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Double Door

Double Door, a concert hall and nightclub, was located in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois, United States. The venue was first opened on June 12, 1994, and was co-owned by Andrew Barrett, Sean Mulroney and Joe Shanahan. On June 12, 1994, under its current ownership, the Double Door hosted its first show, Lloyd Cole; the same week, the Smashing Pumpkins played under the name the Starchildren.^[1] The venue at 1572 N. Milwaukee Avenue had a capacity of 473 people. It was two levels with a stage, sound system, dance floor and bar on the main floor; the second was a mezzanine level, the most intimate area of the club with its lounge type setting. A second bar and dance floor, Door No. 3 was located downstairs in the Basement.

Notable artists who have played Double Door include local acts Emilie Autumn, The Smashing Pumpkins, American Cosmonaut, Local H, Chevelle, Veruca Salt, Wilco, Liz Phair, Liquid Soul, Rise Against, Cheap Trick, Andrew Bird and Chance The Rapper, as well as a number of national and international talents, including The Rolling Stones, The Killers, Of Monsters and Men, Cypress Hill, John Legend, Kings of Leon, Kanye West, Sonic Youth, Ray LaMontagne, Har Mar Superstar, and FIDLAR. Double Door also hosted such events as MOB fest, television show and movie filmings, and events sponsored by ASCAP, Maverick Records, MTV, VH1, Nike, Billboard, VICE, Starbucks and Rolling Stone magazine among others.^[2]

Parts of the 2000 film High Fidelity were shot at Double Door.^[3]

In 2005, the club was nearly shut down due to disagreements about its lease. The landlord, Brian Strauss, succeeded in doubling the Double Door's rent, while the Double Door backed down and renewed the lease.^[4]

In 2013, Double Door's basement bar, formerly The Dirtroom, reopened as Door No. 3, with a renewed focus on up-and-coming DJs as well as special events, ranging from electro-swing and cabaret to roots reggae.^[5]

After 22 years in Wicker Park, music and performing arts venue Double Door is looking for a new home in Logan Square. In 2016, following further leasing disputes at 1572 N. Milwaukee Avenue, the owners of the Double Door filed a proposal with the city of Chicago to allow them to begin restoring the beautiful and historic Logan Square State and Savings Bank building located at 2551 N. Milwaukee Avenue.^[6]

Footnotes

- ↑ "The History of Wicker Park's Most Famous Music Venue" (<http://www.wickerparkbucktown.info/content-music/our-exclusive-interview-with-the-owners-of-the-double-door-the-history>). *www.wickerparkbucktown.info*. Retrieved 2017-10-16.
- ↑ "Archived copy" (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080914194254/http://www.doubledoor.com/history.htm>). Archived from the original (<http://www.doubledoor.com/history.htm>) on 2008-09-14. Retrieved 2008-09-04.
- ↑ "High Fidelity tour of Chicago - Everything2.com" (http://everything2.com/index.pl?node_id=1353893). *everything2.com*.



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5. "Double Door To Open Third Entrance Wednesday Night for First Time" (<https://web.archive.org/web/20130714043240/http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20130710/wicker-park/double-door-open-third-entrance-wednesday-night-for-first-time>). *DNAinfo Chicago*. Archived from the original (<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20130710/wicker-park/double-door-open-third-entrance-wednesday-night-for-first-time>) on 2013-07-14.
6. "Double Door Petitions Neighbors To Support Logan Square Move" (<https://web.archive.org/web/20171017042916/https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20161014/logan-square/double-door-logan-square-wicker-park>). *DNAinfo Chicago*. Archived from the original (<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20161014/logan-square/double-door-logan-square-wicker-park>) on 2017-10-17. Retrieved 2017-10-16.

External links

- [Official website \(https://web.archive.org/web/20061103154207/http://www.doubledoor.com/index.php\)](https://web.archive.org/web/20061103154207/http://www.doubledoor.com/index.php)

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