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Jeff Daniels | August 4

**D**ARE TO LIVE **SUMMER Out Loud** and go to **Jonathan's** for a perfect date night. We pull into 92 Bourne Lane at 7:15 for dinner and an 8 p.m. live show. For \$83 each, we have premium tickets with \$25 credits toward our meal. Tonight, it's the Kruger Brothers.

In 1976—forty-two years ago—Jonathan West bought his parents' house and transformed it into a restaurant. Across many summers and many repeatable moments, Jonathan's shines as both a bistro (he was named Maine Restaurateur of the Year in 2017) and significant entertainment venue. It also incites memories. The first time we ate here, our chanteuse was the big-band star singer Anita O'Day, who could swing with the best of bands from Gene Krupa and His Orchestra to the Nat King Cole Trio. It was a master class when Anita sang "Honeysuckle Rose" in such a knowing, heart-wrenching way my dining companion spontaneously walked up and hugged her after the show. Because art is personal here, the unexpected is always on-stage at Jonathan's.



John Sebastian | August 5



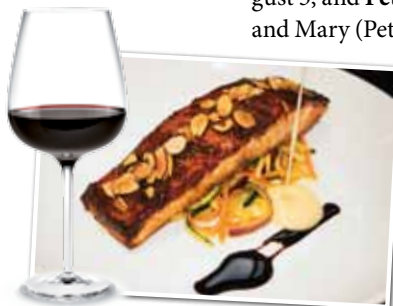
Melanie | July 20

How can they land acts this good? Silly question. Who doesn't want to come to Ogunquit?

On July 20, it's singer **Melanie** (yes, "the" Melanie who performed at Woodstock); headliner (and Cape Elizabeth resident) **Jonathan Edwards** arrives on July 28; actor **Jeff Daniels** (*Ragtime*, *Terms of Endearment*, *the Purple Rose of Cairo*, *Something Wild*, *Dumb & Dumber*, *Gettysburg*, *Pleasantville*) performs with the **Ben Daniels Band** on August 4; then it's **John Sebastian** from the Lovin' Spoonful on August 5; and **Peter Yarrow** from Peter, Paul, and Mary (Peter co-wrote "Puff the Magic Dragon") sings by the sea

on August 19. I could go on (Jonathan's is also a hot spot for stand-up comics), but we're hungry.

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## RESTAURANT REVIEW

paya, apricot, dark rum, habanero sauce, and avocado lime puree; and the Baked Artichoke Hearts. For an entrée, I almost pick the King Lobster but at the last second switch to Eggplant Napoleon, while my dining companion is more dramatic: Steak Diane prepared with Black Angus tenderloin medallions, mushrooms, garlic, shallots, and sherry. We're on fire! The house wine is La Vieille Ferme. With a premium ticket you get a table up-front for the performance, dessert and coffee included.

Shhh! The show's about to start. The Kruger Brothers are an international act featuring exploratory waves of banjo, bass, and guitar that make us feel we're in the sound canyons of a movie. They sweep us away. ■

## DINING GUIDE

"oversized tequila selection." Try Portland's own "Marisco"- a Mexican seafood cocktail of shrimp, bay scallops, clams, octopus, and, naturally, Maine lobster. Open lunch and dinner, Mon.-Thur. 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. till 11:00 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 190 State St. Portland. elcorazonportland.com, 536-1354

**Fish Bones American Grill** offers creatively prepared American cuisine along the canal in the historic Bates Mill complex in the heart of downtown Lewiston. Open seven days, offering dinner Monday through Sunday, lunch Monday through Friday, and brunch on Sundays. Come get hooked at 70 Lincoln Street, Bates Mill No. 6! fishbonesmaine.com, 333-3663.

**Homage Restaurant** dazzles with scratch-made, hand-crafted food and cocktails. Tuck into our mushroom tarts, Mom's Fried Chicken, Steak "Wellington," Steak and Scallops, Squash and Beans, Gingersnap Creme Brulee, or Blondie Sundae. 9 Mechanic St. Freeport, ME. 869-5139 homagetherestaurant.com

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**Pearl Kennebunk & Spat Oyster Cellar** is Chef Rebecca Charles's (of Pearl Oyster Bar, New York) newest restaurant. Enjoy elevated beach food, including Charles's famous reinvention of Maine's lobster roll. Happy Hour on Wed., Thurs., and Sun. from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. for \$1 oysters, \$5 wines, and well cocktails! 27 Western Ave. Kennebunk. pearloysterbar.com/pearl-maine/. 204-0860

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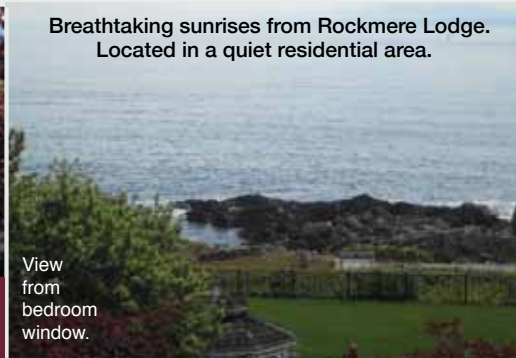
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