



## VIRGIN HOTELS NASHVILLE BRINGS THREE UNIQUE DINING AND DRINKING DESTINATIONS TO MUSIC CITY

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – In July 2020, [Virgin Hotels](#), the lifestyle hotel brand by Virgin Group founder Sir Richard Branson, introduced its third property, [Virgin Hotels Nashville](#). Conveniently situated at the helm of Nashville’s historic Music Row neighborhood at 1 Music Square W, Virgin Hotels Nashville delivers a one-of-a-kind hotel experience with 262 Chambers, including Grand Chamber Suites, plus multiple dining and drinking outlets including **Commons Club**, the brand’s flagship restaurant, bar and lounge, **The Pool Club**, rooftop restaurant and bar and **Funny Library Coffee Shop**.

### **Chef Ryan Lachaine, Commons Club**

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Lachaine began his culinary education at the apron strings of his Ukrainian-Canadian mother and grandmother as they churned out perogies, cabbage rolls and other treasured family recipes.

A former hockey player, Lachaine decided to follow his passion for cooking and moved south where he received his culinary arts degree at The Art Institute of Houston. Upon graduation, he jumped head-first into Houston’s trailblazing food scene, working with chefs at a number of highly regarded restaurants. Furthering his ‘on the job’ education, Lachaine worked in some of the country’s top restaurants, but ultimately returned to Houston to pursue another endeavor: his restaurant, Riel.

Riel has been a critical darling since opening in 2017, becoming a fixture on Houston’s top restaurant lists and drawing accolades from the likes of *Food & Wine*, *Esquire*, *Forbes* and *Condé Nast Traveler*. It was named one of the “Best New Restaurants in Texas” by *Texas Monthly* in 2018 and the number one restaurant in Houston by CultureMap in 2019.

Lachaine makes his debut outside of his home city of Houston, TX as Executive Chef at Commons Club.

His globally inspired menu features a blend of his own Eastern European heritage, and the Gulf Coast influenced dishes he’s known for, plus a dash of the South.

### **Commons Club**

Located on the ground floor of the hotel, Commons Club delivers a one-of-a-kind experience with delicious food from celebrated Executive Chef Ryan Lachaine, thoughtfully crafted cocktails and live entertainment in a vibrant atmosphere.

Serving as the social epicenter of Virgin Hotels Nashville, Commons Club offers three distinct spaces for guests to explore including **The Bar**, the beautifully designed centerpiece anchoring the space, **The Shag Room**, an intimate hangout tucked away for small groups and **The Kitchen**, an open style kitchen concept and dining room. Designed by leading interior design firm **Mark Zeff**, each space within Commons Club achieves its own sense of exclusivity while creating an atmosphere that is elevated yet approachable.

The Bar at Commons Club debuts with a curated menu crafted by chef Lachaine featuring tempting small plates infused with bold flavors and seasonal ingredients. The Bar is complete with a menu of “bevies” designed by Lead Mixologist MacKenzie Tierney, who has worked behind the bar at a number of Nashville spots. The menu includes handcrafted cocktails with an emphasis on well executed, spirit-forward classics, a selection of wines by the glass and bottle and a variety of local craft beers. To round out the lively dining and drinking experience, The Bar at Commons Club offers a variety of daily specials, DJ residencies and boozy brunch on Sundays.

In addition to The Bar’s spacious indoor bar and lounge seating, Commons Club offers an outdoor patio perfect for al fresco dining. The Shag Room, Commons Club’s swanky semi-private space, is also open for guests to relax, enjoy an evening nightcap or book for intimate gatherings. The Kitchen at Commons Club, which will offer an expanded dinner menu, dining room and chef’s table experience, will debut in early 2021.

The bar and lounge are open Tuesday – Saturday, 4pm to 11pm. Walk-ins are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Brunch is available on Sundays, 10am to 4pm. Reservations are encouraged and can be made via OpenTable [here](#).

For more information, visit [commonsclub.com/nashville](https://commonsclub.com/nashville) and follow Commons Club Nashville on Instagram at [@commonsclubnsh](https://www.instagram.com/commonsclubnsh).

### **The Pool Club**

Located on the 14th floor of the hotel, The Pool Club is a rooftop oasis in Music City. Anchored by the hotel’s chic design and sprawling views of the city, the indoor and outdoor bar delivers a uniquely social destination where guests can enjoy small plates, inventive cocktails and good vibes day or night.

The Pool Club’s menu features a Southern twist on country club classics through a variety of shareable plates and light bites. The beverage program boasts playful and refreshing cocktails plus a selection of local craft beer, spirits and wine for guests to sip and savor. Local DJs spin soulful, laidback tunes regularly, rounding out the relaxed club experience. Loungers and daybeds at the adjacent pool are complimentary for hotel guests.

For the ultimate always-cool vibes with incredible city view, The Pool Club is a go-to spot for locals and hotel guests to hang out and bask in the sun, watch the sunset and listen to chilled beats at night.

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday: 11am to 11pm; Saturday – Sunday: 10am to 11pm. Follow The Pool Club Nashville on Instagram [@poolclubnsh](https://www.instagram.com/poolclubnsh)

### **Funny Library Coffee Shop**

Located on the ground floor, **Funny Library Coffee Shop** serves coffee by **Laughing Man®**, the brand co-founded by actor Hugh Jackman, tea by J’Enwey, Natalie’s Cold Pressed Juice and a selection of beer, wine and bottled cocktails. Guests can enjoy a menu of grab and go items including pastries, snacks and sandwiches available for breakfast and lunch. The space also serves as a lounge and communal remote working space, housing an assortment of whimsical books, games and authentic Nashville treats sourced from local purveyors.

Laughing Man® coffee uses high-quality beans supplied by Fair Trade coffee growers and supports farmers through the Laughing Man Foundation, empowering farmers and their families to help them improve their homes, access to higher education and achieve their dreams.

Hours of Operation: Sunday – Thursday: 7am to 2pm; Friday – Saturday: 7am to 4pm. Follow Funny Library Coffee Shop on Instagram [@funnylibrarycoffee](https://www.instagram.com/funnylibrarycoffee).

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### **ABOUT VIRGIN HOTELS NASHVILLE**

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