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AN EXPLORATION OF CHICAGO'S ITALIAN OFFERINGS

North by Northwest

By Michael Nagrant

RIUNITE IS KIND OF LIKE THE ITALIAN BOONE'S FARM, WHICH IS TO SAY, IT'S USUALLY DRUNK BY COLLEGE KIDS, BOOZY MOMS AND THE HOMELESS. For a proud Italian to have to sell these wines as a traveling salesman is akin to a Parisian butcher turning to sell Spam door to door.

And yet, that's just what my childhood friend Frank's father, a proud Tuscan raised on big nuanced grapes like sangiovese and barbera, did when he immigrated to Detroit. He hawked swill to the kind of folks who put ice cubes in their Chardonnay.

It's probably also why he was such an adamant gourmand at home. Whenever I stayed over, there were always heaping bowls of creamy carbonara infused with glistening porky specks of salty pancetta and pastry cornucopias of cannoli filled with whipped sweetened silky ricotta and a sprinkle of toasted pistachios. Once a month, the sweet perfume of thyme would roil through the house, as Frank's father hunched over the stove caramelizing onions to make his "red gravy." The ritual of teaching a Polish kid like me to twirl pasta with a spoon and a fork was treated by Frank's father with the solemnity of his children's first communion rites. A few times a year, Frank and I, and his brother Pete, would gather in the basement next to a mound of ground pork, toasted fennel and a cast-iron sausage stuffer and help unwind casings for homemade Italian sausage.

As we entered high school, Frank became a stoner (he once tried to smoke Lebanese parsley out of a tin foil pipe when we were in junior high) and spent most of his time restoring a vintage 1978 black Trans-Am with the firebird decal on the hood (this was 1992). While we'd lost touch, those early years had a culinary influence, and penne, as much as pierogie, now coursed through my blood.

After college, I'd lived in Cleveland for a short hitch where I'd while away afternoons reading the Plain Dealer while sipping espresso and chomping down pizza at Mama Santas on Murray Hill road in the Cleveland Heights Little Italy neighborhood. The neighborhood wasn't one of those faded communities with cultural remnants manifest in a few businesses. Murray Hill was still hardcore. I remember one local priest quoted in the paper about a bar fight between neighborhood kids and some outsiders, saying of the outsiders, "Those boys had it coming."

Five years after moving to Chicago, I still miss Murray Hill. Now, I live close to Taylor Street, which with Mario's Italian Lemonade, Gennaro's and a few other places retains some of that old-school flavor, but like Maxwell Street, it's a shadow of its former glory. I'd heard good things about the Northwest Side, and so this weekend I made the trek out and then headed to Andersonville to check out a new Sicilian pastry shop. Here are my findings:

Caputo Cheese Market, 1931 North 15th Avenue, Melrose Park

This spot has more cheese than a Wayne Newton concert, and if you're looking for a \$1,000 block of Wisconsin cheddar the size of Tank Johnson, they have it. Interesting options include Stilton infused with blueberry or chocolate. The mozzarella made behind the counter daily is a steal at \$3.89 a pound, and the perfect partner to heirloom tomatoes and basil from the Green City Market this summer. Leave the cheese behind, and you'll find the Wal-Mart of Italian grocery, a warehouse trove of salumi, bread and olive oils. Cannoli and freshly baked Ciabatta are also excellent.

Riviera Italian and American Foods, 3220 North Harlem

Known as "Da Riv" to locals, owners Carmen and Mike Pugliese sling their homemade Italian sausage, a fennel-infused delight that brought back the basement ceremonies from my youth. The "Will Special," hot sopresata, hot cappicola, prosciutto ham, salame di prosciutto, fresh house-made mozzarella and a hint of the house-made hot giardinera served on an Italian roll, is one of the best sammies in the city.

Pasta Fresh, 3418 North Harlem

Put away the Barilla and score some fresh sheets of pasta to make your own spaghetti. The Arancini, or baseball-sized deep-fried risotto balls filled with gooey mozzarella, red sauce and green peas, should not be missed.

Pasticceria Natalina, 5406 North Clark

Natalie Zarzour, a Chicagoan trained in classic French pastry techniques in Lebanon, is recreating memories of the Italian-American bakeries she grew up with. Sheep's-milk-ricotta-filled cannoli are airy, Barca di Crema con Frutti del Bosco, or puff pastry custard boats with strawberries and dusted with sugar, are phenomenal, and Rhum Baba cakes get another dose of rum before they go out the door. There's no French pastry team in the back. This is a true labor of love between Natalie and her husband Nick. In fact, the couple has been so tired from busting out perfect pastry for the last three weeks since they opened, they voluntarily closed the restaurant this Tuesday to catch up on sleep. Should they go the Rip Van Winkle route, I'll be waiting there when they wake up.

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TIP OF THE WEEK
BOOKA SHADE (LIVE)



In recent years, Germany has emerged as an electronic-music mecca to rival any other destination in the world. There is something truly unique happening in Berlin where cost-effective living has provided a thriving environment for an increasingly young and artistic community. The music in this scene is so progressive that dance-music dons from all over the globe (Richie Hawtin, Ricardo Villalobos, Luomo, Jesse Rose, etc.) now call Germany home. At the forefront of this musical movement are a number of record labels and collectives who have built their empires out of their unique and strikingly consistent output. One such label is the Get Physical imprint, whose banner act Booka Shade has made a huge impact on techno worldwide. Songs like "Mandarine Girl" and "In White Rooms" are deceptively simple but always get the job done on the dancefloor. The group's combination of simple chord progressions and meticulously clean sounds can be spotted from a mile away and their records have made them critical darlings around the world. The duo's live act has received universal praise and their presence has been hugely influential to one of the more important regional electronic movements of the past decade. (Jarrett Spiegel)

Booka Shade headlines Public Transport, alongside Dan Berkson & James What (live), Jamie Jones and Lee Foss. With Trancid, Victor R, and Spencer Lokken in the back room at Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 West Grand, (312)666-1985, on March 19 from 9pm-2am. \$10.

NEW

Booka Shade (live)/Funky Buddha Lounge

Egyptian Lover/Tini Martini

Steve Bug/Smart Bar

Meat Katie, Dylan Rhymes/Sound Bar

Pär Gindvik/Sonothèque

RECOMMENDED

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THU/15

Asian Elements

Resident DJs Erge, Boywonder, Ill-Noyz, Q and D Double spin hip-hop. Zentra, 923 W. Weed, (312)787-0400. Go to asian-elements.com for free or reduced admission.

Brock

Brock spins new wave/electro/rock and roll. The Motel Bar, 600 W. Chicago, (312)822-2900. 10pm-2am. No cover.

JudiSoir

House, Brazilian, disco, and trip-hop with residents Eric Hurlburt, Dalton K. Finney, and guests. Champagne, vodka and sushi reception from 9-10pm. Stone Lotus, 873 N. Orleans, (312)773-6900. 9pm-2am. Rsvp to rsvp@funkycouture.net for reduced admission.

JungleFly: Grooverider

With Pipeline and DJ Stunna. Smart Bar, 3730 N. Clark, (773)549-0203. 10pm-4am. \$10 cover.

Mass Appeal

The best beats, breaks and hip-hop gems with DJ Intel & Sang. Lava, 1270 N. Milwaukee, (773)3425282. 7pm-2am. \$1 cover.

No Celebrities Allowed

With residents Baltic Bloc and weekly guest DJs Tini Martini, 2169 N. Milwaukee, (773)269-2900. 9pm-2am. No cover.

Power, Corruption, and Lies

Classic alternative, brit-pop, new wave, punk, madchester, indie and more! With resident DJ Brad Owen. Five Star Bar & Grill, 1424 W. Chicago, (312)850-2555. 9pm-2am. No cover.

Pro Jazz Jam Sessions

N~, 2977 N. Elston, (773)866-9898.

Schubas DJs Upstairs: DJ Bugulu

DJs spin upstairs. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport, (773)525-2508. 10pm-2am. No cover.

Sound-Bar Thursdays: United Colors of Sound-Bar

Featuring DJs Justin Long and Alena, with special guests. Sound-Bar, 226 W. Ontario, (312)787-4480. Free before midnight with rsvp to sound-bar.com.

Tempted Thursdays

With resident Quincy. Hosted bar 9:30-10:30pm. Reserve, 858 W. Lake, (312)455-1111. 9pm-2am. Guestlist and table reservations to info@reserve-chicago.com.

Therapy: Residents' Night

With residents Nate Manic & Duke Shin. \$4 Finlandia mixers, \$3 Blue Moon, menu open til close. Moonshine, 1824 W. Division, (773)862-8686. 8pm-2am. No cover.



Nile of Style

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE THE EGYPTIAN LOVER ATTEMPTED TO MAKE HIS WAY TO CHICAGO FOR A LIVE PLAY DATE. His last effort resulted in a stranded stay at a local airport. "I never got picked up for the show," he says via telephone from Los Angeles. "So we went to a baseball game instead. I'm pretty sure we saw the White Sox."

With a South Side fan base clamoring for his attention throughout the 1980's, the EL fit right in. Down the street, it was likely a roller rink DJ-of-the-day was blasting one of his latest tracks during an "all skate."

These days, Egypt's tracks have burrowed back underground and are resurfacing with the same electro-hop sheen that made them sparkle from the start. His latest album, "Platinum Pyramids," marks his first release in seven years.

"It has the same sound of my early work, but brings a more of an electro vibe," he says. "I'm staying true to my electro fans and even giving them a little bit more than I have in the past." The EL broke ground in the early eighties with his landmark album, "On the Nile." Though only moderately successful in the commercial realm, "Nile" turned the West Coast's burgeoning electronic-music scene on its ear with tracks such as "You're So Fine," "Egypt, Egypt" and "The Beat Goes Boom."

His influence was felt even further here in Chicago, where his tracks made it into heavy rotation in dance clubs and roller rinks alike.

"I used to get a ton of fan mail from so many people in Chicago and the surrounding areas," EL says, who has yet to perform in the city. "It's going to be great to finally experience it."

Consider EL's sound an electronic hybrid of Kraftwerk and Prince. In the diversified dance-digs of his hometown L.A., Egyptian says that his music defies the musical genres that sometimes constrain scenes in other cities.

"Every kind of audience embraces my sound," he says. "The d 'n' b audiences, hip-hop audiences, the freestyle/Latin crowd—there are so many different races of people who like so many different kinds of music at a lot of the shows." The Egyptian Lover says his inaugural Chicago date is part of a recent string of gigs that include live shows at small clubs. The first part of his set will include vintage eighties cuts from albums such as "Tour De Force" and "Electric Kingdom"; the second half will feature the EL doing a live vocal performance over new and old tracks.

"America is ready for some new music," he says about his reemergence. "The beats these days—especially in hip-hop—are getting slower. I had a club owner tell me once that when I play up-tempo people drink more. They're having a good time. That's all I want people to do." (*Jenn Danko*)

Egyptian Lover & Jamie Jupiter headline Your Formula Life, with Jimmy Edgar and Tracid at Tini Martini, 2169 North Milwaukee, (773)269-2900, on March 17 at 9pm. \$10.

→ Thursdays At Debonair Social Club

With residents Tracid, Mark Gertz, Greg Corner, and special guests. Video and art curated by Vincent Haycock. Debonair Social Club, 1575 N. Milwaukee, (773)227-7990. 9pm-2am. No cover.

→ Wake Up! Par Grindvik

Last month's enormously successful installment of the monthly techno event Wake Up! featured a memorable DJ set by Spectral artist Matthew Dear. Wake Up! returns to Sonotheque tonight to showcase a live/DJ performance from the most recent addition to the Spectral family, Swedish techno DJ/producer/label owner Pär Grindvik. With recent successful releases on labels like Drumcode and his own Stockholm Ltd., Grindvik's productions have made their way into the sets of the biggest techno DJs in the world. His performance will undoubtedly provide a conglomeration of tracks from several different techno genres infused with his own productions. Tonight's Wake Up! will also celebrate the recent album release from Detalles titled "Micros Morning." Chile's Andres Bucci and Wake-Up! resident Kate Simko have created a sophomore album full of serene yet highly cerebral compositions. Full of bubbly and remarkably polished micro-house, "Micros Morning" benefits from both Bucci and Simko's individual production talents, maintaining melodic sensibility within a minimal aesthetic. Simko, a classically trained pianist, techno producer, and longtime radio DJ, will perform a live set that will feature her new material. (Elly Rifkin) Sonotheque, 1444 W. Chicago, (312)226-7600. 9pm-2am. \$7 cover.

→ Bootlegged Fridays

Resident DJs Brian Gardner and Brenda D spin house. \$4 Jameson, \$3 Bass Ale and Stella, and half-off pizzas after 10pm. Moonshine, 1824 W. Division, (773)862-8686. 8pm-2am. No cover.

→ Buddha Fridays

With DJ Mark FullaFlava. Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 W. Grand, (312)666-1695. 9pm-2am. No cover before 11pm when you mention Newcity, \$20 after.

Chii Fashion Fridays

With Nathan Scott, Teri Bristol, and Dr. Crash. Moda, 25 W. Hubbard, (312)670-2200. 9pm-4am. Visit famigliaentertainment.com for more info.

→ Cosmix

DJ Greg Haus spins electro, progressive, breaks, alternative and electronica. Berlin, 954 W. Belmont, (773)348-4975. 10pm-4am. Free till 11pm, \$5 after.

→ Debonair Fridays

With DJs Hiroki and Paradise Ryan. Debonair Social Club, 1575 N. Milwaukee, (773)227-7900. 8pm-2am. No cover.

→ Dirty Talk

Monthly electro party fashion fiasco from Opaque Project, featuring residents Johnny Love, BioBooster, Monologic and special guests. Lava, 1270 N. Milwaukee, (773)342-5282. 9pm-2am.

DJ Glenn Anthony

The Motel Bar, 600 W. Chicago, (312)822-2900. 10pm-2am. No cover.

DJ Jung, Stan Moore

Featuring house music, \$4 Heineken, and \$6 fish and chips. The Ashland, 2824 N. Ashland, (773)549-3333. 5pm-2am.

→ DJ Solange

Sugar Cane Lounge @ Sushi Samba Rio, 500 N. Wells, (312)455-1919. 9pm-2am. No cover.

→ Five Dollar Fridays / HouSexy: Naveen G

With Tracy Tobey and Dan Stark. HouSexy DJs in the

Lair. DJ Mach 1 spins dance and hip-hop in the Dome Room, and weekly guest DJs spin hip-hop in the Sky Room. \$5 top shelf cocktails. Vision Nightclub, 632 N. Dearborn, (312)266-1944. 10pm-4am. No cover.

→ Friday Forward: Meat Katie, Dylan Rhymes

With 30HZ, Tolgar, Keith MacKenzie and residents Rock City in the Round Bar, John Grammat's downstairs. Sound-Bar, 226 W. Ontario, (312)787-4480. 9pm-4am. \$20 cover, rsvp to sound-bar.com for reduced admission.

→ Friday Sessions

With residents Jason DeVries, Ambit, and guests. Virgin Lounge, 123 N. Halsted, (312)474-0123. 9pm-2am. No cover.

The Friday Soiree

Cocktail reception from 10pm-midnight, with prizes all night long. With DJs Kalendar, Andrew Vonn and Rick

SPIN CONTROL

Rocks in the main room and KJ & Victor R in the VIP Suite. Crobar, 1543 N. Kingsbury, (312)266-1900. 9pm-4am.

→ Jack Fridays: Mr V, Bear Who?

With residents Sativa, Chris Santiago, Dysqo, E&G and the Chance.LocalChicago Lounge. Hosted bar 9-10pm. Zentra, 923 W. Weed, (312)787-0400. 9pm-4am. Rsvp to zentranightclub.com for \$5 admission 9-10pm, \$10 cover 10-midnight, \$15 cover 12-1am.

→ Lee Burrige

With Kyle Szmurlo and Mili Sefic. Spy Bar, 646 N. Franklin, (312)587-8779. 10pm-4am. see spybarchicago.com for more info.

Midnight Mash: Matt Wells, Eion Cullens

Reserve, 858 W. Lake. \$20 cover.

MTM, Intel

With Daryl Diggs, Maker, Genghis Whon and J. Lee. Darkroom, 2210 W. Chicago, (773)276-1411. 9pm-2am. Free before 11pm, \$5 after.

→ Steve Bug

Back in 1999, a newfound Hamburg-based label named Poker Flat released its very first record, entitled "Double Action," by a relatively unknown DJ/producer named Steve Bug. Eight years later, if one were to claim ignorance to either said label or producer, it might beg the question whether that particular individual has ever listened to electronic music or set foot in a nightclub. Steve Bug has literally built an empire with his best-selling label, helping to launch the careers of such world-renowned producers as Martin Landsky, Trentemøller and Guido Schneider (just to name a few) while racking up frequent-flyer miles DJing around the globe. Spinning minimal before it had a name, electro house before it became a trend and putting together modern sounds in his own unique style, the only surprise might be that it took Steve Bug a few years to become a regular name among clubland. (Daniel Mnookin) With Sirfice. Smart Bar, 3730 N. Clark, (773)549-0203. 10pm-4am. \$10 before 11pm, \$15 after.

→ Stylus: Bryan Jones

With resident Michael Serafini in the main room, Heather Doble, Jordan Z, and Zebo on the Bridge. Ohm, 1958 W. North, (773)278-4646. 9pm-2am. rsvp to music-101.com for free admit before midnight.

Tropical Groove

DJ David Pardo spins everything tropical from Brazilian house to Afrobeat. N-, 2977 N. Elston, (773)866-9898. 9pm. No cover.

SAT/17

→ Bots! Steve Christian vs John Catterson

With Jesse James, DJ Atari vs DJLT and Sharlo. House, techno, drum n bass and breaks from rave legend guests. Lava, 1270 N. Milwaukee, (773)342-5282. 8pm-3am. \$5 cover.

Buddha Saturdays

With DJ 33 1/3. Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 W. Grand, (312)666-1695. 9pm-3am. No cover before 10pm when you mention Newcity, \$20 after.

→ Debonair Saturdays

With Jordan Zawideh and Shaka 23. Debonair Social Club, 1575 N. Milwaukee, (773)227-7900. 8pm-3am. No cover.

FUNKY BUDDHA LOUNGE

Best "Green" Nightclub
Newcity Best of Chicago 2006

Mention Newcity for no cover 9-11pm!

- monday::** Resident DJ Mano spins in our vip lounge for a night of brand new, super select tunes. Touring djs set up shop in the main room. Sets have included, the Rapture, Kool Herc, Uffie, Goldie and !!! Monthly Huxtable Music making the dance floor safe for breakdancers.
- tuesday::** Outdanced! Chicago's premier queer dance event. Event hosted by Scott Cramer and Jillian Valentino.
- wednesday::** Sweet Release with their resident DJs in the Main room. And in the VIP room a reggae party called Dance with Me.
- thursdays-saturday::** Rotating residents 33 1/3, Mark FullaFlava, Mano, Rene jr., Lee Foss, Illnoyz, e6 the crossfader king, and Twilite Tone bring back the dance party every weekend.
- sunday::** Supa Soul Sundays. Mark FullaFlava's Sunday night is one of Chicago's longest running classics. Poetry and live jazz from 9-11pm followed by Mark's homage to soul, r&b and real hip-hop. Belvedere flavored martinis for \$6.

Call for table reservations:::
728 W. Grand Avenue • 312-666-1695

FRI/16

Asian Elements

Resident DJs Erge, Boywonder, Ill-Noyz, Q and D Double spin hip-hop. Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 W. Grand, (312)666-1695. Go to asian-elements.com for free or reduced admission.



The Breaking of Lot 49

WHILE DETRACTORS MIGHT BE QUICK TO LABEL BREAKBEAT DJs AS DATED, rave-harkening dinosaurs, this weekend Chicago defiantly plays host to three separate breakbeat-oriented parties: Hybrid's live performance at Vision, Lee Coombs spinning at Spy Bar and across the street—on the same night, nonetheless—the boys from LOT49 storm Sound-Bar's sleek interior, courtesy of local breaks-pushers

Base10. Former Peace Division member and current LOT49 co-owner Dylan Rhymes took time out to chat with us about the upcoming gig.

The scope of artist productions on LOT49 carry over into quite a few different genres of music, but overall there does seem to be a distinct identity to the releases. How do you cultivate identity with so many divergent sounds?

The main ingredient for what we are now doing is will we actually play the tracks out when DJing. If the answer is yes for both of us then we put out the music. It's a simple and effective way to A&R all the music.

Label mate 30 Hz is also on the bill. Can you say something about why you chose James to join up with LOT49?

Basically, he produces and DJs a sound that fits perfectly into what we are doing here at LOT 49. He enjoys his work as we do and accepts any input we may have.

Who are your favorite DJs and/or producers at the moment?

My favorite producer apart from the mainstay LOT 49 crew is Blende. He is a guy from Sweden who Mark and I loved so much that we picked him up straight away for the label.

Your bio states that Dylan Rhymes was an homage to Bob Dylan. Meat Katie found his name from a porn title. Your given name is Marvin Beaver. Would you consider using Meat & Beaver for future collaborations with Meat Katie?

He-he! There's a massive humor element to what we do as we enjoy this industry to the fullest, so in our minds anything goes. Watch this space for Meaty Beaver!!! *(Duke Shin)*

Meat Katie, Dylan Rhymes and 30HZ join Tolgar and Keith MacKenzie at Sound-Bar, 226 West Ontario, (312)787-4480, on March 16 at 9pm. \$20. Rsvp to sound-bar.com for discounted admission.

Dirty Saturdays

With residents Sativa, Andre Harris, Boy Wonder and the Chance. Local Chicago Lounge. Hosted bar 9-10pm. Zentra, 923 W. Weed, (312)787-0400. 10pm-5am. Rsvp to zentranightclub.com for no cover 9-10pm, \$5 cover 10pm-12am, \$10 cover 12-1am.

DJ Brock

Spins rock. The Motel Bar, 600 W. Chicago, (312)822-2900. 10pm-3am.

→ The Green Party: Hybrid (live)

With George Vakoutis and Tolgar. Resident DJ Spin in the Dome Room. Vision Nightclub, 632 N. Dearborn, (312)266-1944. 10pm-5am. Visit visionnightclub.com for more info.

→ Grizzled

New-school, quirky, and unquestionably jackin' house with residents The Sound Republic, Karl Almaria, and special guests. Lava, 1270 N. Milwaukee, (773)342-5282. 7pm-3am. visit lavachicago.com for more info.

→ Kaskade

With J-Dub. Smart Bar, 3730 N. Clark, (773)549-0203. 10pm-5am. \$10 cover, free before 11pm.

→ Moonshine Saturdays

DJ Goz N Tyt spins "kitchen sink" cuts 8pm-12am. Duke Shin & Nate Manic spin house, electro, rock and new wave 12-3am. Moonshine, 1824 W. Division, (773)862-8686. 12-3am. No cover.

Movement

With Mixin Marc in the main room, Nathan Scott and Victor R in the Suite. DJ Bruno, KCJ and special guests. Crobar, 1543 N. Kingsbury, (312)266-1900. 10pm-5am. Visit crobarnightclub.com for more info.

→ Off the Beaten Path

With resident DJ John Simmons. \$2 PBR tallboys, kitchen open late. The Streetside

Cafe, 3201 W. Armitage, (773)252-9700. 10pm-3am. No cover.

→ Purr: Bear Who?

With residents Jesse De La Pena and Uncle Milty in the main room, Andre Harris and Frank Solano on the Bridge. Ohm, 1958 W. North, (773)278-4646. 9pm-5am. rsvp to ohmnightlife.com for comp admission before midnight.

Status Saturdays

Featuring DJs Billy the Kid, Kalendr, Jernell Geronimo, Chris Eterno and Ben Castaneda. Sound-Bar, 226 W. Ontario, (312)787-4480. 10pm-5am. \$20 cover, rsvp to sound-bar.com for discounted admission.

Tropical Groove

DJ David Pardo spins everything tropical from Brazilian house to Afrobeat. N-, 2977 N. Elston, (773)866-9898. 9pm. No cover.

→ The Twilite Tone Lounge

Also with DJ Kwestion. Hot food 11pm-2am. Negro League Cafe, 301 E. 43rd, (773)536-7000. 11pm-3am.

→ White Label Sessions

With DJ Lego, sponsored by Poontin Muzik and BPM Magazine. Darkroom, 2210 W. Chicago, (773)276-1411. 9pm-3am. No cover before 11pm, \$5 after.

→ Your Formula Life: Egyptian Lover with Jamie Jupiter

See Spin Control. Featuring Jimmy Edgar & Trancid. Tini Martini, 2169 N. Milwaukee, (773)269-2900. 9pm-3am. \$10 cover.

SUN/18

Cool & Deadly Digital

DJ Rikshaw Running spins reggae. Sonotheque, 1444 W. Chicago, (312)226-7600. 10pm-2am.

5 x 2 Industry Sundays

Featuring DJs Sean Mac, Jay illa, Tim Buck 2, Twilite Tone, Tone B Nimble, and Word. Hosted bar 10-11pm. Glamour presentation from beauty industry 10:30-11:30pm. Zentra, 923 W. Weed, (312)787-0400. Ladies free till 11pm, \$10 for guys till 10pm, or rsvp to phivexdeuce.com for guestlist.

→ Guerilla Couture

With Beat Giants' Steve Melve, Brian Heath and special guests. Lava, 1270 N. Milwaukee, (773)3425282. 7pm-2am. No cover.

→ Hangover Sundays

With residents Eric Martin, Gant Man, Rashad, and special guests. \$2 off beer, \$1 off drinks. Betty's Blue Star Lounge, 1600 W. Grand, (312)243-1699. 10pm-4am. Free till 10pm, \$5 after.

→ L.B.C. Sundayz

With residents Heather Doble, Eryka, Misa, and Jillian Valentino. Hosted bar 10-11pm. The Lakeview Broadcasting Company, 3542 N. Halsted, (773)857-2444. 10pm-2am. No cover.

Moonshine Sundays

With weekly special guest DJs. \$3.50 Blue Moons, \$5 Mojitos. Moonshine, 1824 W. Division, (773)862-8686. 10pm-2am. No cover.

→ Tux-N-Tinis

Featuring sexy male servers and half-price martinis from 3pm-2am and complimentary appetizers from 3-5pm. Kit Kat Lounge and Supper Club, 3700 N. Halsted, (773)525-1111. 3pm-2am. No cover.

→ UndergroundChicago.net Throwdown Showdown...

With James Amato, Chris Grant, Tracy Tobey, Zebo, Nate Manic, James Lauer, Marco Morales, Danny Olsen, Johnny Armstrong, DJ Remedy. Smart Bar, 3730 N. Clark, (773)549-0203. 10pm-4am. No cover.

→ Boom Boom Room 16 Year Anniversary with Frankie Knuckles & Craig Loffis

With residents Diz, Michael Serafini, Uncle Milty and JustJoey. Royal Rumble #4 (3/26). Green Dolphin Street, 2200 N. Ashland, (773)395-0066. 9pm-4am. \$10 cover, rsvp to info@music-101.com for free admission before 12am.

Cabaret Mondays

With DJ Jernell Geronimo. Cabaret Cocktail Boutique, 15 W. Hubbard, (312)245-3100. 9pm-2am.

→ Chances

LGBTIQ monthly with DJ's CC Bloom, Rita Riot Act, Nikki J and Gay Terrorist Subterranean, 2011 W. North, (773)278-6600. 9pm-2am. No cover.

→ The Chicago Showcase

Host Dirty MF joins with resident DJs Jai Dot, Kenwood, Ruin and weekly guests to spotlight local hip-hop, reggae, house, and soul. The Note, 1565 N. Milwaukee, (773)489-0011. 10pm-2am. \$3 cover for guys, free for ladies.

→ The Fratellis CD Release Party

Featuring DJs Arturo vs Johnny Kesh and Tankboy Darkroom, 2210 W. Chicago, (773)276-1411. 9pm-2am. No cover.

Motel Mondays

Half-priced food all day. The Motel Bar, 600 W. Chicago, (312)822-2900. No cover.

→ Nocturnal Emissions

Resident DJs Zebo, Hess, and Chump spin hip-hop, soul, funk, reggae, downtempo, Baltimore club, mashups, classics and dance, with weekly special guests and live art by DEZ of IAM. Lava, 1270 N. Milwaukee, (773)3425282. 7pm-2am.

→ Public Transport: Booka Shade (live)

See Tip of the Week. With Dan Berson & James What (live), Jamie Jones and Lee Foss. Trancid, Victor R and Spencer Lokken in the back room. \$3 Imports, \$3 Sparks, \$5 Rehab vodka drinks. Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 W. Grand, (312)666-1695. 9pm-2am. see funkybuddha.com for info.

TUE/20

The Emergency Room

With resident DJs Adrienne Sanchez, K Sera, Gianni. \$5 Skyy martinis, 50 cent tacos. The Ashland, 2824 N. Ashland, (773)549-3333. 5pm-2am. No cover.

→ Grindhouse

VJ Mindtrap presents underground movie classics until 11pm and DJ Marlon Montez spinning dirty beats, electro and techno until 4am. Berlin, 954 W. Belmont, (773)348-4975. 10pm-4am. No cover.

→ The New Guard

Breakbeat, garage, 2-step, drum and bass, Baltimore, dub-step, and electro. With residents Keith MacKenzie, Local Hero, Steve Ecks, John Opiola, and special guests. Free cocktail reception 9pm-10pm. Tini Martini, 2169 N. Milwaukee, (773)269-2900. 10pm-2am. \$3 cover.

→ OutDanced: Mother Hubbard, Zebo

Weekly guest DJs and live performances, hosted by Scott Cramer and Jillian Valentino. \$1 PBRs, \$1 mango vodka shots. Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 W. Grand, (312)666-1695. 9pm-2am. \$5 cover, rsvp to outdanced@yahoo.com for free admission before 11pm.

→ Selection

House music with residents Karl Almaria, Derek Foreal, J-Philip, and special guests. \$3.50 drafts. Moonshine, 1824 W. Division, (773)862-8686. 10pm-2am. No cover.

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BOOKA SHADE (LIVE)

(Funky Buddha Lounge)
Public Transport Gets Physical!

March 19

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EGYPTIAN LOVER

(Sonotheque)
A Chicago Debut: Your Egyptian Life

March 17

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STEVE BUG

(Smart Bar)
Return of the Bug

March 16

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MEAT KATIE, DYLAN RHYMES

(Sound Bar)
The Breaking of Lot 49

March 16

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PÄR GRINDVIK

(Sonotheque)
A Spectral Wake Up call from Sweden

March 15

Thunder Gong Tuesdays

DJs Red Lox & General Pacman play the latest Caribbean music and videos. \$3 Red Stripe and Heineken. Darkroom, 2210 W. Chicago, (773)276-1411. 10pm-2am. No cover.

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→ Candi Lane: Frique

With residents Just Joey, Brian G, and monthly guests Diz and Justin Long. Ohm, 1958 W. North, (773)278-4646. 9pm-4am. \$5 cover, free before midnight with rsvp to music-101.com.

→ The Seminar: Phantom 45

With Carbide and Lamebrane. The best in local, national, and international drum n' bass from BassByThePound. Lava, 1270 N. Milwaukee, (773)3425282. 7pm-2am. No cover.

→ Shut Up And Listen! Victory

Weekly guest Chicago record labels host and spin their favorite tunes, with special live performances and artist DJs. \$2 Berghoff, \$3 domestics, \$3 Jim Beam Black. Subterranean, 2011 W. North, (773)278-6600. 9pm-2am. No cover.

Sweet Release

Dancehall, with the TRC/Hedonism Dancers. Hosted Heineken bar from 10-11pm. Funky Buddha Lounge, 728 W. Grand, (312)666-1695. 10pm-2am.