Bread Pudding

Serves 16

This is Stan Goldberg's famous bread pudding. It is commonly mentioned when I ask people in Charleston what recipe is a must for inclusion in this cookbook. Top this pudding with the Whiskey / Rum Cream Sauce. When I make it with rum, I use a golden Barbados rum instead of a white rum.



Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 1/8 cup Irish whiskey or rum
- 8 oz. (6 cups cubed) day-old French baguette
- 11/2 tsp. unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup sliced or slivered almonds
- 1 cup cream
- 2 cups whole milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 cups whiskey / rum cream sauce (see recipe)

Equipment

- 8 x 8 casserole dish
- Small bowl
- Large mixing bowl
- Frying pan

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| $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ | Directions | Time (min) | | |
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| | Grease baking pan with butter | 1 | | |
| | Combine 1/4 cup raisins with 1/8 cup whiskey or rum in a small bowl and set aside | 1 | | |
| | Cut baguette into 1" cubes including crusts and place in a large bowl | 5 | | |
| | Toast 1/4 cup almonds in a dry skillet over high heat and set aside | 3 | | |
| | In a bowl, combine 1 cup cream, 2 cups milk, 3 eggs, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 1/2 tsp. vanilla, $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon, and 1/8 tsp. salt | 2 | | |
| | Place bread cubes in a large mixing bowl. Toss with raisins and almonds | 1 | | |
| | Pour liquid mixture over the bread and stir to combine | 1 | | |
| | Let mixture sit at room temperature | | | |
| | Preheat oven to 350 degrees | 10 | 40 | |
| | Transfer mixture to greased casserole dish | 2 | | |
| | Bake until center of pudding is set | | 55 | |
| | Make whiskey / rum cream sauce | 15 | 99 | |
| | Serve warm with a side pitcher of warm sauce | | | |
| | Total | 1 hr 49 min | | |