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## Here's to three fine haunts beyond legendary Sixth Street

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Sixth Street in Austin is legendary, but "best known" doesn't always equal "best bet." For nightlife in Austin, revelers should look beyond Sixth Street and test out Starlite, Opal Divine's or Club de Ville.

**STARLITE** (upscale): Starlite is within walking distance of Sixth Street, but this chic lounge/restaurant is a world away. The bar is carved from a massive tree, and in the upstairs private dining room, guests can sip underneath a skylight and the glow from the Frost Bank building. Request a Phaedra cocktail. Created by in-house mixologist Ben Craven, it's muddled kiwi, light rum, dry vermouth, Lillet Blanc and Kaffir lime syrup, shaken and served up for \$8. The best day to attend is Monday when Happy Hour runs all day.

**Details:** 407 Colorado St.; 512-374-9012; [www.starliteaustin.net](http://www.starliteaustin.net); cost of a vodka Martini, \$9.

**OPAL DIVINE'S** (middle of the road): Owner Susan Parker named her establishment after her grandmother. Her grandmother had a catchy name, and Parker honored it with an equally loveable concept. There are now three of them in Austin, but the newest one on South Congress (SoCo to locals) has a patio outfitted to assuage even Texas's heat. Replete with misters, fans and shady trees, the deck is one of the city's best spots for people watching. Wednesday nights are "Texas Beer" nights, with every local brew priced at \$2.50..

**Details:** 3601 S. Congress Ave.; 512-707-0237; [www.opaldivines.com](http://www.opaldivines.com); cost of a vodka Martini, \$7.

**CLUB DE VILLE** (dark dive bar): Club de Ville has been the watering hole of Austin's serious music seekers for over a decade. Out back on the patio, a limestone rock wall provides the backdrop for both local and regional bands. The capacity is 900, so the venue can make for an intense evening. To get your party started right, try out the Sake Bomb for \$7. It's a mix of cucumber, vodka and sake. Tuesday nights are a good first-timer experience and are a little more relaxing than a Saturday at full tilt.

**Details:** 900 Red River; 512-457-0900; [www.Clubdeville.com](http://www.Clubdeville.com); cost of a vodka Martini, \$7.

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