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*The World's
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I-DRIVE

Howl at the Moon

Dive into this rowdy, boisterous venue for an outrageous good time perfect for the “drink-beer-by-the-buckets” party crowd. Howl at the Moon doesn’t just suggest guests get off their butts and sing their guts out; it outright demands it. After a couple of Jell-O shots, most inhibitions are lost anyway. Armed with pianos, drums, guitar and even trumpet, these maestros pit the crowd against each other with college fight songs and boys-versus-girls showdowns for constant interaction that fuels the feisty festivities. This “piano bar with attitude” is packed most nights by 9 with an all-ages crowd (21 and over) that lets loose like nowhere else in Orlando.

8815 International Drive, Orlando/407.354.5999, www.howlatthemoon.com

DOWNTOWN

Baby Grands Dueling Piano Bar

The historic Church Street District in downtown Orlando is home to the recently opened Baby Grands, an upscale interpretation of the dueling piano bar. At least four players rotate nightly on the stage, best viewed from the plush VIP party booths lavishly embroidered with “Baby,” the bar’s namesake pin-up girl. The kitchen serves a steady supply of pub grub, and bartenders at the 40-foot bar mix enormous, shareable, fish-bowl cocktails and DIY vodka towers. Monday is open-mic night when the musicians back Orlando’s burgeoning amateur talent.

54 W. Church St. Orlando/407.849.1911, www.babygrandsduelingpianos.com



“Baby” the pin-up girl

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UNIVERSAL CITYWALK

Pat O'Brien's

An authentic reproduction of the original legendary New Orleans piano bar, Pat O'Brien's flaunts its bayou heritage with Cajun fare, famous Hurricane cocktails and a brick-walled piano lounge that oozes an "every-day-is-Mardi Gras" vibe. Guests can expect a rock-'n'-roll repertoire with a distinct Dixieland jazz flavor that's true to Pat's Bourbon Street roots. Requests, which according to Pat O'Brien's are most likely to be "Piano Man" followed closely by "American Pie" and "Bohemian Rhapsody," are made by dropping tunes and tips on one of the copper-top pianos—invented so that coins would not dent the instruments. Don't forget to wander outside to the courtyard bar and sip a Fuzzy Leprechaun by the famous flaming fountain.

CityWalk, Universal Orlando/407.224.2100, www.patobriens.com



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DISNEY'S BOARDWALK

Jellyrolls

Named after late ragtime pianist Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton, Jellyrolls offers a grown-up piano show with amazing talent behind the ivories. The four players who rotate in twos onto the raised, mirrored stage represent nearly eight decades of collective experience and a combined knowledge of literally thousands of songs. Piano, tambourine and sometimes harmonica lull the 21-and-up crowd with a darkened room solo one minute and then entice everyone into a raucous sing-along the next. It's a new and unexpected performance each night, thanks to the request-driven format. And, by the way, requests are best received with a couple of bucks, but the popcorn is free.

2101 Epcot Resorts Blvd., Lake Buena Vista/407.560.8770, www.jellyrolls.us

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