

The skinny on ART SQUARE

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There is a new establishment on Dundas West. It's a chill little place for you, the artfully inclined, to hang your brain up for a rest... give it air... and then enlighten it further. Or, it could also be a place to just hang out.

Art Square is a crisply modern gallery cafe situated immediately across the street from the AGO at 334 Dundas St. West.

The owners, Juni Birol and Leyla Kizilirmak, wanted to set up a casual place for art savvies to retire to after scoping the AGO and OCAD exhibits. "We just wanted a place for people to socialize and talk about the exhibits," explains Juni. "Fortunately, we found a place right across from the AGO." And from there on in...they were set to begin developing the concept of their dreams...a gallery cafe.

Leyla, a trained chocolatier, is more than pleased with how it has turned out. "People absolutely love the concept." It's a fusion of an art gallery and a cute cafe. Apart from being the owner of this new venture, Juni is also an architect and designed the concept for Art Square.

Guests can enjoy beautifully made crepes or some of Leyla's hand-made chocolate all while joined in the presence of the choice exhibit at the time. Leyla and Juni's focus is to display 'World Art' in the Art Square gallery. They want their guests to see art of a foreign flare...a different background. The next artist to show at Art Square hails from Mexico and the one proceeding this is from Cuba.

The concept and idea was a joint effort. The two have known each other for only 3 years, but the connected vision of Art Square seems to have a sophistication of many years beyond that.

The space is intellectually quaint. The concept is clear. There is a certain art to every square...and then there's Art Square. A great hangout. Conscious Media approved.

