

# IN THE KNOW, ON THE GO!

September 17 – September 30, 2009

## Headlining Acts

There are a few big events coming up to close out the month that should definitely be on your radar. On Tuesday the 22nd, **Sidetrack** will once again host the **Celebrity Auction** to benefit the **Chicago Gay & Lesbian Hall of Fame**. The cocktail reception and registration begin at 7pm and bidding with chief auctioneer Circuit Mom starts at 8pm. The registration fee of \$10 includes one cocktail, hors d'oeuvres, raffle tickets, an auction paddle to bid with, and a \$10 credit on auction purchases... Sticking with the auction theme, **Center on Halsted** will have its **2009 Auction & Brunch @ the Center** (3656 N. Halsted) on Sunday, the 27th. Featuring both a silent and a live auction, complimentary cocktails, and entertainment by songstress MeKole Wells, the event takes place from 11am-3pm and costs \$50 per person... Finally on a more playful note, the make-up of **Out At The Ballgame 2009** will take place @ **Wrigley Field** on Wednesday, September 30 as the Cubs take on the Pittsburgh Pirates at 1:05pm.

## Weekend #1

This weekend gets off to a rollicking start with **Beer Pong Tournament @ Spin** on Thursday, September 17. Hosted by Kevin Neal and starting at 11pm, the grand prize will be an iPod Touch with \$100 going to the runner-up. Just down the street @ **Roscoe's** they're having their **Boys II Women** staff fundraising event to benefit the **Broadway Youth Center**. The fun begins @ 10pm. ... Friday, September 18, has legendary house DJs Satoshie Tomiie and Hector Romero spinning the **Saw Party @ Spy Bar** while Boystown fave Brett Locascio takes over the **Hydrate DJ booth**. That same night **Spin** presents the **Bear Shower Contest** while **Circuit Night Club** plays host to another **ChicagoMusicPromotion.com Party** featuring a Screamin Rachael performance and DJ line-up that includes Tony P, DJR, and Jim Lewis... The peak of the weekend - Saturday, September 19 - finds Ralphie Rosario DJing @ **Hydrate** and DJs Ink & Rico Suave along with Los Panchis live on stage for **AMIGO: Banda Night @ Circuit**.

## Weekend #2

The last Thursday of the month, September 24, features the monthly **Wet Boxer Contest** hosted by Frida Lay @ **Roscoe's** and **Stardust @ Berlin** with special guest BOTTIN and a DJ set by Codebreaker. The very popular monthly urban hip-hop party **Urbano** is presented by **Clubhouse Productions @ Circuit** on Friday, September 25, the same night that DJ Laura B is @ **Hydrate** and **Roscoe's** is having a **Mika CD Giveaway**. The big event of the weekend will be the **Nitro Eco-Green** dance party presented by **Halsted Street Beach Tanning** and the **Urban Eco Alliance @ Circuit** on Saturday, September 26. Featuring DJs Jeanette, Hugo, and Animal X along with hosts Miss Fozzie, Sal-E, and Velocity Metropolis, the

event "will have a zero carbon footprint" along with a special VIP Pre-Party, a raffle for a variety of trips, and a Cell Phone Recycling Program. Also on Saturday night DJ Roland Belmares will be headlining the **Blackout Party @ Hydrate** while on Sunday **Berlin** presents its monthly **Prince Night w/ Samnation**.

## Walking The Boystown Runway

At **Roscoe's**, Frida Lay hosts **Drag Race 2009** and the **Wheel of Pussy** on Tuesdays (special guests Victoria Le Page on September 22 & Tina Torch on September 29) while Miss Fozzie takes charge of **Male Call** on Sundays... The video bar **Sidetrack** packs them in nightly with a popular line-up that includes **Showtunes** on Mondays and **Comedy** on Thursdays. More than just a pizza joint, **Pie Hole** hosts **Soul In The Hole** - an open mic night for poetry, vocals, and instruments - every Tuesday. ... Other Boystown options include **Halsted's Bar & Grill (Team Trivia** on Mondays), **North End** (TPAN's poz-friendly **Pulse** on Thursdays), **Bobby Loves (karaoke** on Fridays), **Charlie's** (country line dancing lessons w/ Steana on Fridays), and Cell Block (leather/fetish/bears/jeans)... The **Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club** has half-price martinis on Sundays as well as viewing parties for **Top Chef** and **Project Runway** on Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively. **Buck's** and **Little Jim's** are always friendly while live entertainment shines nightly at both 3160 (including **Pop Goes The Gio Show** on Fridays) and **Cornelia's** and during **Cabaret Tuesdays @ Hydrate** on Tuesdays w/ Honey West at 9pm.

## Under The Disco Ball

When it comes to dancing early in the night, **Spin** has DJ Chris Eterno on Wednesdays for **WTF \$1 Drink Night** and **Foxy's Basement** w/ DJ Mike Bolante on Sundays... Down @ **Minibar**, DJs such as Phil DaBeatz and Shawn Edwards lord over the beautiful new dance floor Wednesdays - Sundays while **Roscoe's** new dance space gets worked by DJs Duane, Kevy, Ron G, and DigiDave... In Uptown the **Wild Pug** features DJ Oskar for the **Dorian Gray** party on Saturdays.

For after-hours dancing, the always popular **Berlin** has **Cosmix Fridays** w/ DJ Greg Haus and **Twisted Saturdays** w/ DJs Larissa and Chester while **Hydrate** presents its **Sunday Dance Party** w/ DJ Greg Drescher along w/ DJ Laura B on Mondays; DJR spinning on Tuesdays; and DJ Phil DaBeatz on Thursdays... **Jackhammer** is the far north side's late night dance option Wednesdays - Sundays, including its monthly **Underwear Party** on Saturday, September 19. **The Ultimate After Hours @ The Ram** (3am-7am) has DJs Ron G, Chris Eterno, and Plez Thursdays - Saturdays.

## Oh So Naughty

**Steamworks**, the full-service all-male club, has a **Lights**

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**Out** party every Thursday w/ DJ Scotty Dick, who also spins the **After-hours** (11pm-5am) on Sundays. After-hours on Fridays and Saturdays feature DJ Greg Ellsworth while the weekly **Sunday Spin Cycle** (3pm-8pm).has DJ Jim B. The monthly **Bears, The Baths & Beyond** play party is set for 1pm-6pm on Saturday, September 26... Up @ **Man's Country**, nothing is left to the imagination every Friday and Saturday @ Midnight with a dancer line-up that includes Jamie Heart, Giorgio & Fabion on Saturday, September 19 and Alexander, JJ & Angel on Friday, September 25.

**Lucky Horseshoe** in Boystown has strippers nightly while at @**mosphere** has them strutting all weekend long: Hot **Mess Thursdays/Club Manhunt** w/ DJ Chris Eterno followed by DJs Eric Hall and Timmy Loop on Fridays and Saturdays, respectively... **Jackhammer** has the Chicago Beef dancers on Fridays and Saturdays... Out in the suburbs: the Men of Sarabia appear @ **Club Krave** on Fridays; Chicago Beef visits **Hideaway** on Thursdays and Saturdays; and Hunters Hunks liven up **Hunters** on Thursdays w/ DJ Laura B on the decks.

## Niche Marketing

The weekly Latino nights @ **Circuit** include **Noche Latina**, w/ hostess Veronica Zaid and DJs Ink & Alex Perez on Sundays, and **La Noche Loca** on Thursdays, featuring Miss Ketty's Latina Review... Other weekly Latino hangouts include Sundays @ **Jackhammer** as well as Mondays @ **Lucky Horseshoe**.

Presenting an urban music vibe, **Krush** gets busy every Friday night while **Reunion** @ **Shadow Bar** rocks each Saturday night w/ DJs Stoney, Anton, and Kenae... **Club Escape** takes care of south siders on a nightly basis while Ms. Ruffy gets everyone's week off to a good start with \$1 drinks @ **Republic** (1520 N. Fremont) with a weekly Monday night party.

As for Chicago lesbians, they congregate at **Closet** when hanging in Boystown and at several places in Andersonville, including **T's, Star Gaze, Joi De Vine** and **Mary's Attic**... The city's gay Asian communities are becoming more visible and gather @ **Wild Pug's** monthly **Gaysia** event with DJ Oskar (Thursday, September 24).

## H-O-U-S-E

The home for house music in Boystown is **Cocktail**, featuring **The Speakeasy** on Wednesdays w/ DJ Greg Haus and \$6 martinis. Go-Go Boys are there five nights a week and the DJ line-up includes Timmy Loop (Tuesdays), Michael Serafini (Thursdays), Freddie Bain (Fridays), and Diva DJs (Saturdays). **Super Saver Sundays** features a troika of DJs: Chris Eterno, Dealer, and Pete Augusta.

Outside of Lakeview, DJ Plez serves up house music during **Attic-tion Saturdays** @ **Mary's Attic** while DJ Dana Powell delivers on Fridays @ **Jeffrey's Pub**... Every Monday the **Boom Boom Room** @ **Green Dolphin Street** continues its success w/ resident DJs Michael Serafini, Diz, JustJoey & Uncle Milty.

## Beyond Boystown

Up in Andersonville you'll find the popular neighborhood outpost **SoFo**, the newish country bar **Cattle Call**, and the martini bar **Marty's**... **Mary's Attic** features Rogue DJ for **Feel Good Fridays** and hosts very lively nights of **karaoke** on Sundays and Wednesday. Their new sister space next door, **Mary's Rec Room**, offers up hand crafted micro-brews nightly and football games on high def TVs on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The fetish community finds a home @ **Touché** with **Hardcore Leather Cruisin' Night** on Tuesdays and **Handballer Night** every Thursday. **Onyx** will have their monthly club meeting here on Friday, September 18 with **Gear Night** scheduled 24 hours later on Saturday, September 29. Further north in Rogers Park is the very friendly **The Glenwood**.

The Uptown/Edgewater neighborhood is home to **Granville Anvil** (with new and returning Loyola students added to the mix) ; **Big Chicks** (with its popular **Free BBQ Buffet** on Sundays and super fun **\$1 Burger Mondays**) and the sports bar **Crew (karaoke** on Tuesdays)... **Scot's** is a friendly watering hole in Ravenswood while **Manhandler** sits in the heart of Lincoln Park... Downtown, **Second Story Bar** is the only certified nightly gay bar left in the area while **Martini Park** (151 W Erie St) dons its gay apparel weekly for the after-work **Life Is A Cabaret Mondays** w/ live performances by Kathryn Payne and Ben Hartman starting at 5:30pm. Over in Wicker Park **Davenport's** piano bar entertains nightly; **Plan B** hosts the weekly **Boys Room** on Sundays; and the young, fun LGBTIQ crowd gather every third Monday for the **Chances Dances** party @ **Subterranean** (September 21.)

## A Gallon or Two Away

Outside the Windy City limits, **Hunters Nightclub** features DJ Ron G on Friday nights while **Club Krave** has DJ Saul on Thursdays. **Velvet Rope** in Oak Park (728 Lake St | 708.358.8840) has **karaoke** on Fridays and DJs and dancing on Saturdays. In Lake Station, Indiana, **Encompass** hosts **Karaoke** on Tuesdays and Fridays and the **Rush St. Revue Show** on Sundays. A little further east in Sawyer, Michigan, **Fitzgerald's** (5875 Sawyer Rd; (Exit 12, I-94) | 269.426.3489) hosts the weekly **Swank** dance party on Saturdays.