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A great place to fall in love with breakfast all over again is at **Gracie's (729 SW 15th Ave, 222-2171, graciesdining.com)**, located inside Hotel Deluxe, where gilded gold accents and elaborate hanging chandeliers pay tribute to '40s Hollywood glam. But to be perfectly honest, you could just as easily nosh on one of their five eggs benedict dishes (you've gotta try the Idaho Smoked Trout Benedict) or their famous plate-sized German pancakes in a cardboard box and still be dining in style.

Similar in name but distinctly more casual in atmosphere, **Genie's Café (1101 SE Division St, 445-9777, geniescalafepdx.com)** will rub you the right way with a myriad of specialty omelets and scrambles to choose from, not to mention a mean plate of biscuits and gravy featuring their new house-made country sausage. The best part is, nothing on Genie's breakfast menu costs more than \$8.50, leaving you plenty of extra scratch to order up a Bloody Mary, which regulars swear is the best in town.

Another favorite Southeast breakfast spot, **Fat Albert's Breakfast Cafe (6668 SE Milwaukie Ave, 872-9822)** will make you say "Hey, hey, hey!" with simple and hearty home-style dishes like their bottomless bucket of oatmeal and the Grinder Omelet, which is jam-packed with a variety of ingredients and smothered in gravy. If you're looking for an authentic greasy-spoon experience, this is it. But be forewarned, the sassy grandma servers

who patrol the small dining room won't think twice about going upside your head with a frying pan if you get out of line.

Housed in a little yellow building on the corner of NW 23rd and Savier since 1903, **Besaw's (2301 NW Savier St, 228-2619, besaws.com)** has a long history of serving up unique breakfast dishes like their House Smoked Wild Salmon Scramble, Forest Mushroom Omelet and Banana-Pecan Buttermilk Pancakes, not to mention a killer selection of pastries, cobblers, crisps and bread puddings. And if you're one of those people who think you can't have dessert after breakfast, just stop reacting now, because we have nothing more to say to each other.

If you've never experienced a heaping plateful of fresh oyster hash at **Bijou Cafe (132 SW 3rd Ave, 222-3187)**, then turn off your phone, cancel your appointments and pay them a visit immediately. This celebrated dish—consisting of fresh oysters dredged in cornmeal flour and sautéed with onions and potatoes—is just one of many mouthwatering offerings on the menu. While Bijou isn't the cheapest breakfast spot in town, they've been a Portland favorite for the past 25 years thanks to generous portions and unique dishes that are well worth a little extra coin.

A cool and quirky Northeast hangout, **Tin Shed Garden Cafe (1438 NE Alberta St, 288-6966, tinshedgardencafe.com)** boasts an expansive outdoor dining area with a brick

