

CHARLOTTE EATS

A look at Charlotte, NC restaurants from the past to the present

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Shakey's Pizza



One of the many signs that adorned the walls.



Shakey's Pizza arrived in Charlotte in the late-60's. Charlotte was home to two locations--the Independence Blvd location opened in 1967 and the South Blvd location opened in 1965. They immediately became popular with families for their great pizza, large pitchers of beer, and the unique live Dixieland band that featured banjos and pianos. Who could forget the trademark red and white striped uniforms and straw hats worn by the servers? Kids also loved Shakey's for the picture window that looked into the prep area (you had to go up a little ramp to a bridge) that allowed you to watch the pizzas being assembled (I always remember the giant paint brushes that were used to put the sauce on the dough). Shakey's pub atmosphere (including neat stained glass windows) allowed them to compete successfully with the other pizza chains in town (Pizza Hut, Godfathers). Shakey's continued their run in Charlotte through the early-80's when both locations would close for good.

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