

The Treatment sunday18

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recorded a self-titled album with Marty Stuart, 17 years her junior, who cowrote most of its songs and then married Smith later that year. Nothing on the disc, which came out in 1998, matches Smith's peak performances for RCA. ("How Long," which the great Harlan Howard helped write, comes closest.) But though her voice is a little lower and little tougher, its power is undiminished. **ELIZABETH COOK**, who opens, was spit out of Warner Brothers' Nashville division after one album, 2002's *Hey Y'all*. On last year's self-released *This Side of the Moon* the young singer displays much more honky-tonk grit and substance than she did on her forgettable mainstream bid. ▶ 7 PM, Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln, 773-728-6000 or 866-468-3401, \$22, \$18 seniors and kids. —Peter Margasak

monday19

CC THE MAGIC FLUTE See Saturday. ▶ 7:30 PM, Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker, 312-332-2244, \$30-\$165.

CC RUSSIAN Brute force is how this local trio kicks it. Their music is pure, pummeling midwestern noise, terse and heavy and sure to warm the heart of anyone who can fondly recall the first time she heard Hammerhead or reminisce about a Cows show that changed her life. Pete Wagner's thick, swampy bass lines gouge a deep trench for the sinewy hooks of guitarist and front man Dave Arter, and Lauren Fitzpatrick pounds out her tom-heavy backbeat patterns like she's trying to drive her drums through the floor. The band keeps chord changes to a minimum, instead filling space with arcs of feedback and mammoth rumbles of distortion; Arter's monotone yawling likewise ranges all the way from street-fight angry to drill-sergeant angry. For their entire four-year career Russian have been content to play a couple times a month in town, or maybe tour for a long weekend around the midwest in a supporting slot—they've released nothing and have no plans to do so, and in a day and age when a young band might line up a publicist and a booking agent two months after its first rehearsal, they don't even have a MySpace page. Sadly this is their last gig—Wagner and Fitzpatrick are moving to rural North Carolina at the end of the month, along with some of their friends in Milemarker (who won't be breaking up). The show will double as a going-away party. No Funeral headlines, Russian plays second, and Locks open. ▶ 9:30 PM, Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western, 773-276-3600 or 866-468-3401. **free** —Jessica Hopper

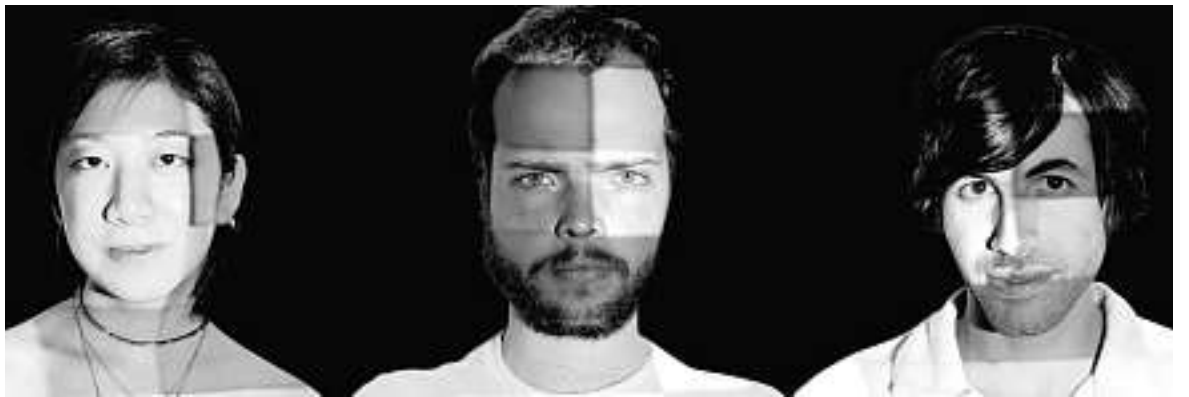
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JIM BAKER | STEVE HUNT | BRIAN SANDSTROM | MARS WILLIAMS QUARTET

It was a big year for keyboardist Jim Baker—he not only released his first solo album, *More Questions Than Answers* (Delmark), but also convened this quartet, one of the most exciting working jazz bands in town. Every Tuesday since May the group—or a subset of its members—has played a couple sets of unfettered improvisation featuring woolly blowouts, atonal electronic soundscapes, rhapsodic ballads, and more. Baker's confederates—reedist Mars Williams, bassist-guitarist Brian Sandstrom, and drummer Steve Hunt—were all members of Hal Russell's NRG Ensemble, which held the free-jazz flame aloft during the music's decadelong winter in the 80s, and though the quartet doesn't sound like NRG, it channels that anarchic spirit. Baker's regular e-mail updates about the group often detail last-minute lineup changes, but at press time he gave assurances that the full quartet would be present tonight. ▶ 8:30 PM, Hotti Biscotti, 3545 W. Fullerton, 773-772-9970, donation requested. —Bill Meyer

ELFVIS I feel obligated to pimp at least one holiday show every year, and this time I'm going with the annual XXX—continued on page 42

Rock | Hip-Hop | Dance



Mixel Pixel (see the Treatment under Saturday)

Matthew Haeffel Band, Naked & Shameless. 773-465-9500.

The Studio 7016 N. Glenwood • Fri 12/16, 7:30 PM, Flatfoot 56, Squared Off, Offbeats, Goodies. Sat 12/17, 7:30 PM, PKdores, Slag, Criminal Minds. Sun 12/18, 7:30 PM, Patrol Wagon, Riktors, Shortcuts, Fallups, Crybabies. Wed 12/21, 7:30 PM, Latterman, Hirudin, Explode and Make Up, Repellents. Thu 12/22, 6:30 PM, Fetor, Sally, Technicolor Stallion, Franking Privileges, De Triomphe. 888-690-9875.

Subterranean 2011 W. North: Upstairs in the Cabaret Room: Fri 12/16, 10 PM, Modey Lemon, Apes, the Camaro Rouge. Sat 12/17, 10 PM, Motherlode, Greyhounds. Wed 12/21, 9 PM, Flabby Hoffman, Symphonic Affair, Arlum, Tom Schraeder. Thu 12/22, 9 PM, Comasoft, Pumps, 8 Inch Betsy. 773-278-6600 or 800-594-8499.

Tonic Room 2447 N. Halsted **free**: Wed 12/21, 9 PM, Confusion. 773-248-8400.

Underground Lounge 952 W. Newport: Music after 9 PM. Fri 12/16, Izom, Long Story Short, Chinese Professionals. Sat 12/17, Idris Goodwin, DJ Anomaly, Lee Chestafeel. Wednesdays, DJ Shannon. 773-327-2739.

Underground Wonder Bar 10 E. Walton: Fridays, 8 PM, Heather Horton. Fridays and Saturdays, 11 PM, Lonie Walker & Big Bad Ass Company Band. Sundays, 8 PM, Joe Thomas & Elliot Taggart; 10 PM, Jen Porter & the Fabulous Band; 1 AM, Steve Kouba. Mondays, 8 PM, Steve Kouba. Tue 12/20, 8:30 PM, Lonie Walker hosts a holiday sing-along. Wednesdays, 8 PM, Heather Horton; 11 PM, Lonie Walker & Big Bad Ass Company Band with Jordan Taggart. Thursdays, 8 PM, Miga. 312-266-7761.

Weeds 1555 N. Dayton **free**: Music at 9:30 PM. Fri 12/16, Mythic Figs, Fairly Unbalanced, Pot Luck. 312-943-7815.

Hip-Hop Concerts

CC Bow Wow, Omarion, Ciara, Marques Houston, Chris Brown, Trey Songz, Dem Franchize Boyz Thu 12/22, 7 PM, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim, Rosemont. 847-635-6601 or 312-559-1212. **free**

Hip-Hop Clubs

Abbey Pub 3420 W. Grace: Fri 12/16, 9 PM, Ras Kass, Mass Hysteria at the fourth annual All City Battle MC contest; Skor, Intel, and Trilogy spin. Thu 12/22, 9 PM, Qwel with Jackson Jones (see the Treatment), the Opus, Outerlimitz, Royce, DJ White Lightning & Skech 185, with DJs Meaty Ogre, Maker, and Dr. Jones (18+). 773-478-4408 or 866-468-3401.

Bill's Blues 1029 Davis, Evanston: Music at 8:30 PM Mondays through Saturdays, 7 PM Sundays. Thu 12/22, Tony Gunz Productions. 847-424-9800.

Darkroom 2210 W. Chicago: Wednesdays, 10 PM, iRon and Alo spin hip-hop with weekly guests **free**. 773-276-1411.

Exedus II 3477 N. Clark: Reggae nightly at 10 PM. Mondays, Hip-Hop Reggae Party. 773-348-3998.

House of Blues 329 N. Dearborn: Sun 12/18, 9 PM, Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, Crook County, Line Up. 312-923-2000 or 312-559-1212.

Images 3908 N. Lincoln: Restaurant. Thursdays, 10 PM, DJs spin reggaeton and hip-hop. 773-348-7444.

Lava 859 N. Damen **free**: DJs spin 9 PM-2 AM nightly. Fourth Thursday of every month, Tone B. Nimble, Alo, SP-1, Shon Dervis. 773-772-3355.

Morseland 1218 W. Morse: Music at 10 PM. Sat 12/17, BeatMonstas, Daily Plannet, DJ Sean Doe. 773-764-8900.

Xippo 3759 N. Damen: Music at 10 PM. Thursdays, DJ Denial & DJ Pericles spin hip-hop. 773-529-9135.

Dance

Berlin 954 W. Belmont: DJs spin 11 PM-4 AM nightly (until 5 AM Saturdays). Fridays, Greg Haus spins electro, progressive, hard house, and breakbeat. Saturdays, DJ Larissa and DJ Chester alternate. Sundays, DJ Chester spins alternative and pop **free**. Mondays, DJ Pervy spins alternative and retro dance **free**. Tuesdays, DJ Luis M. spins underground and tribal house. Wednesdays, 6 PM, DJ Jane hosts "Women Obsession" (with an open mike the first Wednesday of every month). Thursdays, Heather Doble. 773-348-4975.

Betty's Blue Star Lounge 1600 W. Grand: Music 10 PM-4 AM nightly (until 5 AM Saturdays). Fridays, DJ Structure spins hip-hop. Saturdays, DJ Stixx & DJ Corso spin hip-hop and house. Sundays, DJ Sushi, Peter Rabbit. Tuesdays, Superstatus DJ Crew featuring Lord Dubious, the Graduate, Chuck Sunshine. Wed 12/21, Frankie Vega, Auto Axon, Mike Brankis, Antiphase. 312-243-1699.

Big Horse Lounge 1558 N. Milwaukee: Music at 9 PM. Third Monday of every month, Leotard, Gay Pain, C.C. Bloom, Dick Simmons spin at an LGBT dance party **free**. 773-384-0043.

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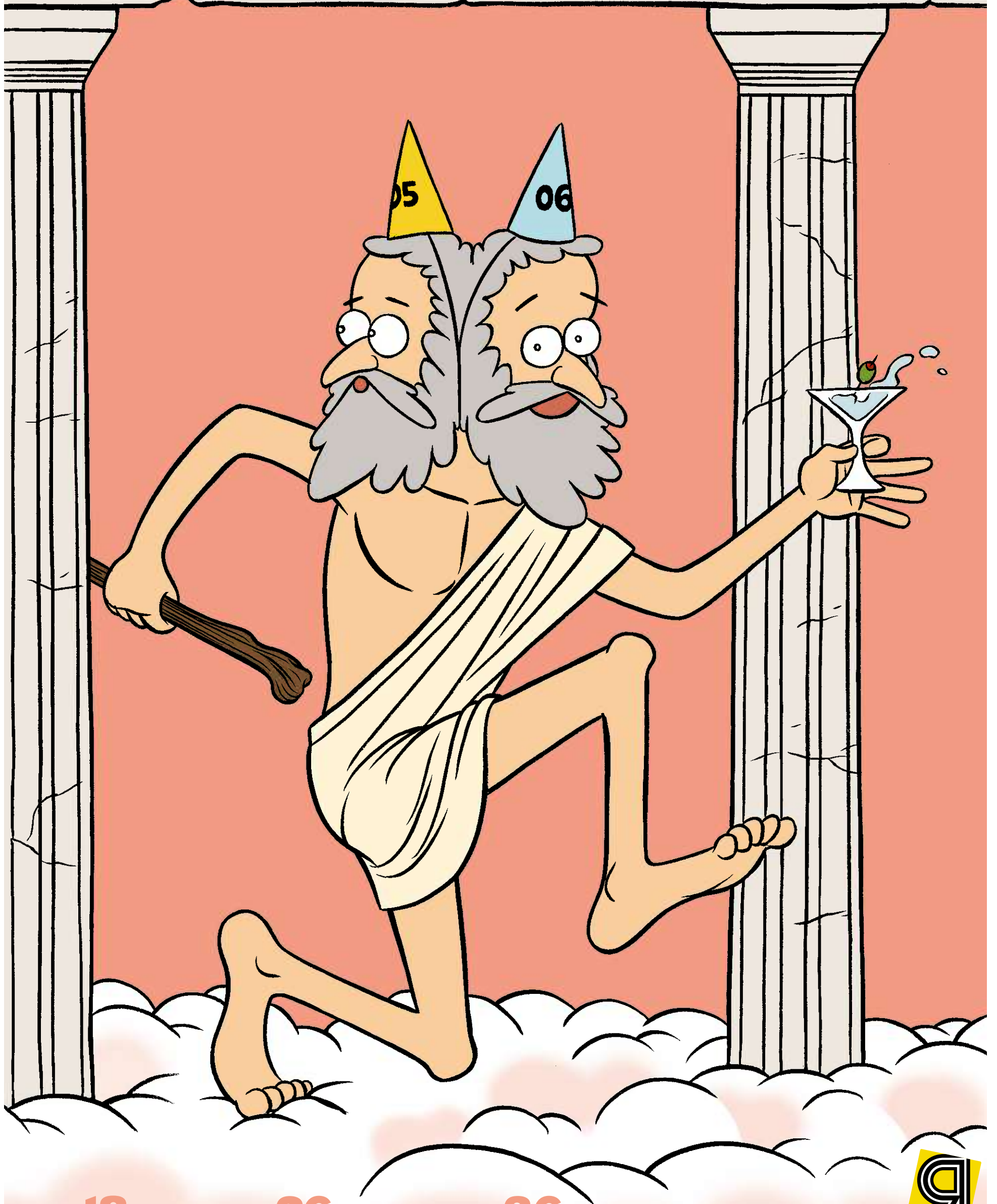
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All venues are 21 and over unless otherwise noted; call ahead to verify special admission packages and ticket availability.

ROCK, POP, ETC.

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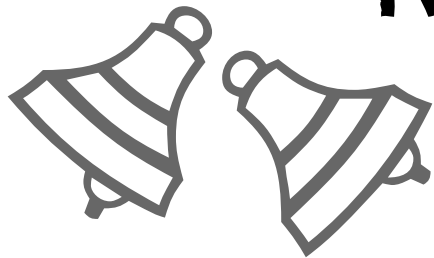
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847-541-4700 | 10 PM | \$25
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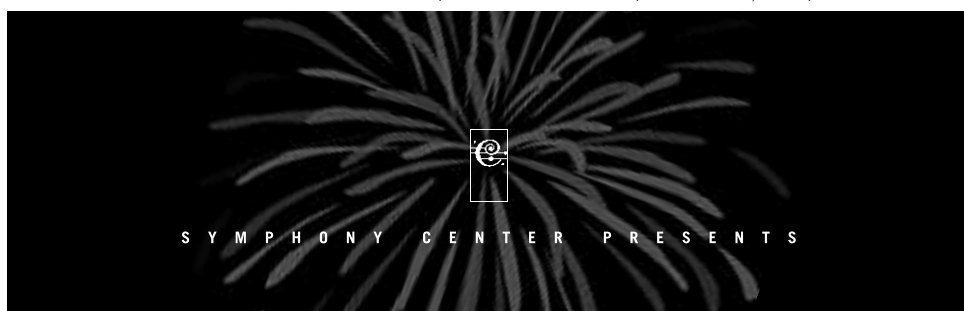
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or 312-345-1000 | 9 PM | \$145
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Dino G., Inphinity,
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Borton, KJ, Frangi,
KCJ, Peter Haze, Trinit

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Andrew Vonn, John

Curley, Chris Tomasone,
Chris Walsh, Johnny
Chaos, R.J. Pickens,
Mike Khoury, Ben
Castaneda, Shaka 23

PARK WEST
322 W. Armitage | 773-929-5959 or
312-559-1212 | 9:30 PM | \$115, \$185 VIP
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937 N. Rush | 312-255-0022 | 8 PM | \$125
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ALINEA

1723 N. Halsted | 312-867-0110

Grant Achatz offers an eight-course menu 5-6:30 PM (\$175), and a 12- to 13-course menu 8:30-9:30 PM (\$225), with the requisite complimentary glass of champagne at midnight. The menu will feature "foie gras, if it's still legal in Chicago."

AMBRIA

2300 N. Lincoln Park West | 773-472-5959

Chef Christian Eckmann offers a six-course degustation menu 5:30-6 PM (\$105) and a nine-course menu 8:30-9 PM (\$150). The later seating gets to dine to live jazz music, make a champagne toast, and take home a doggie bag of homemade breakfast treats to enjoy the next morning.

ATWOOD CAFE

1 W. Washington | 312-368-1900

A three-course prix fixe menu (\$40) is available as well as the regular a la carte offerings. The cafe is open 5-11 PM. It's also open for a New Year's Day a la carte brunch 9 AM-2 PM.

BAR LOUIE

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BLUE WATER GRILL

520 N. Dearborn | 312-777-1400

Two seatings, both offering prix fixe menus including an amuse bouche and several choices of appetizers, entrees, and desserts. The first seating is 6-7 PM (\$65), the second 9-10 PM (\$95).

BUTTER

130 S. Green | 312-666-9813

Four seatings (5, 7, 9, and 11 PM) include a five-course prix fixe menu, created by chef Ryan Poli. \$120, \$25 for wine pairings.

CAFE BA-BA-REEBA

2024 N. Halsted | 773-935-5000

The newly designed menu features specials like citrus-cured salmon with

cucumber bread, marinated artichokes and fennel salad, rioja short ribs with manchego mashed potatoes, and jalapeno shrimp. Complimentary pincho tapas, DJ music, dancing (8 PM-1 AM), and a sangria toast at midnight round out the Spanish-flavored festivities. \$15 cover charge after 8 PM. The restaurant also hosts its annual New Year's Day Pajama Party Lunch 10 AM-3 PM; guests who show up in their jammies receive a gift certificate for the value of their meal (minus tax and gratuity), good for the rest of 2006.

CAFE MATOU

1846 N. Milwaukee | 773-384-8911

The 6-7 PM seating gets four courses for \$70 (choices include smoked salmon, chateaubriand, fish of the day, and chocolate-hazelnut cake with grand marnier custard sauce). The 9-10 PM seating costs \$80 and features five courses (everything on the early menu plus pasta).

CARNIVALE

702 W. Fulton Market | 312-850-5005

The restaurant and bar is open 5 PM-1:30 AM. The regular menu is offered, with a one-night-only special entree from chef Mark Mendez and a special dessert menu created by pastry chef Christine McCabe. The champagne list includes selections not regularly carried, and there is a complimentary champagne toast at midnight. Channel Seven shoots live from the restaurant, and the entertainment includes still walkers, jugglers, and costumed characters, as well as a balloon drop.

CERISE

521 N. Rush | 312-327-0564

The restaurant in Le Meridien offers three seatings, each including an hors d'oeuvres reception and a five-course tasting menu, with a midnight champagne toast at the last seating. The first two seatings are 5:30-6:30 PM and 7-8 PM for \$65. The last seating is 9 PM on for \$95. A pianist plays 7-9 PM, and the Dave Simone Orchestra plays 9 PM-closing.

CHINA GRILL

230 N. Michigan | 312-334-6700

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Both locations offer a multicourse meal and cooking lesson 9-11:45 PM. \$125 for Merchandise Mart, which is BYOB, and \$150 for the Lincoln Avenue location, which includes wine.

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CYRANO'S BISTROT & WINE BAR

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741 W. Randolph | 312-474-0700

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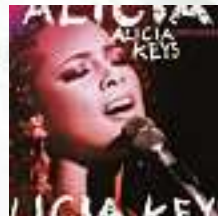
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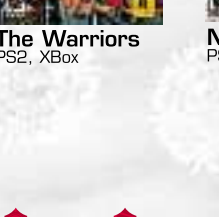
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RESTAURANTS

LE FRANCAIS

269 S. Milwaukee | Wheeling | 847-541-7470

The venerable suburban fine-dining mecca offers chef Roland Liccioni's five-course degustation menu at 6 PM for \$125 and a seven-course version at 9 PM (with champagne toast) for \$160.

FULTON'S ON THE RIVER

315 N. LaSalle | 312-822-0100

"The Very Important Party" features a raw bar, sushi, steak, and flaming desserts, along with entertainment from a jazz band, a Motown-inspired group, and "surprise acts." \$175, or \$300 for those reserving dinner in the VIP lounge, which includes foie gras, sashimi, and caviar. A cigar tent rounds out the amenities, and a portion of the proceeds benefits Friends of the Chicago River. Open 8:30 PM-2 AM; cash bar 1-2 AM.

GABRIEL'S

310 Green Bay Rd. | Highwood | 847-433-0031

Three seatings (5, 7, and 9:30 PM) at this French and Italian dining room, offering four courses for \$100.

GIOCO

1312 S. Wabash | 312-939-3870

This South Loop spot focuses on "la dolce vita" for New Year's Eve, offering both a regular menu and a prix fixe (\$85). Italian candies are at each table, and a one-night-only dessert menu is featured, as well as a complimentary champagne toast. Children 12 and under eat free from a kids' menu with adults ordering from either the regular or prix fixe menu. All reservations

begin at 5 PM, with the family reservations available from 5 to 7 PM.

THE GRILLROOM

33 W. Monroe | 312-960-0000

A five-course prix fixe menu with wine pairings and a champagne toast is offered for \$140, along with the regular menu. Last reservation is at 10 PM.

GROTTO ON STATE

1030 N. State | 312-280-1005

Open seating is available (on the half hour 4-6:30 PM, and then on the hour), and a DJ plays all night in the lounge. The a la carte special menu includes seafood and Italian specialties. Complimentary champagne toast included.

HARRY CARAY'S

33 W. Kinzie | 312-828-0966

A five-course prix fixe menu pairs Italian food and wines (\$85, \$65 without wine); the regular menu will also be available. Walk-ins are welcome, and complimentary champagne is served at midnight.

HOT CHOCOLATE

1747 N. Damen | 773-489-1747

The regular dinner and dessert menu will be offered with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine. Luke Lefiles begins spinning music at midnight, and a full dessert and cocktail menu is available all night. \$20 deposit required with 48 hours' notice for cancellation.

JAPONAIS

600 W. Chicago | 312-822-9600

Executive chefs Gene Kato and Jun Ichikawa create a four-course prix fixe

menu for the main dining rooms that includes an amuse bouche, appetizer, entree, dessert, and champagne or sake toast. The a la carte menu and full sushi bar are also available. First seating is 5:30-7:30 PM (\$100, \$150 after December 15), the second 8:30-11:30 PM (\$125, \$150 after December 15). The restaurant's lounge also offers two seatings (5:30 and 8:30 PM, both seatings \$100), with a prix fixe menu of appetizer, light entree, and dessert. A DJ plays all night in the lounge.

LE LAN

749 N. Clark | 312-280-9100

The first seating (5:30-6:45 PM) features a five-course prix fixe menu of French-Vietnamese cuisine for \$90; the second, which has no time limit, features a seven-course prix fixe menu and a Dom Perignon toast at midnight for \$130.

LANDMARK

1633 N. Halsted | 312-587-1600

There's an open bar 8 PM-2 AM, hors d'oeuvres, and food stations offering prime rib, mushroom risotto, mesclun greens, and jumbo shrimp. A DJ plays all night. \$125.

MARCHÉ

833 W. Randolph | 312-226-8399

The Marché Masquerade Ball includes an \$85 prix fixe menu, masquerade masks at each setting, and complimentary champagne toast. The staff will be attired in colorful costumes. Reservations are available beginning at 5 PM.

MENAGERIE

1232 W. Belmont | 773-404-8333

Two different prix fixe menus are available 5-10:30 PM. \$50 includes four courses and a champagne toast; \$100 gets seven courses plus a toast. Specialties of the evening include grilled venison, pumpkin ravioli, soy-glazed mahi mahi, and carrot cake with a fig and red wine compote and ginger ice cream.

MERITAGE CAFE & WINE BAR

2118 N. Damen | 773-235-6434

Three seatings offer three different prix fixe menus. A five-course dinner is available 5:30-6 PM for \$66, a six-course dinner is offered 6:30-8 PM for \$86, and the final seating, 8:30-10 PM, offers a seven-course dinner and champagne toast for \$106. The restaurant is also open for brunch 11 AM-2:30 PM New Year's Day.

MEZTISO

710 N. Wells | 312-274-9500

This Latin bistro and wine bar offers a five-course tasting menu with wine pairings and an open bar 9 PM-1 AM. \$90.

MK

868 N. Franklin | 312-482-9179

The first seating is 6-6:45 PM and includes a four-course tasting menu for \$70. The second seating, which also features music by a live jazz quartet and a complimentary glass of champagne, begins 8:30 PM and costs \$115.

MON AMI GABI

2300 Lincoln Park West | 773-348-8886

The regular menu is offered along with cials like beef Wellington with sauteed spinach and bordelaise sauce, sauteed turbot with champagne butter

and leek pilaf, and a dessert menu, including the traditional holiday log. Reservations available starting 4 PM, and champagne served at midnight.

MORETTI'S

6727 Olmsted | Edison Park | 773-631-1223

Kids are kings and queens for the night at this Edison Park restaurant's "Kids' New Year's Eve Bash." The child-friendly menu includes chicken fingers, spaghetti, hot dogs, and macaroni and cheese, and the festivities include a balloon drop and a DJ, as well as "an explosive multimedia countdown." Seatings are at 4, 6:30, and 9 PM.

MRS. MURPHY & SONS IRISH BISTRO

3905 N. Lincoln | 773-248-3905

For \$75 diners get their choice of appetizer, entree, and dessert as well as a complimentary glass of champagne. Live entertainment from the John Erickson Trio; free babysitting available 5 PM-1 AM (must be booked in advance, no children under the age of two). Reservations are required.

NACIONAL 27

325 W. Huron | 312-664-2727

A Latin-flavored party featuring salsa and merengue dancing as well as two prix fixe menus. The first seating is 5:30-8:45 PM and includes three courses for \$39. The second begins at 9 PM and includes complimentary champagne for \$65. Special dishes include truffle-crusted filet mignon, Cubano pork, grilled shrimp adobado, grouper with tomatillo salsa and cilantro sauce, and tropical-inspired desserts like West Indian pumpkin flan and coconut creme brulee.

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N9NE STEAKHOUSE

440 W. Randolph | 312-575-9900

Two seatings, both featuring caviar, lobster, and steak. The first is 5:30-7 PM and offers a four-course menu for \$80. The second is 8-10 PM and fea-

tures a five-course menu and admission to the adjacent Ghostbar for \$125. Ghostbar also offers a separate party package for \$75, which includes dancing, entertainment, a champagne cocktail (other beverages not included), and a premium food buffet 9-11 PM; the bar is open until 2 AM.

NORTH POND

2610 N. Cannon | 773-477-5845

For \$110 you'll get a seven-course tasting menu, with an optional \$50 wine pairing. Reservations open 5:30-10 PM.

ONE NORTH KITCHEN & BAR

1 N. Wacker | 312-750-9700

The all-you-can-eat buffet (6-10 PM) includes prime rib, rack of lamb, fresh shrimp, crab, oysters, and a caviar bar. The \$69.95 price includes a bottle of wine or champagne and a "morning after recovery kit."

ONE SIXTY BLUE

1400 W. Randolph | 312-850-0303

Executive chef Martial Noguier creates a five-course menu (\$95) that begins with a complimentary glass of champagne. Choices include diver scallops, Hudson Valley foie gras, monkfish with chanterelle mushrooms, shaved black truffles, halibut, gnocchi, venison, lamb, and creme brulee. Seating 5:30-10:30 PM.

OPERA

1301 S. Wabash | 312-461-0161

The staff dress as opera attendees and performers, and executive chef Paul Wildermuth creates a prix fixe contemporary Chinese menu. \$85 includes a champagne toast. The bar opens 5 PM, and seatings are 5:30 PM-midnight.

PARLOR

1745 W. North | 773-782-9000
(reservations requested by 12/28)

This *Gatsby*-inspired soiree offers patrons the chance to recapture the easy elegance of a 1920s New Year's Eve. The first two seatings at 5:30 and 7:30 PM include a four-course prix

fixe menu for \$90 with wine, \$65 without. Last seating is 10 PM and features a four-course prix fixe menu for \$100 with wine, \$75 without. The restaurant stays open until 3 AM, and those planning to attend can pick up vintage threads ahead of time at Silver Moon boutique, 1755 W. North (mention Parlor for a 10 percent discount).

LE PASSAGE

937 N. Rush | 312-255-0022

This nightclub and restaurant offers an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, party favors, and bottomless champagne (8 PM-5 AM). DJ TJ Finesse plays hip-hop and house music all night. Admission is \$125. For \$250 per



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POPS FOR CHAMPAGNE & STAR BAR

2934 N. Sheffield | 773-472-1000

It's a bittersweet New Year's Eve at this beloved wine bar and jazz joint. The "Say Farewell to Sheffield" celebration marks the last countdown to midnight in the venue's longtime Lincoln Park location; they're scheduled to re-open in River North in early spring 2006. For \$50 you can enjoy live music by the quintet Jazz Conspiracy. The regular menu of

appetizers, dessert, champagne, and bar drinks is available all night. The party runs 8 PM-2 AM, with music until 1 AM.

RED LIGHT

820 W. Randolph | 312-733-8880

This West Loop Asian restaurant offers both an \$85 prix fixe selection and its regular menu, with a champagne toast at midnight. The staff dresses in "traditional Asian attire," and reservations are available beginning at 5:30 PM.

RISTORANTE WE

172 W. Adams | 312-917-5608

Executive chef Charlie Brown creates a Tuscany-inspired four-course menu, including veal chop milanese with rosemary potatoes, filet mignon with prosciutto-wrapped sea scallops, shrimp scampi, and spaghetti squash. \$65, or \$95 for wine pairings with each course. Open 5-11 PM.

SALUD TEQUILA LOUNGE

1471 N. Milwaukee | 773-235-5577

The \$90 party package includes a buffet, open bar, party favors, and champagne 9 PM-3 AM. There are no set seating times, and group discounts are available.

SCHWA

1466 N. Ashland | 773-252-1466

An eight- to ten-course tasting menu is offered, featuring caviar, lobster, and white truffles. Only 28 people can be accommodated throughout the entire evening, and seatings are at 6, 8, and 10 PM. \$150.

SCOZZI!

410 W. Huron | 312-943-5900

There's a family-oriented early seating (5-7 PM), during which kids get dinner, dessert, sparkling grape juice, entertainment from clowns, and a goody bag to take home, for \$10. The regular menu is available 7-10 PM.

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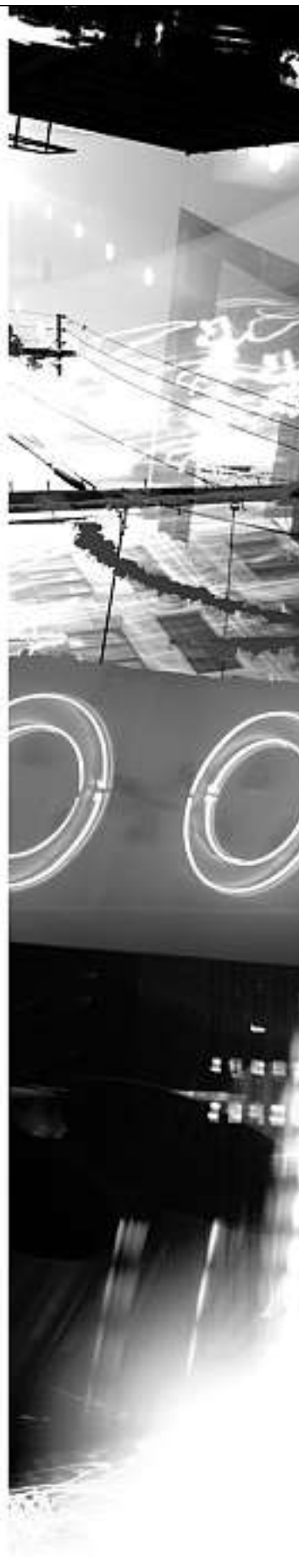
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1952 N. Damen | 773-227-2995

The Bucktown French and Italian restaurant promises a "focus on seafood with dishes not yet seen before" at the restaurant. The five-course tasting menu includes vegetarian options. The first two seatings, at 6 and 8 PM, are \$75, and the last seating, at 10 PM, is \$85, which includes a champagne toast and a gift bag with morning snacks.

SHAW'S CRAB HOUSE

21 E. Hubbard | 312-527-2722

Live entertainment by blues singer Grana Louise is in the dining room beginning at 7 PM, along with an a la carte menu of seasonal seafood. The adjacent oyster bar broadcasts the Times Square ball drop, and all patrons receive a complimentary champagne toast.

SPIAGGIA AND CAFE SPIAGGIA

980 N. Michigan | 312-280-2750

Spiaggia's first seating is 5-5:30 PM and includes three courses for \$85. The second seating is 7-7:30 PM and includes a four-course dinner for \$115. The third seating is at 9:30 PM and features a grand degustation of nine courses for \$195. Live jazz music plays all night. At the more casual Cafe Spiaggia next door you can get three courses for \$48 or four for \$58.

SUSHISAMBA RIO

504 N. Wells | 312-595-2300

Two seatings, both featuring chef Gilbert Langlois's six-course tasting menu, are available for \$75. The early seating is 6-9 PM, and the late seating is 9 PM-2 AM, and both include entertainment by a DJ, percussionists, and samba dancers. An open bar and hors d'oeuvres are available on the rooftop lounge 10 PM-1 AM for \$75, or \$125 for a VIP table. Those who dress in white

in honor of Brazilian goddess Iemenja receive a complimentary caipirinha.

THYME

464 N. Halsted | 312-226-4300

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531 N. Wells | 312-670-4338

This Mediterranean restaurant offers two prix fixe menus and Moroccan-inspired music spun by DJ Disco Kitty. The three-course menu is \$50, and seatings are 6-10 PM. The four-course menu, including a champagne toast, begins at 10 PM and costs \$75.

TSUKI

1441 W. Fullerton | 773-883-8722

A child-oriented menu is available 4:30-6:30 PM, with a kiddie count-down to midnight at 7 PM. This seating includes a champagne toast for parents and goody bags for the kids. \$9.95 for children 12 and under; adults may order off the regular menu or have the prix fixe. The adult seating begins at 8 PM, with a seven-course prix fixe menu that includes sushi options and compli-

mentary hot sake for \$85. The lounge features a DJ and dancing until 3 AM.

VA PENSIERO

1566 Oak | Evanston | 847-475-7779

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WAVE

644 N. Lake Shore Dr. | 312-225-4460

This Mediterranean-inspired restaurant in the W Hotel offers a four-course menu for \$75, focusing on small plates and larger entrees like seafood cassoulet. Mediterranean sweets are brought to each table, and a sangria package is available for \$20. Hookahs can be ordered for \$15, belly

dancers perform to a DJ's music, and a children's menu is offered 5-7 PM.

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3759 N. Damen | 773-517-3209

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3441 N. Halsted | 773-348-9696

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SPECIAL EVENTS

For those who want to welcome 2006 with a bang, the options are many, from luxury blowouts at downtown hotels to inexpensive neighborhood festivals where kids are welcome. At press time the CTA still didn't know whether it would continue the tradition of offering

penny fares for the night, but the free trolley from the Grand Avenue Red Line stop to Navy Pier runs until 1 AM, and some Metra trains will run late (call 312-836-7000). Listings are based on current available information; see chicagoreader.com for updates.

THE APARTMENT AND THE LION HEAD PUB

2251 N. Lincoln | 773-348-5100

Two parties on two levels, including a multimedia countdown and champagne toast at midnight. For \$60 revelers get a deluxe buffet dinner (8-10 PM) and open bar (8-11) at the Lion Head, with admission to the Apartment after 11. \$85 provides the same food and beverage package, plus access to the entire building. \$25 general admission after 11. Doors are open 7 PM-3 AM.

THE ARMAGEDDON RADIO HOUR

Apollo Theater Studio | 2540 N. Lincoln | 773-935-6100

WNEP Theater's annual apocalyptic parody of the golden age of radio returns. Doors open at 10 PM; the performance begins at 10:45. \$45, including a champagne toast.

ATHLETES UNITED FOR PEACE

Heartland Cafe | 7000 N. Glenwood | 773-465-8005 or www.heartlandcafe.com

Start the year with a bid for peace and goodwill (and a touch of friendly competition) at this annual 5K. For \$25 participants receive awards, a shirt or hat, and a postrace feast at the Red Line Tap (7006 N. Glenwood).

THE AWESOME 80S PROM

RadioStar | 901 W. Weed | 312-664-7766

Party like it's 1986 at this interactive play, set at Wanaget High's senior prom. The "prom prince/princess" \$95 package includes an open bar (8 PM-midnight), a gift bag and photo for each couple, a champagne toast with balloon drop, and an hors d'oeuvres buffet. For reserved seating, guests can upgrade to the "prom king/queen" package at \$125. A dance party follows the performance.

BOOGIE NIGHTS AT JOEY'S BRICKHOUSE

1258 W. Belmont | 773-296-1300

Party like it's 1976 with this 70s-themed extravaganza. Dinner seatings are at 5, 7, and 9 PM and include a "Caesar's Palace-worthy buffet" as well as a DJ and dancing for "\$100 all you can eat and drink or \$50 for one or the other" (open bar alone or buffet alone).

BUCKINGHAM FOUNTAIN FIREWORKS

Grant Park | Congress Pkwy. and Columbus Dr. | 312-744-3315

Recorded music provides the aural backdrop for this annual display of pyrotechnics counting down to the new year, which is coordinated with the fireworks at Navy Pier. Attendees are asked to assemble by 10 PM.

CANS BAR & CANTEEN

1640 N. Damen | 773-227-2277

A gourmet food buffet, "top shelf" open bar, and champagne toast are on tap at this Bucktown watering hole for \$90.

CELEBRATION OF THE SOUL

Yoga State School & Studio | 850 N. Lake Shore Dr. | 773-251-3588 or www.celebrationofthesoul.com

Seventeen area yoga studios combine for this alcohol- and smoke-free alternative to the bar scene. In addition to yoga workshops, the evening offers live music, circus arts and belly dance performances, a vegetarian buffet, and workshops in organic gardening and alternative therapy. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$85 at the door, 7 PM-2 AM.

CELTIC CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE

4301 N. Western | 773-588-1110



Ring in Ireland's New Year at 6 PM, then do it again for Chicago at midnight. \$35 gets an open bar (9 PM-midnight) and includes a champagne toast. The bar is open 11 AM-3 AM.

CELTIC KNOT PUBLIC HOUSE

626 Church | Evanston | 847-864-1679

The pub is "calling all Celts" for this annual celebration of what the Scots call Hogmanay. Live music, pub grub, and drink specials available till 2 AM.

CHAMPAGNE SUPERNOVA

Hard Rock Hotel | 230 N. Michigan | 866-966-5166

Promoters Another Level and Ice 9 bring the rock (and hip-hop, house, and trance music) to the Hard Rock, after debuting last New Year's Eve at the Hotel Allegro. For \$145 patrons get an open bar (9 PM-5 AM), hors d'oeuvres, a gift bag, champagne toast, and lineup of DJs. \$495 covers two tickets plus a deluxe room.

CHEMICALLY IMBALANCED COMEDY AND CORN PRODUCTIONS

Cornservatory | 4210 N. Lincoln | 312-409-6435 or www.cicomedy.com

The two companies combine their talents for *Cornstravaganza*, featuring Chemically Imbalanced's sketch show *Seasonal Disorder* and vignettes by Corn Productions. The evening starts at 8 PM and tickets are \$30, or \$50 per couple, which includes dinner, drinks, and a champagne toast. A DJ will play after the show.

CHERRY RED

2833 N. Sheffield | 773-477-3661 or www.tickets.com

The party runs 9 PM-3 AM and includes an open bar, appetizer buffet, champagne toast, and DJ. \$90 in advance, \$100 at the door.

CHICAGO'S SINGLE GREATEST NEW YEAR'S EVE

Grand Central | 950 W. Wrightwood | 312-335-9596 or www.chicagosocial.com

There'll be rock and roll on the piano early and DJs late at this party, which is sponsored by the singles-oriented Chicago Sport and Social Club. The \$115 admission includes an open bar, buffet, champagne toast, balloon drop, and party favors. It runs 9 PM-3 AM.

COMEDYSPORTZ

2851 N. Halsted | 773-549-8080 or www.comedysportzchicago.com

The usual games-based improv at ComedySportz gets a boost from a live band playing at two shows on New Year's Eve. The 8 PM show is \$25, and admission to the 10:30 performance is \$35, which includes a champagne toast and an additional music set after the show.

COYOTE UGLY SALOON

316 W. Erie | 312-642-2400

The party runs 8 PM-2 AM and features an open bar, buffet, champagne toast, and "cash balloon drop" (balloons with prizes attached) at midnight. \$65 before 12/25, \$85 12/26-12/30, and \$100 at the door.

CREW

4804 N. Broadway | 773-784-2739

This party is a benefit for Gay Games VII Chicago and includes an appetizer buffet (8-10 PM), complimentary well drinks, draft beer, and wine, a champagne toast, dancing, and a raffle. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. The bar is open till 3 AM.

DEJA VU

2624 N. Lincoln | 773-871-0205

Open until 5 AM, the bar offers a video countdown and champagne

toast. Advance tickets at \$30 include an open bar (9 PM-midnight); the \$50 VIP package includes hors d'oeuvres (8-10 PM) and an open bar (8 PM-midnight), as well as admission to the 2D Lounge upstairs.

DUFFY'S TAVERN AND GRILL / DURKIN'S TAVERN / MCGEE'S TAVERN & GRILLE

420 W. Diversey / 810 W. Diversey / 950 W. Webster | 773-868-8073

The party runs at all three taverns 9 PM-2:30 AM. \$80 buys an all-you-can-drink assortment of draft beers, cocktails, champagne, and wine as well as an all-you-can-eat buffet and DJ entertainment.

EXCALIBUR AND VISION

632 N. Dearborn | 312-266-1944

Five different environments (and 25 bars) are involved in "Xtreme NYE '06." The \$125 "platinum" reserved admission includes a dinner buffet (8-11 PM) and an open bar (8 PM-midnight); the \$75 "gold" reserved package includes a buffet (7-9:30 PM) and open bar (7-11 PM); admission after 9 PM can be reserved for \$50; and general admission may be available.

FINN MCCOOL'S AND THE LOFT

15 W. Division | 312-337-4349

A multimedia countdown and champagne toast mark the new year, with a \$10 cover charge from 7 PM on (based on space availability). The bar is open 11 AM-5 AM.

FIRST NIGHT EVANSTON

Downtown Evanston, various locations | 847-475-6483 or www.firstnightevanston.org

Evanston holds its annual alcohol-free, family-friendly downtown arts festival, with performances on 19 stages. On the schedule: the area premiere of the musical *The Journey of Sir Douglas Fir*,

marionettes, folk music, the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, choirs, circus performers, and comedians. An art gallery makes its debut this year, and there will be the traditional fireworks at midnight. Buttons are priced \$14 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12, with children under 5 admitted free.

FOUR NIGHTCLUB

1551 W. Division | 773-235-9100

This Wicker Park bar stays open until 5 AM and offers three party packages: \$90 gets you an open bar (9 PM-1 AM), buffet, and champagne toast. The VIP package is \$125 and includes all that plus a reserved table (minimum four people) and a cocktail server. The luxury package, priced at \$500 per couple, tosses in the reserved table, a bottle of choice and a round-trip limo ride to and from Hotel Indigo downtown, and a one-night stay at the hotel. Admission to the club after 1 AM is \$20.

FULL SHILLING

3724 N. Clark | 773-248-3330

The Irish pub offers a twofer: salute the new year in Ireland at 6 PM and then toast again at midnight. \$45 for the premium open bar (9 PM-midnight), including appetizers and a champagne toast. The bar is open 4 PM-3 AM.

FULTON LOUNGE

955 W. Fulton Market | 312-942-9500

This party includes a premium open bar, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by DJ Wak, and a champagne toast for \$95, and runs 9 PM-2 AM.

GLOBE PUB

1934 W. Irving Park | 773-871-3757 or www.theglobepub.com

The Globe celebrates around the world with New Year's toasts every hour (10 AM for Australia, 3 PM for Baghdad, 4 PM for Johannesburg, etc). Those still standing at midnight will get a final champagne toast and chance to dance and/or stagger to 80s music. \$45 for the inclusive package, including an open bar (9 AM-midnight). Doors open at 6 AM for live broadcasts of European sports and stay open till 3 AM.

HARD ROCK CAFE
63 W. Ontario | 312-943-5572 or www.hardrock.com

\$100 gets patrons an open bar (9 PM-1 AM), live music from the Hat Guys, appetizers, and a champagne toast.

HILTON CHICAGO
720 S. Michigan | 800-591-6440

The theme for this year's party is "Green With Envy" (black-tie, but green dress optional). For \$195, guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, six-course dinner, dancing to the Dan Hayes Orchestra, open bar, and champagne toast. Sweetheart tables for two are available for \$435, and room rates for the night start at \$129.

HYATT REGENCY O'HARE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
9300 W. Bryn Mawr | Rosemont | 847-696-1234 or www.q101.com

Q101's Fook hosts this annual bash, featuring an open bar, DJ music and light shows, and a balloon drop at midnight. \$75 (hotel room packages available).

I.O.
3541 N. Clark | 773-880-0199 or www.iochicago.net

The Wrigleyville improv powerhouse showcases two of its long-time favorites for New Year's Eve. The Cupid Players perform their improvised musical revue *Cupid Has a Heart On* at 8 PM, and Baby Wants Candy follows at 10:30. \$30 per show, with a champagne toast and dancing after the late performance.

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
4626 N. Knox | 773-282-7035, ext. 10

The center's Fifth Province Lounge hosts its annual celebration, with entertainment by Velvet Green, hors d'oeuvres, and a champagne toast included for \$25 in advance and \$30 after 12/30. Doors open at 7 PM.

JAKE MELNICK'S CORNER TAP
41 E. Superior | 312-266-0400

The bar offers a party package including an open bar, champagne toast, midnight pastry buffet, appetizers, and DJ for \$80 in advance and \$90 at the door.

KATACOMB
1909 N. Lincoln | 312-671-9004

The club offers an eight-hour open bar (9 PM-5 AM) plus a champagne toast and resident DJ Junior spinning "old school and new school hip-hop" for \$85; "smart attire" is requested.

LEG ROOM
7 W. Division | 312-337-2583

DJ Joey D. hosts this bash. \$60 includes a premium open bar (9-11 PM) with champagne toast; table reservations are available in advance. \$20 general admission after 11. Open 7 PM-5 AM.

LINCOLN STATION
2432 N. Lincoln | 773-472-8100

The party runs 9 PM-2 AM and includes an open bar, champagne toast, appetizer buffet, and a DJ and dancing. \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door.

MANHATTAN'S
415 S. Dearborn | 312-957-0460

The South Loop bar offers a party 9:30 PM-2 AM, including an open bar, food, DJ, and champagne toast, for \$75.

MCFADDEN'S RESTAURANT AND SALOON
1206 N. State | 312-475-9450

The \$100 party package includes a "top-shelf" open bar (9 PM-2 AM), dinner buffet, and champagne toast. The bar stays open till 5 AM.

MIDNIGHT KISS
W Hotel City Center | 172 W. Adams | 312-421-7672, ext. 42

Sponsored by All Terrain Productions, KISS-FM, and *Red Eye*, this "creative black tie" party offers dancing, light hors d'oeuvres, and five hours of complimentary cocktails, as well as a bur-

lesque performance and countdown from Miss Exotic World 2005, Michelle Lamour. 9 PM-2 AM, \$135. VIP package includes reserved tables for four with bottle and cocktails service for \$1,000.

MIX
2843 N. Halsted | 773-528-7569 or www.tickets.com

The party runs 9 PM-3 AM and includes an open bar, appetizer buffet, champagne toast, and DJ. \$90 in advance, \$100 at the door.

MOTEL BAR
600 W. Chicago | 312-822-2900 or www.themotelbar.com

Two packages are available 10 PM-3 AM. For \$100 patrons get an open bar, appetizers, and champagne toast. An additional \$25 guarantees reserved table seating (minimum four people) and a complimentary bottle of champagne.

MURPHY'S BLEACHERS
3655 N. Sheffield | 773-281-5356

Two live bands play at this Wrigleyville bar (Steampowered Aeroplane and Lucent Man), and the party also includes all-you-can-drink beer, wine, and select cocktails, an appetizer buffet, and a champagne toast. \$50 until 12/25, \$75 12/26-12/30, and \$100 at the door.

MYSTIC BLUE NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISE
Navy Pier | 600 E. Grand | 877-299-7783 or www.mysticbluecruises.com

The folks on the *Mystic Blue* have again chosen a Brazilian carnival theme for their annual NYE cruise. The \$165 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, food stations, a premium open bar, DJs, party favors, a champagne toast, and,

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of course, a great view of the harbor fireworks. Boarding starts at 8:30 PM; the ship cruises at 9:30 PM and docks at 12:30 AM.

NARCISSE

710 N. Clark | 312-787-2675

The bar is open 9:30 PM-3 AM, offering an open bar, champagne toast, appetizers, and hip-hop and house music spun by DJ Greg Bauer, for \$110.

NAVY PIER NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

600 E. Grand | 312-595-7437

You can shell out big bucks to watch this display at a private party, but there's always the option of hiking down to Navy Pier to view it for free. The lights on the Ferris wheel will count down to midnight, and the fireworks will be coordinated with those over Monroe Harbor to the south.

NEIGHBOR'S EVE 2005

Multiple locations | 773-268-1356

This annual Hyde Park family-friendly party is now in its tenth year. Highlights include a dance party at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club (5480 S. Kenwood), jazz at the United Church of Hyde Park (1448 E. 53rd), and world music and dance at the First Unitarian Church (5650 S. Woodlawn). Storytellers, clowns, and face painters keep the kids entertained. A free trolley service runs between locations, and events run 5:30 PM-midnight. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.

NEO-FUTURISTS

Neo-Futurarium | 5153 N. Ashland | 773-275-5255 or www.neofuturists.org

Find out if too much light makes Baby New Year go blind when the long-running Andersonville troupe celebrates with a special performance of its trademark hit. The usual pizza will be on hand, as well as hors d'oeuvres, nonalcoholic refreshments, and a toast at midnight. Doors open at 9:30 PM, the performance begins at 11, and in a break from their usual policy, the company is requiring advance reservations.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Drake Hotel | 140 E. Walton | 312-587-3474 or www.chicago-scene.com

Organizers Chicago-Scene.com and *Scene* magazine expect more than 2,000 people to attend this extravagant party at the venerable Mag Mile hotel. Entertainment includes house music, hip-hop, classic rock, and retro, with Bam Bam Buddha on drums in the grand ballroom. The \$135 ticket covers an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, balloon drop, and dessert. For \$185 you get admission to the party plus a holiday buffet dinner (seatings at 6:30 and 7 PM) and live dinner music. VIP tickets (\$215) include a three-course dinner (with seatings every half hour, 6:30-9 PM) and live dinner music. Black-tie optional.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ROCK 'N' ROLL BALL

Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier | 600 E. Grand | 312-595-7437 or 312-559-1212, or www.93xrt.com

WXRT's annual party features Fountains of Wayne, the Freddy Jones Band, and the Redwalls, as well as the city's fireworks display and live television coverage on Channel Seven. \$67, \$107 VIP (includes balcony viewing area and coffee and dessert).

NYE 2006: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Palmer House Hilton | 17 E. Monroe | 312-505-9898

Several club promoters join together for this party at the longest continually operating hotel in North America. For \$149 patrons enjoy an open bar (9:30 PM-2:30 AM), hors d'oeuvres and a buffet, and a champagne toast, as well as entertainment from a U2 tribute band and DJs. Overnight packages, including two party tickets, are available for \$425, and VIP table reservations are priced at \$1,000, including a personal cocktail server and a customized open bar.

ODYSSEY NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS CRUISE

Navy Pier | 600 E. Grand | 888-741-0281 or www.odysseycruises.com

The *Odyssey's* three-hour aquatic extravaganza costs \$250 and includes hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, premium open bar,

dessert station, live entertainment and dancing, party favors, champagne toast, and, of course, an amazing view of the midnight fireworks. The boat boards at 8:30 PM, leaves an hour later, and docks at 12:30 AM.

PARTY UNDER THE PALMS

Palm Tree Atrium | 311 S. Wacker | www.nye-chicago.com

The Palm Tree Atrium (formerly the Winter Garden) is the site for this party (formal attire to black-tie optional). \$125 package includes a premium open bar, champagne toast, and hors d'oeuvres and chocolates, as well as a preparty at Crobar (1543 N. Kingsbury) on 12/30 and post-parties at Crobar, Le Passage (937 N. Rush), and Ontourage (157 W. Ontario). The VIP package of \$150 includes all of the above, plus complimentary bottle service and raffles. Private room available for \$200. Music provided by DJ Lil Cee, and special room rates are available at Renaissance Chicago Hotel (1 W. Wacker).

RESERVE

858 W. Lake | 312-455-1111

The swanky lounge offers a premium open bar (9 PM-1 AM), along with appetizers and champagne toast, for \$125. Table packages are also available.

SALTAUS

1350 W. Randolph | 312-455-1919

The West Loop restaurant and club offers a party featuring "global DJ" music, an open bar, champagne toast, and hors d'oeuvres (9 PM-1 AM) for \$135 (\$250 per couple). The bar stays open until 3 AM, though drinks and food are not complimentary after 1 AM.

SECOND CITY & SECOND CITY E.T.C.

1616 & 1608 N. Wells | 312-337-3992

Second City is offering two revues (*Iraqtile Dysfunction* on the main stage and *Immaculate Deception* at the E.T.C.) in two seatings at 7 and 10 PM. Admission is \$50, which includes a champagne toast at the late show, a \$10 discount for future Second City performances, and a copy of

Sheldon Patinkin's book *Backstage at the Second City*.

SPIRIT OF CHICAGO NEW YEAR'S EVE CRUISE

Navy Pier | 600 E. Grand | 866-211-3804 or www.spiritcruises.com

The *Spirit of Chicago* cruise offers a traditional New Year's Eve gala, with a dinner buffet, DJ, premium open bar, and champagne toast at midnight plus a view of the fireworks at Navy Pier, for \$159. The ship boards at 7:30 PM; it'll cruise 9 PM-12:30 AM.

TANGOCHICAGO DANCE CENTRE

1043 W. Madison | 312-850-1078 or www.tangochicago.com

If your resolution for the new year is to learn some new dance steps, the instructors here will be on hand 8-9 PM to teach you the basics of Argentine tango. The lesson is followed by a candlelight buffet supper and dancing. \$50 before 12/15, \$75 after.

10PIN

330 N. State | 312-644-0300 or www.10pinchicago.com

In addition to 24 bowling lanes and a video wall, the lounge offers a balloon drop, prizes, open bar (10 PM-2 AM), hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, and a free ride home on the 10pin "party bus." \$100 in advance, \$125 at the door, and \$75 after midnight.

TIN LIZZIE

2483 N. Clark | 773-447-3479

The party runs 9:30 PM-1:30 AM and includes a premium open bar, buffet, DJ, and champagne toast for \$65.

VICTOR HOTEL

311 N. Sangamon | 312-733-6900

A champagne reception with light hors d'oeuvres is offered (9-10 PM), along with a champagne toast at midnight. \$50 (cash bar). Tables with bottle service may be reserved in advance.

VIDA

1248 W. George | 773-935-5700

Two party packages are available. For \$60 patrons get an open bar on the first level, appetizers, a champagne toast, video countdown, and balloon drop. The

second-level party is priced at \$80 and includes a premium open bar, buffet, champagne toast, and live music by Kronica. Open 9 PM-3 AM.

WEBSTER'S WINE BAR

1480 W. Webster | 773-868-0608

The party runs 8:30 PM-2 AM and includes an open bar and dinner buffet for \$95.

WILLOWBROOK BALLROOM

8900 S. Archer | Willow Springs | 708-839-1000 or www.willowbrookballroom.com

The legendary dance hall emphasizes formality for its annual party. Those looking for dinner and dancing can start with cocktails at 7 PM, dinner at 8 (including surf and turf), and dancing to the Teddy Lee Orchestra from 9 on (with champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight) for \$95. For those wishing only to dance, admission is \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door.

WINTER WONDERFEST

Navy Pier | 600 E. Grand | 312-595-5225 or www.winterwonderfest.com

The annual family-oriented festival includes indoor ice- and in-line skating, a model train display, crafts and cookie decorating, train rides, a carousel, a giant slide, and climbing walls. It's open 10 AM-11:45 PM, at which point everyone will convene outside to watch the fireworks. Admission is free, but wristbands granting access to activities are \$14 (\$12 if purchased before 12/23).

Y NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Y | 224 W. Ontario | 312-274-1880

The party includes an open bar until midnight, appetizers, and champagne toast. \$100, or \$150 for a reserved table for four (includes a bottle of champagne).

ZELLA

1983 N. Clybourn | 773-301-2626

This indoor-outdoor party (a heated tent with bar service is available) runs 8:30 PM-1:30 AM and includes a premium open bar, all-night buffet, DJ, and champagne toast for \$100.

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ZOOLIGHTS NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN

Lincoln Park Zoo | 2200 N. Cannon | 312-742-2000

The zoo rings in "Happy Zoo Year" with a light show and other family-oriented activities, 5-9 PM, with an early countdown at 8:30. 

ZOO YEAR'S EVE

Brookfield Zoo | First Ave. between the Stevenson and Eisenhower expwys. | Brookfield | 773-935-6100 or www.brookfieldzoo.org

The zoo's festivities include singing to the big cats at 6 PM and a party with Radio Disney (6-8 PM) in the Discovery Center, which will include music, games, and prizes. Early count-down at 8, with an additional count-down for younger kids in the Hamill Family Play Zoo. \$8; \$4 children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and over; children under two free.

ZYDECO BASH

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SAT 12/17 8PM **EMERGENZA FESTIVAL BAND COMPETITION AFTER THE SHOW SINGLE MINDED PROS & SHON DERVIS SPIN TIL 4AM**

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D'vine 1950 W. North: DJs spin 9 PM-2 AM. Fridays, DJ Fathom spins house, soul, and hip-hop. 773-235-5700.

Enclave 213 W. Institute: Fri 12/16, 9 PM, Bonnie Bailey, Eric Kupper, Craig McGivern. 312-654-0234.

Exit 1315 W. North: DJs spin 9 PM-4 AM nightly (until 5 AM Saturdays). Sundays, 10 PM, DJ Vinyl Richie spins 80s, new wave, and postpunk. Mondays, 10 PM, DJ Colin, DJ Joe P spin punk. 773-395-2700.

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