

BAKERIES

THE BEST BREAD, PASTRIES, CAKES, AND PIES

{ the ultimate guide to food }

Bakery by George GARLAND

Help solve the world's problems with croissants and coffee at this local hangout. Although the bakery specializes in personalized birthday and wedding cakes, it's well-known for "Cheers on Broadway," the Garland version of the famous TV show. Locals arrive early each morning, help themselves to coffee, and gather around the community table, chatting about world affairs, politics, and family. 4133 Broadway Blvd., Garland. 972-240-2461.

Casa Linda Bakery EAST DALLAS

East Dallas has enjoyed Casa Linda since the early '40s. Although you'll find 12 varieties of made-from-scratch bread, cookies, pies, and cakes comprise almost 70 percent of the bakery's business. Owner David Sutton spends most weekends delivering to weddings. 10819 Garland Rd. 214-321-0355.

Celebrity Cafe & Bakery

NORTH DALLAS

For those of you who scoff at Atkins, Celebrity is the place to hang. The best-selling white chocolate toffee cake and the caramel turtle fudge cake are just two of the many sugar-filled specialties made daily. Along with a sinful red velvet cake, Celebrity is famous for its iced sugar



LOTS OF DOUGH: Baker Francis Simun specializes in macrobiotic breads made from rare organic flours. Some loaves cost \$35 each.

cookies, and one girl we know swoons over the thumbprint cookies. 10720 Preston Rd., Ste. 1016. 214-373-0783. Multiple locations.

Corner Bakery DOWNTOWN

For a big chain, this bakery does a great job turning out traditional baguettes, country sourdough, ciabatta (try the olive!), brioche, and steakhouse rye. A division of Brinker International, the bakery started as the baker for big sister restaurant Maggiano's and eventually took off on its

own. Coffee cake tastes just like the one Grandma used to make, and banana bundt cake leaves you speechless. 1623 Main St., Ste. 101. 214-977-9214. Multiple locations.

Eatzi's Market & Bakery

OAK LAWN

For most of us, the seductive smell of holiday baking comes only once a year, but you can enjoy that aroma every day at Eatzi's. The large selection of European breads sweeps your senses to the Tuscan hillside or the cobblestone streets of Paris. Eatzi's also offers an abundance of cakes, pastries, tarts, cookies, and brownies. 3403 Oak Lawn Ave. 214-526-1515.

Empire Baking Company

PRESTON HOLLOW

Dallas' first artisan bread baker is now in its 11th year of filling our basket with the finest products in town. This is a serious bakery with a sense of humor. Try the new hippie health loaf, the perfect sandwich bread for baby boomers. Surely you've sampled the jalapeño cheese bread and the



INDULGENCE

Katina's Kosmic Kookies. The company used to be called Aphrodite Cookies, but after a trademark dispute, owner Harolyn (Harry) Huttash renamed it Katina's Kosmic Kookies. How she innocently gave her cookies such infamous initials is too complicated to go into here, and once you taste them, you won't care what they're called. Huttash's "kooklas," her spin on the Greek wedding cookie, come in three flavors: plain, cinnamon sugar, and kosmic chocolate chip. Katina also offers airy madeleines, crunchy or smooth peanut butters, and spirited cakes spiked with bourbon, rum, or Gran Marnier. 972-458-7831 or www.katinaskosmickookies.com.