

# let's do brunch

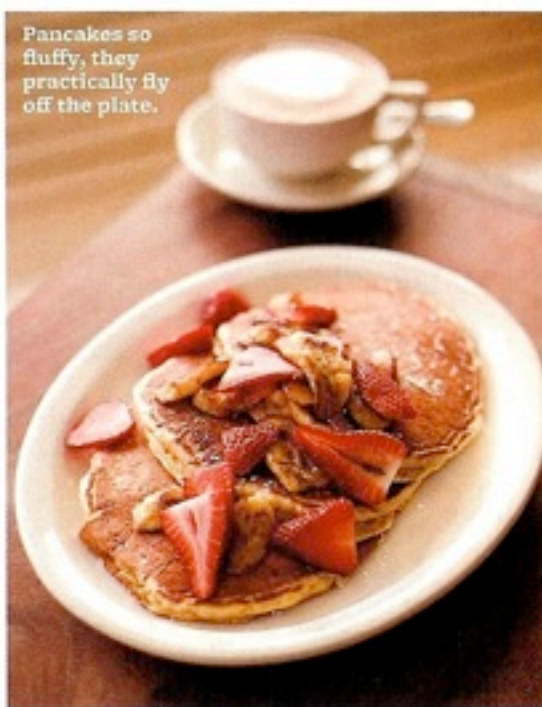
REAL NEW YORKERS REVIEW THE BEST SUNDAY GRUB SPOTS



The large windows are great for people watching, both inside and out.



Pancakes so fluffy, they practically fly off the plate.



## Filmmaker's Feast

Two actors head to Tribeca for eggs and sour cream pancakes.



Our reviewer Mario Brassard with Darlene Violette.

### Bubby's

120 Hudson St.  
(at N. Moore St.)  
212-219-0666

Brunch served  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Celebrity favorite Bubby's in Tribeca was the perfect place for actor and filmmaker Mario Brassard to spend an afternoon with Darlene Violette, his co-star and the associate producer on the 2007 short film *Dorothy Parker's The Sexes*, discussing their upcoming projects.

#### What was the vibe like?

Retro dining meets Tribeca casual chic. We were seated in the front room, which has large windows and overlooks a cobblestone

street. John Kennedy Jr.'s old hangout draws quite an eclectic crowd for brunch, ranging from families with kids to people who wear sunglasses indoors. It's fun, vibrant and loud—not the best place if you have a hangover from the previous night's excess.

#### How was the food?

Warm, welcoming scones with homemade jam showed up shortly after we were seated. And once we placed our order, it seemed like only a few minutes went by before the food came. I had the eggs Benedict, and they were everything you'd want them to be: nicely toasted English muffins topped with smoked Canadian bacon, the right amount of hollandaise sauce and soft, runny eggs, with a generous portion of home fries. Darlene went for Bubby's original sour cream pancakes with bananas and strawberries and a side of bacon. The pancakes were nice and fluffy, and while the strawberries could have used a little more time in the sun, once they

got smothered in real maple syrup—there's a jug on every table—no one was complaining. Miraculously, we managed to save room for apple pie, which was simply perfect.

#### How about the drinks?

I had a mimosa made with fresh-squeezed orange juice, and it definitely packed a nice punch. The Sumatra coffee was fresh and bold but not too strong. I would have preferred if the waitress had come around more often to freshen it up and keep it hot.

**THE FINAL SCORES:** The pair arrived at 2:30 p.m. and were seated in 15 minutes.

#### What they ordered:

Classic mimosa: \$9  
Sour cream pancakes: \$13.50

Bacon: \$5.50  
Eggs Benedict: \$14.95  
Apple pie: \$6  
2 coffees: \$6  
Total: \$54.95

**Overall Rating:** ★★★★★