

Up Top Cocktail Lounge

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Tucked away, down a laneway, off Russell Street between Bourke and Lonsdale and up the stairs is the surprisingly funky New York style 50's jazz club, the Up Top Cocktail Lounge. Up Top, which has recently opened, has been described as the bar that puts the sex and sizzle back into cocktails.



With its genuine 1950's decor, smooth sounds of live jazz, funky break music, techno (that usually comes on after midnight) and the eclectic Up Top drink menu, Up Top is a classic destination for a perfect mix of cocktails and jazz.

On Wednesday night there is a very relaxed after work atmosphere. The music is a selection of 50's lounge, jazz and soul. According to Mr. Nick Dyason, Manager of Up Top, the place has a different feel about it depending on the night of the week. On Thursday night, the lounge attracts mostly city professionals and the "Trio Rohero" jazz band plays after 8.00 p.m. On Friday night, a lively after-work professional crowd floods in. The "James Sherlock Trio"

band play loungey jazz from 6.00 p.m. and the dance floor warms up after midnight.

Up Top has been variously described as an interesting and intimate room with a very relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Famous for the "best martinis in Melbourne" and the best "Long Island Iced Tea south of the equator". Other drinks include Bloody Mary, the chocolate Toblerone (priced at \$10.00) and the "Cosmopolitan" drink (priced at \$8.00). There are also basic beers for \$3.50 and basic wines for \$2.50.

The room is well loved for its decor, 50's and 60's paraphernalia - the sort of things your parents threw out ten years ago as junk have been recycled into an art form. Orange walls, polished floor boards and vinyl chairs add to its character.

Up Top is a great way to relax on a Friday night, party on a



Saturday evening or, sit back and relax to the subdued jazz which starts from 9 p.m. onwards every Sunday night. There is no cover charge and what's more, all "young lawyers" who mention this article until January 31st, 1998 will receive a free drink.