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First Look at the New Meatball Shop, Now Open (and Soon Serving Brunch) on the UES

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That's the Balls Benedict: two poached eggs, bacon, your choice of meatballs, and hollandaise on a brioche bun. Photo: Matt Dutile/Matt Dutile 2013 www.mattduile.com

Last night, Michael Chernow and Daniel Holzman opened their fifth outpost of the **Meatball Shop**, and this one's sentimental: They met and became best friends on the Upper East Side when they were kids. With 116 seats and a 40-seat back room that you can rent for private parties, this is the largest location yet. The restaurant's going to liven up the neighborhood: It's the first Meatball Shop location to offer weekend brunch, with a beverage program of 40-ounce pitchers of cocktails. Note that it's only open from 6 p.m. to midnight right now, but brunch and lunch service will launch next week — and a 2 a.m. closing time soon after. Check out a few of the new dishes, straight ahead.



Balls, biscuits, and gravy. Photo: Matt Dutile



Smash bun French toast, served with housemade apple sauce and maple syrup. Photo: Matt Dutile



Huckleberry lemonade pitcher. Photo: Matt Dutile



Chernow spent months sourcing antiques. Photo: Matt Dutile

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