

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis
Additional Information Sheet

Location:

Onyx Room

Silhouette Room; Onyx; Marko's Tap Room

3560 Olive

Additional Information:

Address also listed as 2556 Olive, and listed in City Directories as Marko's Tap Room in 1960 and Silhouette Room 1971-1973.

Bars along Olive Street were frequented by predominantly white patrons in the 1950s and 1960s.

By the 1970s the Onyx was listed in Damron guidebooks as very popular, dancing, youth and college-aged crowd. *PrimeTime* 1977 described as "nice atmosphere, good crowd, predominantly black, especially in the evenings." Ciao! article about St. Louis bars listed as "little rough. Some hustlers. Some blacks."

For additional history see:

Darnell, Ian. "‘In This Part of the City, All the Fellows Are Gay’: Exploring the History of LGBTQ Nightlife at St. Louis’s Grand and Olive." *Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis* (August 1, 2016.)

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