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Mollyz Diner

As you walk into Mollyz, there is the ambiance of romance. The lighting was carefully planned so as not to be too loud or too dark; it is a perfect balance of tranquility. The tables are decorated with blue and white synthetic orchids as well; the white with blue table cloths also add to the ambience of the diner.

Partners Doug Melanson and David Landry transformed 2104 Gottingen Street into Mollyz, which is the main diner and lounge, and next door is Mollyz Annex downstairs and upstairs is Menz Bar (men only bar).

The service, staff and food are wonderful. Doug and David are the owners, and David Coolen is the restaurant's manager. Presently they employ 20 staff members most of whom live within the CHCA area. Doug and David felt it was important to employ people from our area. The staff work as a well orchestrated team to provide quality service and food.

Mollyz has now ventured into the wine business with wine bottled by Jost Winery, a Nova Scotia business. There are two wines at present: L'Acadie Chardonnay, a dry white wine, and Cabernet Sauvignon, a dry red wine; but that is not all. Available on tap is Mollyz' Pale Ale and after July 12, this ale will be available in 650 milliliter bottles.

In 2001, Doug came to Halifax for a vacation in the middle of August and saw that our area catered to a variety of nationalities and also welcomed the Gay community. The following year, Doug relocated from Ottawa to Halifax. "I fell in love with Gottingen Street, its people and the surrounding area". I have traveled the world; but the inspiration to create Mollyz came from Italy and Morocco. The romance came for a small city in Morocco named Marrakesh.

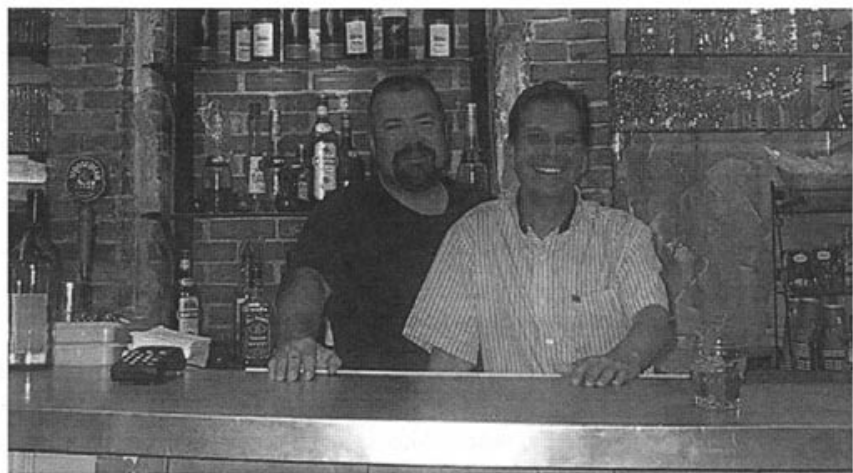
Mollyz is not your ordinary restaurant! Oh no! she delivers much more than just a place to sit and eat or have a coffee. Mollyz together with DaPoPo Theatre offers the patrons the last Thursday of every

month a Dinner Theater, with the program part of your menu. While dining, you can also have your loved one serenaded for only \$1.25 (reservations are a must).

Also at Mollyz, the Halifax Poets Society has local poets read their pieces. This happens the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The mission at Mollyz is to create a destination where everyone feels comfortable and welcomed.

The building also has a history; it was built in 1854. It was a private home, then a restaurant, a bar, a diner, a retail shop, a TV repair shop and now it has come almost full circle to being a restaurant once more.



Owner Doug Melanson and restaurant manager David Coolen