

## SAVOR BALEEN'S SCRUMPTIOUS CRABCAKES, FILET MIGNON & SIGNATURE DESSERT



until 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (305) 538-8533 or visit www.theforge.com.

## **BALEEN**

The menu at Baleen is unique, stylish and uncomplicated. Walking into Baleen, one cannot help but notice the luxurious interior. Oak-paneled walls, white linen tablecloths, mahogany furniture and cozy booths line the interior. Just outside a panel of patio doors that overlook Biscayne Bay are 20 tables on whitewashed terraces, framed by gauzy white curtains and lush palms. The lapping of the water is only feet away from guests of the restaurant, setting a very sensual atmosphere.

Executive Chef Arturo Paz's menu includes Baleen crab cakes (avocado salsa, tomato and balsamic reduction) - just for starters. Main course entrees include the Roquefort crusted filet mignon or the Chinese snapper. For a melt-in-your-mouth dessert try the Monkey Love, a combination of freshly-churned chocolate and vanilla ice creams in a tuille cup with bananas, whipped cream and caramel sauce.

Located at 4 Grove Isle Dr., Miami, Baleen is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dinner prices range from \$9-\$17 for appetizers; \$19-\$40 for entrees; and \$7-\$11 for dessert. For reservations call (305) 858-8300 or visit www.groveisle.com.

## CRYSTAL CAFE

Chef Klime Kovaceski has taken classic recipes and

modified them to better serve the American public of today. An aristocratic, romantic room with crisp white linens, fresh flowers, extensive wine list and what is generally regarded as the best service on Miami Beach, Crystal Cafe has quietly become one of the most acclaimed restaurants in South Florida.

Start your romantic dinner off by selecting one of the more than 100 bottles of vintage and house wines, available by the glass, half and full bottle.

Appetizers recommended by recent guests include the soft-shell crab, served pan-seared in a radicchio-arugula cup with roasted macadamia nuts and lobster sauce. Entrees include the grilled Mahi Mahi brochette, served with onions, peppers and mushrooms.

Be prepared to share a delicious dessert with your date at the Crystal Cafe. The Palacinka is a soft, golden crepe overflowing with ripe raspberries, blueberries and strawberries, topped with chopped walnuts.

The Crystal Cafe is located at 726 Arthur Godfrey Rd., Miami Beach. For reservations and hours of operation call (305) 673-8266 or visit www.crystalcafe.net.

## THAI TONI

When it opened in 1989, Thai Toni had one goal - to serve great Thai cuisine and fresh seafood in a beautiful atmosphere. Since their opening the restaurant has not only achieved that goal, but won numerous awards along the way. Guests can select from more than a dozen splendid Thai seafood concoctions, some delicately spiked