

DOUBLE HEADER



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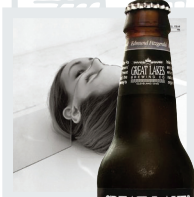
PIPEWORKS BREWING COMPANY

What: American Double / Imperial IPA

Where: Chicago, Illinois **When:** Rotating **ABV:** 9.5%

Indulge with: Post Animal's *Post Animal Perform The Most Curious Water Activities* (2015)

True to Pipeworks' wizardry, this beer sinks the nostrils with a citrus tsunami and packs a taste of grapefruit, orange, and pineapple plucked right from the punch bowl. As if pulled from the pastoral pools of the '60s, long-haired and goggle-clad foursome, Post Animal, come dripping with psychedelic syrup and armed with a musical harpoon full of an ambitious, albeit audaciously-titled first album—and it's aimed directly at your ear cavity. The first taste of this multi-layer brain enema is aptly titled "Goggles," which you'll need when you strap these aquatic Chicago originals together.



EDMUND FITZGERALD

GREAT LAKES BREWING CO.

What: American Porter

Where: Cleveland, Ohio **When:** Year-round **ABV:** 6%

Sip with: The National's *Trouble Will Find Me* (2013)

Mixing a Cleveland brew with a Cincinnati band might get me beat up, but this Romeo & Juliet pairing is worth the scars. Fitzgerald has just enough weight in coffee and burnt caramel notes to hold you from getting too emotional over The National's melancholy masterpiece.



TANK 7 FARMHOUSE ALE

BOULEVARD BREWING CO.

What: Saison / Farmhouse Ale

Where: Kansas City, Missouri **When:** Year-round **ABV:** 8.5%

Drink it with: The Applesseed Cast's *Sagarmatha* (2009)

Welcome to the co-founders of Midwest emo. I'm cheating here—The Applesseed Cast is native to Lawrence, Kansas. Yet, while the group's 2001 double LP is a personal favorite, *Sagarmatha* serves as the band's heaviest combination of emo and post-hardcore. The first three songs combine at over 20 minutes, but even if your mind drifts with each sip, the rest of your evening will pass in a straw-covered haze.



OBERON ALE

BELL'S BREWERY INC.

What: American Pale Wheat Ale

Where: Kalamazoo, Michigan

When: Summer **ABV:** 5.8%



ANTI-HERO

REVOLUTION BREWING

What: American IPA

Where: Chicago, Illinois

When: Fall **ABV:** 10%

Experience the purity of *Michigan* (2003) with the former. Then, enjoy the latter while Sufjan Stevens Invites You To Come On Feel The Illinois (2005)

No artist knows the Midwest better than Sufjan Stevens. *Michigan* and *Illinois* are the perfect auditory tours of the Mitten and Prairie states, while Oberon and Anti-Hero are the undeniable flagship brews of Michigan and Illinois, respectively. Set up your lawn chair and enjoy.



BOURBON COUNTY BRAND COFFEE STOUT

GOOSE ISLAND BEER CO.

What: Imperial Stout

Where: Chicago, Illinois **When:** Rotating **ABV:** 13.4%

Experience it with: Russian Circles' *Station* (2008)

A bold, arrogant bastard. This describes both the bourbon barrel-aged brew and the pounding metal riffage of Chicago's three-piece instrumental band. Goose Island's Bourbon County series is arguably the most sought-after release in the time zone and a serious endeavor for even the most hardened stout lovers. Tremendously thick, dark, and boozy, the only auditory complement is a seven-minute, metal-infused clobbering.



HOPSLAM

BELL'S BREWERY INC.

What: Imperial IPA

Where: Kalamazoo, Michigan **When:** Winter **ABV:** 10%

Drink it with: the White Stripes' *Icky Thump* (2007)

This deceptively drinkable refresher packs six different hop varieties. To break that down: there's a lot going on in this sweet sipper. It's full-bodied with citrus and honey, hoppy wetness that surprises both first-timers and hardcore hopheads. With all the complexity of the brew, *Icky Thump* provides a perfect respite for Jack's straightforward garage riffage and Meg's bombastic pounding. The more you drink, the more it sounds like the Whites are literally beating their instruments with bloody fists.