



923 BAR | LOUNGE

During Prohibition, flappers and big shots found illegal watering holes by word of mouth instead of names or neon signs; some speakeasies lacked both and were referred to only by address. Today, the tables have turned, and quenching your thirst for Gaslamp's nightlife can often be done without an address, as many venues can be spotted from afar by long lines, six-inch heels and exclusive guest lists. That is, until, 923. The under-the-radar spot opened its doors as a true speakeasy with a San Diego twist: Code words, costly cover charges and steep sips are replaced with a down-to-earth vibe found nowhere else downtown. From the founding partners of Bare Back Grill, 923 features talent from both up-and-coming and well-known music artists, DJs, photographers and fashion designers, for locals and tourists to enjoy in an upscale yet relaxed setting. Their hot summer lineup includes The Living Legends featuring Aesop Rock, Atmosphere and Del The Funky Homosapien on July 10.

923 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter
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