

FOOD ARTS

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Birth Announcements

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Atlantic City Former *Buddakan* chef and current host of *Pantry Raid* Michael Schulson opened *Izakaya*, a modern Japanese pub, at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in July. Traditional Japanese architecture is reimagined along modern lines for this 180 seat space—an entryway emulates a classical teahouse and a glass foot-bridge leads to the main dining area. Inspired by a seven-month research trip to Japan, Schulson created a sharing menu of 125 hot and cold options (including top-notch sushi), matched with an equally ambitious beverage program of imported Japanese beers, 20 sakes by the glass, and an extensive tea service. APPS (\$5 to \$15): buffalo mozzarella tempura with brown butter *ponzu* and grated daikon radish; red miso glazed eggplant with crispy tofu and Thai basil. MAINS (\$13 to \$35): seared scallops with foie gras, plums, and truffles; roasted miso/mustard chicken with soy beans and morels.