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If you're heading to the Garden for the Madonna concert this week, your dining options just got a lot better. Tonight, Lugo Caffè opens at One Penn Plaza. The restaurant is owned by the team behind Lugo Menswear in Soho and was designed by Jun Aziki (Forge, Rayuela) as a convivial and stylish Italian café serving an extensive menu of antipasti, pizzas, pastas and meat and fish entrées by chef Greg Lombardi.

You might start with a couple of assagini (brussel sprouts, roasted cauliflower, or grilled zucchini with pignoli, \$4 each), and antipasti (seafood fritters with lemon-caper aioli, \$10), and a pizza topped with Sopressata, red peppers and ricotta (\$13). If you're in the mood for something more substantial, have a big bowl orecchiette with pork sausage and broccoli rabe, a skirt steak with salsa verde and Tuscan fries (\$24), seared tuna with grilled eggplant, squash and zucchini (\$28).

Lugo Caffè opens tonight at One Penn Plaza (33rd Street & Eighth Avenue), 212-760-2700. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 11am to midnight.

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