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If you are reading this on the Wednesday before Valentine's Day (Friday) and you still have not made a reservation...well, move it. Otherwise, you'll be dining with the early bird special folks, or at 10 pm.



Romantic Boite

Unplugged, downtown's newest wine bar (or perhaps its only wine bar) offers a Valentine's dinner with 4-courses for \$45/pp with seating options at 5, 7:15, and 9:30 pm. The ambience at Unplugged mirrors an intimate boite reminiscent of Seattle or San Francisco. <u>Unplugged</u>



Cotton Candy

Janos Wilder shines in downtown Tucson and you can be sure that this Valentine dinner will be first class with 3-courses (\$50/pp) or 4-courses (\$65/pp) plus tax and gratuity. The special dessert intrigues me – rich chocolate praline + Amarena cherry cotton candy. <u>Downtown Kitchen & Cocktails</u>



Flautist Mary Redhouse

Bear Track Winery in the Tucson Foothills will serve a combination of buffet and passed menu items. Think poached salmon, antipasto, petite beef Wellington, mini lamb lollipops, and more plus a bottle of red or white wine, dessert and chocolate port. Native flute player Mary Redhouse is a member of the Dine' (Navajo tribe) and a 2005 Grammy nominee in the New Age Category for her work on the Canyon Records release, "People of Peace" with the R. Carlos Nakai Quartet. \$80/per couple at Bear Track Winery

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Aphrodisiac Lunch

Let there be lunch. Romance happens any time of the day. At Ghini's French Caffe, savor the aphrodisiac lunch for two from 11 am to 2 pm for \$25/couple or a special 3-course prix fixe dinner which includes a glass of wine for \$45/pp (not including tax and gratuity). Dinner reservations begin at 4 pm. Ghini's.



The Odd Couple

Harold Et Maude is a timeless movie classic about a 70-something woman and a 19 year old boy/man who fall in love, really? Cougar extraordinaire! While I think it's personally an odd choice for a Valentine's Day movie, the Loft Cinema makes expert programming choices for what works. There's also a costume contest, a prize for the couple with the biggest age difference and some goodies for romantics. So go to the movies! Eat pizza by Fresco Pizzeria and organic popcorn, imbibe from a distinctive selection of bottled beers and hard cider, and splurge on Dots, paletas or vegan peanut butter cookies. Loft Cinema