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Cuba Gooding

You just spent an hour waiting for a table at Café Habana. Again.

Can't blame you. It always seems like such a good idea. Atmosphere. Trendsters on parade.



Damn. Delicious. Corn.

If you've got the time to wait, you've got the time to travel. To Fort Greene, where everyone's favorite Cubano resto opens its Habana Outpost tomorrow.

The menu's the same — but there's twice as much space, including an outdoor garden. Throughout the summer they'll host weekend designers' markets, evening movies, and special family events.

But what makes it totally, legitimately cool (aside from the car wash, the cheap drinks, and the weekly DJ lineup) is that it will be New York City's first solar-powered restaurant. (Furthering the effort to go green, they'll also use eco-friendly supplies and will compost food scraps rather than toss them.)

As for tomorrow's kick-off party, expect music, liquor, face painting, and that excellent vibe you've come to know and love.

And should never, ever have to wait for.

Habana Outpost: Brooklyn, 755-757 Fulton Street, at South Portland Avenue, Fort Greene, Brooklyn (718-230-8238 or habanaoutpost.com).