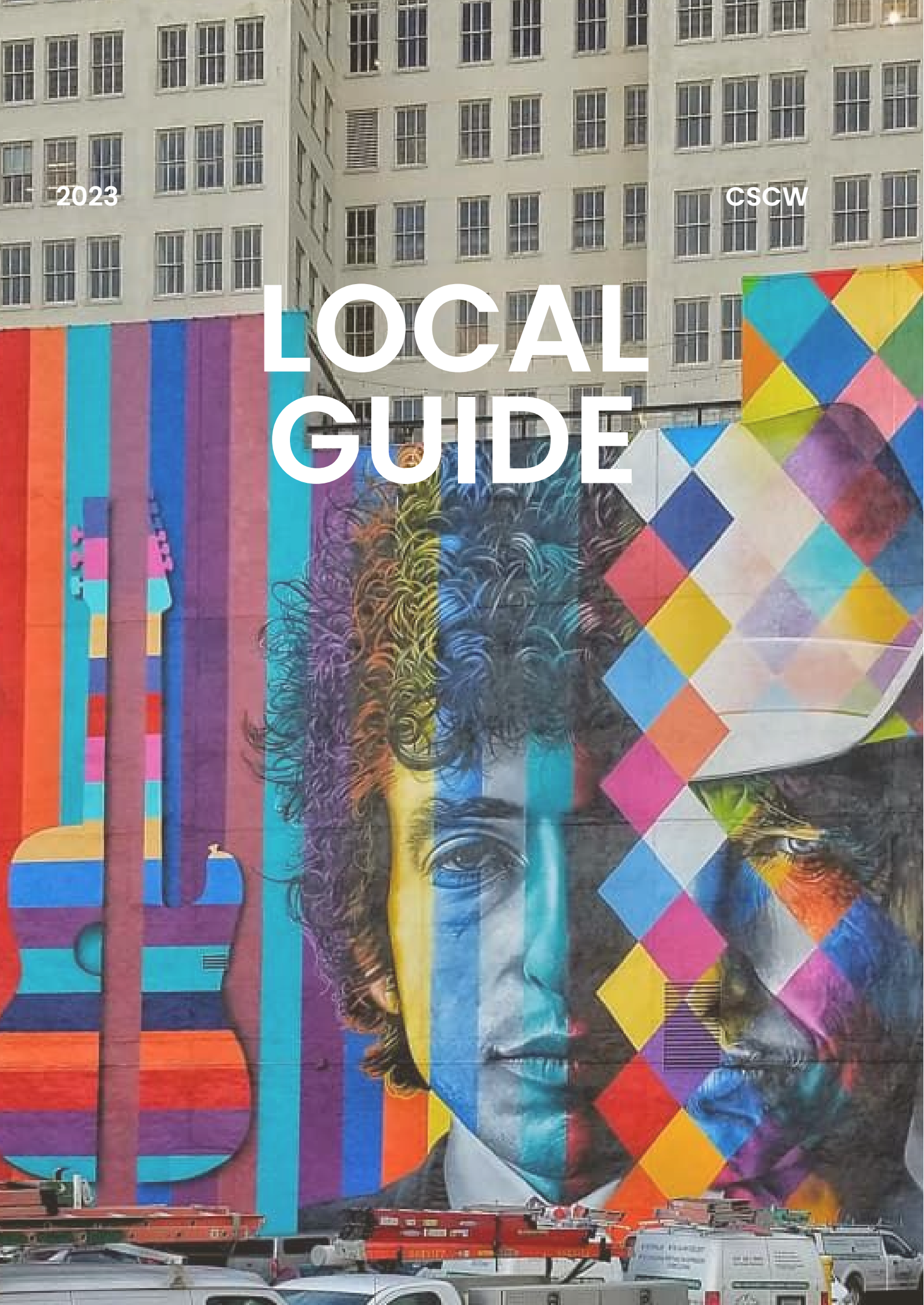
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LOCAL GUIDE



FOOD WITHOUT STOPPING



"I like Hollywood.
I just like
Minneapolis
a little bit better"
- Prince

Food Truck @ Capella Tower

[Sushi Train]
1200 Nicollet A...
.3 miles
Quick conveyor belt sushi that's fun for adults and kids alike!

[Dancing Ganesha]
1100 Harmon Pl
.5 miles
Classic north Indian menu with a killer lunch buffet

[Hell's Kitchen Inc.]
80 S 9th St
.5 miles
Not run by Gordon Ramsay but still delicious! Hefty portions of comfort classics

[Food Trucks @ Capella Tower]
Capella Tower
.7 miles
Lunch staple for the worker bees of downtown Minneapolis

[Cardigan Donuts]
40 South 7th Street
.7 miles
Super Instagrammy artisan donut shop with coffee and yogurt bowls. Decent taste. They deliver.

[Five Guys]
555 Nicollet Mall
.7 miles
Reliable fast food. Surprisingly good breakfast sandwich!

[Boludo Pizza]
530 South 4th Street
.9 miles
Serves a unique Argentinian-style pizza, empanadas, and mountainous caesar salad

BEVY & CHAT



Spyhouse Coffee @ The Emery in Downtown

Lakes & Legends Brewing Co. | **1368 La Salle Avenue** | **.3 miles**
Tuesday night trivia & Wednesday night bingo with arcade machines and local craft brews

Boiler Room Coffee | **1830 3rd Avenue South** | **.5 miles**
Basement den or underground hipster coffee shop? You decide!

Spyhouse Coffee | **215 South 4th Street** | **.9 miles**
Beautiful open lounge and coworking space with seasonal lattes and killer fast WiFi

DOWNTOWN DINING (<1 mile)

The Nicollet Diner | 1333 Nicollet Mall | .3 miles
Classic diner vibes with a full bar. Open 24 hours, 365 days a year!

Brit's Pub | 1110 Nicollet Mall | .3 miles
English pub with great domestic and international beer selection. Set up for all weather conditions with a cozy fireplace and outdoor lawn bowling!

The Local | 931 Nicollet Mall | .4 miles
Minnesotan classics with a great vegetarian Juicy Lucy. Rentable rooms for small and large private group events (e.g., lab reunions).

barrio | 925 Nicollet Mall | .4 miles
Tequila flights and giant burritos. Need we say more?

Hen House Eatery | 114 S 8th St | .5 miles
Quirky homestyle brunch fare with locally sourced coffee and plenty of seating. Great for kids!

The Butcher's Tale | 1121 Hennepin Ave | .6 miles
Woodsy steakhouse that will make you feel like you're in Nick Offerman's dining room. Rentable private speakeasy for small groups (30-40 people).

Cafe & Bar Lurcat | 1624 Harmon Pl | .7 miles
Vogue American eatery right next to the beautiful Loring Park.

Gai Noi | 1610 Harmon Pl | .7 miles
Chef Ann's newest restaurant that celebrates Loation cuisine with the decor of a plant oasis.

FARTHER BUT WORTH (<2 mi)



Sanjusan | **33 N 1st Ave** | **1.2 miles**
Japanese-Italian fusion with flavor bombs like their preserved lemon pizza and miso-pesto pasta.

Billy Sushi | **116 N 1st Ave** | **1.2 miles**
Best sushi in all of Minneapolis with melt-in-your-mouth tuna.

Spoon & Stable | **211 N 1st St** | **1.3 mi**
Upscale restaurant serving fantastic American staples. Go for brunch to order fresh pastries a la carte for a first course.

Alma Cafe | **528 University Ave SE** | **1.9 mi**
Best croissants in the Twin Cities (besides Marc Heu)! Great coffee. Great breakfast sandwiches and quick lunch food. Farro salad and crispy smashed potatoes fried in duck fat are stellar!

MPLS CULTURE







Owamni
This place is very special. Minnesota is native land — specifically Dakota and Anishinaabe — historically and until today. Owamni is one of the only full-service indigenous restaurants in the U.S. They use only pre-colonial ingredients, especially wild game, wild rice, and corn. They prioritize indigenous farmers and truckers for sourcing. The restaurant is on land that was once a sacred site for indigenous people. During early colonization, the U.S. ACoE demolished the falls and built a dam to power the flour mills. Owamni now overlooks the city's early industrial ruins. Mid-October is a perfect time to visit. If you can't get a table, there's a street-level patio with a little brewery and a taco truck, Tatanka Truck.

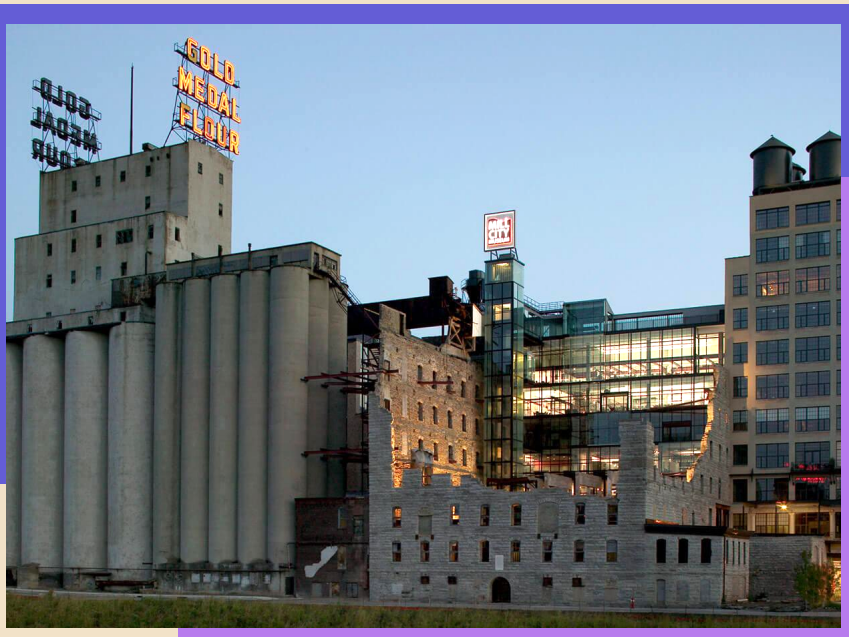
Hmong Village
Hmong Village is an indoor mall at the center of the community with restaurants, a grocery market, bubble tea, clothes, anime plushies, hair salons, tax prep, etc. The neighborhood is home to the largest Hmong community outside of Asia. Minnesota has an interesting immigrant and refugee resettlement history. Hmong Village holds an important space in this ongoing history. For 2-3 people try a papaya salad from Mai's Papaya, two Hmong sausages, and a medium purple sticky rice from Lucki's. Weather permitting, you can bring your food to the park by Lake Phalen for a picnic with some friends.

Milkweed Books
This is the only brick-and-mortar bookstore for Milkweed Editions publishing house. Known for publishing works such as Braiding Sweetgrass, The Last Language, and Conversations with Birds, Milkweed Editions raises voices that are often pushed out of literary cannons and further into the margins of knowledge. Just as the common milkweed plant is the site of metamorphosis for monarch butterflies, Milkweed Editions seeks to be a site of metamorphosis in the literary ecosystem.

ACTIVITIES

🎠 Family Friendly 🎠

Mill City Museum | 704 S 2nd St
1.5 miles
An interactive museum highlighting the unique history of Minneapolis. Go to the top floor for the best views of the Mississippi River and definitely hop on the Flour Tower for an immersive experience



Peavey Park Playground |
📍 730 East 22nd Street | 1.3 miles
Minneapolis's newest playground with unique features like a zip line and covered picnic tables

North Loop Playground | 📍 402 W River Pkwy | 1.6 miles
A classic playground overlooking the Mississippi River. Grab pizza from Pryes Brewing nearby for a great picnic!

☀️ Sunny Day ☀️

Aster Cafe Patio | 📍 125 Southeast Main Street | 1.9 miles
A European-style patio for people watching on the prettiest street in Minneapolis.

Mpls Water Taxi Co. | 📍 Boom Island Park | 2.2 miles
Cruise downstream to the Upper Lock and feel the energy and power of St. Anthony Falls or venture upstream to the Lowry Ave Bridge. Returning downstream you will see an incredible seldom seen view of the city from the river!

🌧️ Rainy Day 🌧️

Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) | 📍 2400 3rd Avenue South | 1 mile
A classic art museum showcasing both global and local artists.

Puttery | 📍 240 Hennepin Avenue | 1 mile
Indoor mini golf course with full bar and food menu.

ORGANIZER PICKS

Lana (she/they) “The Activity Artist”

Tired of awkward mixers that start to blend together as conference days pass by? Lana’s recommendations are guaranteed to add activity-based fun to any lab reunion!

Al’s Breakfast | **413 14th Ave SE**
An absolute Minneapolis institution and the narrowest restaurant in the US – only seats 13. Best blueberry pancakes I’ve ever had. Come alone or with a small group and prepare to wait, but totally worth it.

CanCan Wonderland | **755 Prior Ave N**
A canning factory converted into an incredible indoor play space! Artist-designed mini golf, a wall of beer on tap, and an incredible collection of vintage and modern arcade games which are free to play with admission to the space.

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory (and Carousel!) | **1225 Estabrook Dr**
A cute little free city zoo for nice weather and a conservatory that can be a nice activity on a cold or rainy day. Great day of activity with family!



GroupLens PhD Students @ CanCan Wonderland

Abby (they/them) “The St. Paul Specialist”

Often overshadowed by the allure of Minneapolis, St. Paul is known for its laid-back feel and neighborly vibe. This all culminates in a unique restaurant scene that focuses on using locally sourced ingredients and experimenting with fusion cuisines!



3rd and Maria Mural

Hyacinth | 790 Grand Ave, St Paul
Amazing Italian-inspired casual restaurant, friendly staff and rotating menu of seasonal dishes. Order as many appetizers as sound delicious, and stay for dessert!

Juche | 1124 Payne Ave
Wonderful Korean-inspired food in a casual setting with limited seating and friendly staff. Don’t shy away from ordering fusion dishes! The dwaegi bindaetteok and mapo tofu fries are personal favorites.

Myriel | 470 Cleveland Ave S
Upscale (but you can still wear denim) restaurant with both fixed-price and a la carte menus highlighting locally sourced ingredients. If you go for the fixed-price menu, the chef will come out and explain where each of your courses was farmed or foraged!

Logan (they/them) “The Local Lifer”

Logan Stapleton loves the Twin Cities more than HCI researchers love “grounded theory.” Born and raised in St Paul, their lifelong appreciation for TC has culminated in a deep understanding of the historical and cultural roots in the area. Ask Logan for biking directions anywhere!

Logan at the Mississippi River trail on a winter day



Mississippi River Bike Trail

Lakes and rivers are very important here. Minnesota is home to the headwaters of the Mississippi River, which splits Minneapolis and St. Paul down the middle. Minneapolis is also one of the best biking cities in the US. We have a lot of separate bike trails, like the Midtown Greenway or Hiawatha LRT. The Mississippi River Trail is one of the longest. If any of the bikeshares are still out for the season, you can rent them for cheap. You can usually find bikes or scooters around the Stone Arch Bridge, right next to Owamni. From there, you can bike down the west side of the river to Minnehaha Falls (about 5 miles). If you want to go longer, you can connect from there to the Minnehaha Trail running along Minnehaha Creek to Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis. It’s a really lovely ride in the fall.

Owamni | **420 S 1st St**

See description in MPLS Culture section!

Hmong Village | **1001 Johnson Pkwy**

See description in MPLS Culture section!

Leah (she/her) “The Trendy Transplant”

Leah moved to Minneapolis from New York City two years ago with nothing but a cute Pomeranian and a dream of becoming an HCI legend. While the Mini-Apple isn’t the Big-Apple, it’s trendy in its own right. The cheap real estate here allows for expansive businesses, such as breweries and climbing gyms, that aren’t possible in most cities. The industrial and funk roots from the 80s have merged to create iconic decor styles, a plethora of amazing local live music (Spotify playlist here), and a unique city vibe that you can feel everywhere.

Farmers Kitchen & Bar | **750 S 2nd St**
Restaurant run by the Minnesota Farmers Union with silky lattes and perfectly tart/sweet blueberry muffins. Ask about their taste-tested dog treats

Axebridge Wine |
411 N Washington Ave
Tours and guided tastings that are the perfect mix of fun and educational. The staff is extremely nice and will make you feel like you’re in your own personal winery. Half off bottles every Thurs!

Minneapolis Bouldering Project |
1433 West River Rd N
Want a classic Minnesotan experience? Come bouldering at MBP, take a yoga class, or simply enjoy their saunas. If you’re new to bouldering, reach out to Leah! She’ll teach you the basics!



Leah & Logan at the original Rainforest Cafe @ Mall of America

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