

The winners of the 2016 Time Out Los Angeles Bar Awards

We celebrated our fair city's best bars, bartenders and cocktails at Time Out LA's inaugural—and very boozy—Bar Awards

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Best Bar Design

Break Room 86

If there's anything we've learned about themed bars in LA, it's that Jonnie and Mark Houston are probably behind them. From '70s-inspired patio bars to sultry Parisian lounges, entering a Houston Hospitality bar is akin to stepping through a time machine. No bar was able to do that as acutely this year as Break Room 86, the '80s-themed karaoke bar in Koreatown's Line Hotel. VHS tapes serve as menus, walls are lined with cassette tapes and vinyl, a DJ booth is built out of boomboxes, and yes, you will probably go into sensory overload at some point. Take a moment to absorb it all with a drink in hand and a seat in one of Break Room's four karaoke hideaways—one of which you enter through a vintage telephone booth, because of course you do.