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Colonial-Era Cocktails

Imbibing gets the imperial treatment at Drunken Monkey NYC, an Upper East Side cocktail bar and eatery inspired by the tastes and aesthetics of British-occupied India. The two venerable cultures blend beautifully on the drinks menu, featuring a host of gin-centric, Anglo-inspired sips (such as the Army & Navy: London dry gin, lemon juice, almond syrup) and booze-packed punches (which originated in 17th-century India). Cocktails can be paired with a selection of curries and South Asian favorites. Take a cue from the grinning monkey statues that inhabit the haunt and go bananas. | **Drunken Monkey NYC, 338 E. 92nd St., 646.998.4600**



Glam and Good Drink

Everyone likes to feel glamorous from time to time. Harlow, a restaurant and lounge in Midtown East, makes it all too easy to get in the mood—it's housed in the former entertaining space of Jazz Age actress Marlon Davies, after all. The luxurious décor, designed by Meyer Davis Studio, plays no small part, seducing patrons with an Old-Hollywood-meets-modern look (think: ornate Victorian molding and mod armchairs). A spacious parlor (left) is where the tipping goes down. Cocktails are elegant, straightforward and masterfully mixed—try the Thirsty Traveler (a take on the Americano—equal parts bitersweet, wormouth and Aperol—this's carbonated on-site). Just maanvelous. | **Harlow, 111 E. 56th St., 212.935.6600**

FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH HARLOW'S DESIGNERS, WILL MEYER AND GRAY DAVIS, GO TO INNEWYORK.COM/EDITORSBLOG

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