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Music and Merriment at Chicago's Two Newest Performance Venues

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As Chicago starts to thaw, so will our local culture scene, which is getting two new performance venues sure to delight music fans and comedy buffs . . . and offer the rest of us two new places to party.



In just a couple of weeks, **Viper Alley** (shown above)— a concert venue and nightclub dreamed up by the owners of awesome hotel TheWit — will open in Lincolnshire (275 Parkway Dr., Lincolnshire, 847-499-5000). There's something for everyone at Viper Alley. The Bowling Lounge offers six lanes, complete booth seating, wall-mounted flat-screen TVs, and rock and roll-inspired artwork. Reverb Kitchen serves up American small plates, gourmet pizzas, and handcrafted cocktails. And an eclectic schedule of live music can be found Wednesday through Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 12 a.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



LA-based comedy club **The Laugh Factory** just announced it's taken over the former Lakeshore Theater, which closed its doors last April. The new space tries to re-create the comedic magic that took place during Lakeshore's heyday, when comedy greats regularly would stop by the Lakeview space. The Laugh Factory (3175 N. Broadway Ave.) will renovate the interior and open as a traditional-looking comedy club later this year.

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