can be found in three Indiana cities including Indianapolis, Bloomington, and West Lafayette, as well as a fourth location within the Indianapolis International Airport, which operates independently in partnership with OHM. The Tap brews over 30 unique beers over the course of a year in Bloomington. Finney Hospitality Group also owns and operates SmokeWorks, an Indiana Hickory-Smoked Barbecue joint featuring more than 200 styles of bourbon, whiskey and scotch, and the iconic Indiana University sports bar, Yogi's.

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ABOUT SOCIAL CANTINA

Social Cantina is a modern Mexican restaurant specializing in fresh, flavorful tacos, craft margaritas, and a vibrant dining experience. Founded by Finney Hospitality Group, Social Cantina blends bold flavors with a lively atmosphere, offering a unique take on contemporary Mexican cuisine. With locations in Bloomington, Carmel, Indianapolis, Mishawaka, Indiana and Nashville, Tennessee — and an upcoming expansion to Broad Ripple, Indiana — Social Cantina continues to grow while staying true to its mission of delivering high-quality food, handcrafted cocktails, and exceptional hospitality. For more information, visit www.socialcantina.com.