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## A New Bar, With a Nod to Whitman

The Vault at Pfaff's, a new subterranean lounge in NoHo, is named after Charles Pfaff, the proprietor of a popular bohemian gathering place in the area 150 years ago. "Walt Whitman was said to be drinking and hanging out there," said the interior designer Mark Zeff, who mined inspiration from the past for his design of the space. "He alluded to the place in one of his pieces."

After gutting decades of additions, Mr. Zeff exposed the original ceiling, the metal

columns and a fieldstone wall, and added touches like blue leather wall panels with brass tacks, tufted banquettes and a 150-year-old, 42-foot-long oak bar. Canvas paintings of reclining nudes by Katherine Blackburne affixed to the backs of sofas serve as art. "It's very much about that time period," he said. "Most of these places were bars with bordellos unstairs."

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