

SWEETS for your

Go beyond the chocolate sampler with these creative Valentine's Day treats

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This Valentine's Day, remember: Flowers are nice, but sweets are better.

Candy and other desserts are a hallmark of the romantic holiday, and there's no shortage of bakeries and shops in the city looking to cater to your Valentine's Day needs.

Leave the chocolate sampler on the grocery store shelf and check out these more creative options.



DOMINIQUE ANSEL

Dominique Ansel Bakery/Kitchen

Show your BAE, BFF or BRO some love this Valentine's Day with these fudgy chocolate brownies, coated in rich dark chocolate. \$10/each, available now through Feb. 14; Dominique Ansel Bakery, 189 Spring St., 212-219-2773, dominiqueansel.com, Dominique Ansel Kitchen, 137 Seventh Ave. S., 212-242-5111, dominiqueanselkitchen.com/shop



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The Upper East Side bakery institution is well-known for its black-and-white cookies, which will get a little Valentine's Day makeover as pink-and-white cookies for the holiday. From \$1.50/each, \$45/dozen, available now through Feb. 14; 1100 Madison Ave., 212-861-1340, wmgreenbergdesserts.com

Maman

French cafe and bakery Maman will be making Valentine's-themed cookie boxes this month, with three options to choose from: a dozen nutty chocolate chip, a dozen



VICTORIA MORRIS

white-chocolate cherry cranberry, or a box with a half-dozen of each. \$45/box, available through Feb. 28; various locations, mamannyc.com

Dana Confection

Roses are better when they're edible. Dana Confection in Brooklyn is using sugared rose petals to top calissons, a French treat made with candied fruit and almonds. Flavors include juneberry rose, cherry rose, rhubarb rose and black currant rose. The treats will be sold at select retailers or you can order them online. From \$8; danaconfections.com



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LADUREE

Ladurée
 These macarons talk — well, kind of. Ladurée is offering a pink box of eight macarons that allows you to record a voice message, which will play when the box is opened. \$28; 864 Madison Ave., 646-558-3157, 398 W. Broadway, 646-392-7868, laduree.com



CRAVEABLE HOSPITALITY GROUP

Zac Young's PieCupen
 Fresh off his PieCaken, Craveable Hospitality Group Pastry Director Zac Young has dreamed up a PieCupen — a chocolate cream pie inside a red velvet cupcake with cinnamon cream cheese frosting and a champagne truffle on top. The decadent bite will be available at David Burke at Bloomingdale's until Feb. 14, or for shipping via FoodyDirect until Feb. 13. \$7.95/each; \$44.95/box of six; 1000 Third Ave., foodydirect.com

Padoca Bakery
 Head to Padoca for some romantic classics, like mini chocolate cupcakes (\$20/box of 12), decorated sugar cookies (\$6/bag of three) and the more decadent heart-shaped red velvet brownies (\$26/platter of nine). Order 48 hours in advance for boxed orders, available through Feb. 14; 359 E. 68th St., 212-300-4543, padocabakery.com



BLACKTAP

Black Tap
 Cupcake meets shake this Valentine's Day at Black Tap, with the limited Red Velvet Cake Shake, made in collaboration with Magnolia Bakery. The red velvet cake batter shake has a vanilla frosted rim with sprinkle hearts and is topped with a slice of red velvet cake from Magnolia, garnished with whipped cream and chocolate drizzle. \$19, available Feb. 14; 529 Broome St., 917-639-3089, blacktapnyc.com



BAKED BY MELISSA

Baked by Melissa
 Can't choose between cupcakes or macarons? You don't have to if you pick up The Perfect Pair gift box from Baked by Melissa — which includes 25 tiny Valentine's Day cupcakes and six little macarons. \$44, available now through Feb. 14; multiple locations, bakedbymelissa.com

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