

Chez Monique

In June, 1965 Eric Stettler and Monique Lips were awarded a licence to open a coffee house at 88 Yorkville Ave, that would come to offer live music and dancing. Blues and R&B were the main musical themes. The house was poorly advertised, at least in the mainstream press until December '66, possibly to avoid the scrutiny of the musicians union if this was a non-union house. Alternatively the owners may have felt they didn't need to advertise to fill the room. After October '67 it vanished.

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| Jun 10 | An article in the Toronto Star | Star Jun 10 th p.33 The Metro Toronto Licensing Commission awards licences for three Yorkville coffee houses including one for 88 Yorkville to Eric Stettler and Monique Lips. The article provides a good overview of the local politics of the time. |
| Oct 27 | An article in the Toronto Star | Star Oct 27 th p.7 reference to "the coffee houses and discotheques like the Chez Monique" in an article by Ron Haggart also describing the local state of affairs. |

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Star Jun 4th p.B26 In an article by Stan Fischler titled "*Everyone's eye in on The Sparrow" May Take over Arthur*" in which members of Sparrow including John Kay are quoted and Chez Monique cited as one of the places they played.

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| | | Star Jul 23 rd p.19 A rather good summary of what Ralph Thomas thinks of the various Yorkville houses/clubs that offer a dance floor. As for Chez Monique: <i>“An old tumble-down house with a rickety porch fine for leaning against. Twangy music and urgent 17-year-olds come here six nights a week and pay \$1.50 to dance ‘til 2 a.m.”</i> |
| Aug 12-13 and 19-20 | The Weepers | G&M Aug 12 th p.10 In the <i>Things to do and See during the Weekend</i> listing: <i>“The Weepers play for dancing”</i> . |
| Dec 16-17 | J.P. & The Saints (Fri) Tom and Ian and the Soul Set (Sat) | Tely Dec 15 th After Four Classified |
| Dec 23-24 | Who and the Blazes (Fri) Lornie Adams and Junior appearing with Tom and Ian and the Soul Set (Sat) | Tely Dec 22 nd After Four Classified (scan very blurry) |
| Dec 30-31 | New Years Eve Party with Lornie Adams and Junior | Tely Dec 29 th After Four Classified |

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| Jan 6-7 | Manana (Fri) The Bo-Street Runners (Sat) | Tely Jan 5 th After Four Classified - calling itself “The Home of the R&B Sound” |
| Jan 13-14 | The Cats' Pyjamas (Fri) Tom, Ian and the Soul Set (Sat) | Tely Jan 12 th After Four Classified |

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| Jan 20-22 | Heart and Soul (Fri) Tom, Ian and the Soul Set (Sat and Sun) | Tely Jan 19 th After Four Classified |
| Jan 27-28 | The Soul Gents (Fri) Tom, Ian and the Soul Set (Sat) | Tely Jan 26 th After Four Classified |
| Feb 3-4 | The Howling Masses (Fri) The Soul 'n Blues (Sat) | Tely Feb 2 nd After Four Classified |
| Feb 10-11 | The Blues Trio (Fri) Bo-Street Runners (Sat) | Tely Feb 9 th After Four Classified |
| May 5-6 | Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents | Tely May 4 th After Four Classified |
| May 19 | The Entertainers (formerly Soul N' Blues) and Tom, Ian & The Soul Set | Tely May 18 th After Four Classified <i>FRI "ALL NITE" DANCE</i> |
| Jun 15-18 | Bobbi Shon & The Temple (Thurs/Fri) Tom, Ian & The Soul Set (Sat/Sun) | Tely Jun 15 th After Four Classified |
| Jun 22-25 | The Intruders (Fri) Tom, Ian & The Soul Set (Thurs, Sat/Sun) | Tely Jun 22 nd After Four Classified |
| Jul 7-9 | Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents (Fri) The Stattlers (Sat) A.G. & The Organization (Sun) | Tely Jul 6 th After Four Classified |
| Jul 14-16 | Brandy & Scotch & The Kingdom (Fri) The Tongs (Sat) The Marsades (Sun) | Tely Jul 13 th After Four Classified |

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| Jul 21-23 | Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents (all days) | Tely Jul 20 th After Four Classified |
| Jul 28-30 | The Intruders (all days) | Tely Jul 27 th After Four Classified |
| Aug 4-6 | James Stafford Set (Fri) Delphie Review (Sat/Sun) | Tely Aug 3 rd After Four Classified |
| Aug 10-13 | Sounds of Silence (Thurs) The Tongs (Fri, Sat, Sun) | Tely Aug 10 th After Four Classified |
| Aug 25-26 | The Stattlers (Fri) The Entertainers (Sat) | Tely Aug 24 th After Four Classified |
| Sep 1-4 | Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents with guests: Brandy & Scotch, Ed Belmer, Bo Sherman and Bobbi Alexander (and Friday "all nite dance") Lornie and Jr. and The Soul Gents (Sat) The Nomad Five (Sun and Mon) | Tely Aug 31 st After Four Classified - a Labour Day special. |
| Sep 8-10 | The Entertainers (Fri) The Mansons (Sat) Thad and Leroy (Sun) | Tely Sep 7 th After Four Classified |
| Sep 14-16 | The Shadow Clique (Thurs) The Nomad 5 (Fri) The Tongs (Sat) | Tely Sep 14 th After Four Classified |
| Sep 22-23 | The Entertainers | Tely Sep 21 st After Four Classified |
| Sep 29-30 | James Stafford Set | Tely Sep 28 th After Four Classified |

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| Oct 6-8 | Thad & Leroy & The Revised Additions (Fri) The Mansons (Sat) A.G. & The Organization (Sun) | Tely Oct 5 th After Four Classified |
| Oct 13-14 | The Kingdom Show Band (Fri) The Nomad 5 (Sat) | Tely Oct 12 th After Four Classified |

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| Nov 27 | The address now home to Marie Cluthe, an evening gown designer | G&M Nov 27 th |
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Data Collection

These listings are a compilation of what appeared in the Toronto Telegram's (the "Tely") *After Four* section, augmented by electronic searches of the Toronto Star (Star) and Globe and Mail (G&M) archives from the 1960s on. A number of the scanned Tely pages are very blurry so my apologies in advance for spelling errors.

Where I take words directly from a listing I use "quotation marks" and/or italics. Where I cite an article I reference the reporter if identified, as best I can.