

Restaurant Review  
Shelby Rachel Hilson  
Published in Radix Newspaper 2006

### **Discover the Sunshine of Cora's**

Dragging me out of bed on a cold Sunday morning is as easy as prying a bucket of ice cream from my death grip after a fight with the boyfriend. However, I have found something that not only gets me in the shower by 10, but out the door 15 minutes later. That something ladies and gentlemen is Cora's; a breakfast experience that no one should miss out on. I first stumbled onto Cora's doorstep during a weekend in Montreal with a few friends. I couldn't help but smile as I walked into the three-floor restaurant where sunrays from gigantic windows reflected on soft yellow walls and plastic hens serving as décor. It took the server three visits before we could decide which breakfast to choose from the six-page menu of oatmeal to stuffed crepes. It wasn't long before my eggs benedict arrived next to a "mountain of fresh fruit" displayed like artwork, and topped with hollandaise sauce so delicious I dipped my banana in it. (\$10.45) My friend ordered the *10 Star Omelette*, that's right, an omelette with 10 different ingredients! Next to that monster sat home fries and a bit of fresh fruit. (\$8.45) My other friend was presented with a huge belgian waffle covered in homemade custard, fresh strawberries, bananas, kiwis and strawberry coulis... enough said. (\$9.75)

Needless to say, I returned to the city on a mission: to find Cora's. I quickly discovered that Cora's is actually a franchise with over 50 locations in Quebec alone, and thankfully four in the Toronto area. Although a franchise, you will not find any processed, pre-cooked meals here; in fact Cora's boasts an array of fresh fruit for every season and abstains from frying foods. Another bad habit they abstain from is grumpy service; your

cup of Cora's own, tasty coffee blend will never be empty. The biggest downfall to Cora's is that I'm not the only one out of bed to enjoy a hearty breakfast; lots of people are, so you can expect to find yourself in a 20 minute lineup on a Saturday or Sunday morning between nine and noon. She's open until three, but she's also worth the wait.

**Mississauga- 4120 Dixie Rd. Mississauga 905-624-1297**

**Toronto- 277 Wellington St., West (at Blue Jays Way) (416) 598-2672**

**Vaughan- 8401 Weston Road, Unit 4A (905) 850-8950**

**Brampton- 17 Ray Lawson Blvd. Unit 10 (905) 450-6145**