

# New Indie-Dance Party Bump Thursdays Comes to O'Malley's in Margate

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Thursday's party will kick off with 11 local artists who have been creating murals at O'Malley's for the past few weeks in preparation for Bump's launch.

*Photo by Mike Locke*

Margate is about to get a little more groove and flavor with a new party, Bump Thursdays. Launching this week at O'Malley's Sports Bar, Bump will serve up a good dose of local culture with visual artists and DJs

from around South Florida as well as monthly events featuring sponsors and national acts.

Bump is the creation of Mike Locke and Dave Ferreira, who have been playing in local bands for many years. They wanted to create an event that showcased their love for local art as well as electronic music such as indie-dance, nü-disco, and house.

“While there are plenty of bars and community events in Margate, there aren’t really any weekly events for people who just want to go out and dance and check out some original bands and art,” says Locke, who is also the frontman of local band Octo Gato and the guitarist of My Electric Heart.



O'Malley's in Margate keeps the party going for the Broward suburbs-bound.

*Alex Markow*

Bump could be a great addition to the suburban Broward city and its surrounding areas, whose residents might not necessarily want to drive to Fort Lauderdale for a night out. And college students and the budget-conscious need not worry about high downtown prices either. Bump Thursdays boasts no cover, free parking, and drink specials such as \$2 PBRs and \$3 Bump shots (Locke’s take on an old-fashioned in shot form)

\$5 Bump shots (Locke stake on an old-fashioned in shot form).

Though each week will feature one visual artist, this Thursday's party will kick off with 11 local artists who have been creating murals at O'Malley's for the past few weeks in preparation for the launch. Patrons can vote for their favorite artist, who will take home a prize. Each week will also feature a guest band and DJ, in addition to house spin doctors Locke (MLÖC) and Ferreira (DJ So What!).



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is for national acts, they plan to bring in bands like Two Door Cinema Club and Me and My Toothbrush for performances and DJ sets, though plans are still largely in the works.

Locke and Ferreira hope to provide a place where they can cultivate the local music and art scene while introducing national acts to expand the night. “When I hear someone say, ‘There’s nothing going on’ or ‘There’s no good new music,’ I hope to have them come out to a Bump night and hear something new every Thursday,” Locke says.

### *Upcoming Schedule:*

4/7/16 - TONX / Retrocities

4/14/16 - DJ Steve Jones / Grey 8’s

4/21/16 - DJ Hilda J / Peyote Coyote

4/28/16 - Jay Demarest / Smith Sundry

5/5/16 - My Electric Heart (DJ Set) / Chilean Slang

5/12/16 - TBA / Koala Collage

### **Bump Thursdays Launch Party**

*9 p.m. April 7, at O’Malley’s Sports Bar, 1388 N. State Road 7, Margate. For age 18 and up. No cover.*

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