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## Saturday is Cinco de Mayo! Here's How Local Restaurants are Celebrating

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We might associate it with mariachis and margaritas, but what is Cinco de Mayo? A little history lesson: the day commemorates the Mexican army's victory over the French in 1862's Battle of Puebla (though Mexico was already independent from Spain, France came to take advantage of their political unrest). Though they were outnumbered and ill-equipped, the Mexican soldiers defeated the French on May 5. The country has been annually cheering the victory ever since, and this year, the fiesta falls on a Saturday. Here's what local restaurants are doing to celebrate.

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Special margaritas will represent the colors of the Mexican flag: red is frozen hibiscus, white is citrus juices and spicy rum, and green is green apple puree. Drinks range from \$10 to \$12. A disc jockey will spin contemporary and electronic Latin music from 6:30 PM until 1 AM.