

## THE LIME FORMS HERE

Michael Franz recently opened his casual Mexican restaurant at the base of downtown L.A.'s Security Building, around the



JOSHUA LURIE *Lime Café*

corner from Gallery Row.

**Lime Cafe's** design includes 10-foot-high windows facing 5th Street, high-backed oxblood booths, original marble flooring and a black metal bar. The space also serves as a gallery for art, which curator Julie Rico changes every six weeks. All day, Lime Cafe features enchiladas, burritos, tacos and tostadas with organic chicken, *carne asada* or

vegetables. At dinner, expect seasonal small plates like tomatillo gazpacho or lime-soaked snapper ceviche that's treated with orange juice for sweetness. To drink, margaritas are made with agave wine instead of tequila, mojitos utilize soju instead of rum, and there are more than 20 Mexican beers. **118**

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