



I.a.'s cupcake couture/

No longer relegated to kid's birthday parties and school bake sales, the humble cupcake is finally getting the star treatment. Haute "cupcakery" shops have sprung up around Southern California, offering sweet handheld treats made with organic fruit preserves and high-quality, all-natural ingredients. Here's a guide to the best of L.A.'s sweet life.

yummy cupcakes/ Co-owner Brogan Faye of Yummy Cupcakes in Burbank opened a second branch in Santa Monica to keep up with demand. Crowds line up for concoctions like the "Elvis", a peanut butter cupcake topped with chocolate and banana buttercream frosting and chopped nuts. Cupcakes are securely packed in take-away boxes, so frosting stays perfectly intact. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$6.50 each. / 818-558-1080; 2918 West Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank; and 310-393-8283; 313 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica; yummycupcakes.com