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CAFE WAS NOW IS

Ivan Kane, the man behind fabled Hollywood haunts such as Deep and Forty Deuce, premieres his latest “bohemian chic” concept Saturday in the unlikeliest of locations: a mini-mall. The 200-person-capacity bar and restaurant **Cafe Was** lies on Vine Street right behind Borders near Sunset Boulevard and features a revolving baby grand piano, exposed brick walls, candles everywhere and even a “staircase to nowhere,” which, just as described, dead-ends at a wall. Music at the New Orleans-style bilevel lounge will be selected by Kane himself (playlists that change nightly, not DJs); expect to hear everything from Charlotte Gainsbourg to the Germs. **Cafe Was (soft opening), 1521 N. Vine St., Hollywood. 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Sat. No cover. (323) 466-5400.**