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## NITE LIFE

### Happy 2005!

DJs are lining up for New Year's Day. Meanwhile, Thanksgiving offers a star roster. GMHC revives the Dance-A-Thon

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Is it me, or is it New York? It's hard to tell sometimes, especially when gauging nightlife. Nocturnal habits are, after all, highly subjective, and our playground is constantly evolving. Am I just enjoying a nourishing, temporary break from the scene, or am I getting old and boring?

The whirlwind of events I'm attending over Thanksgiving weekend testify that it's not the latter. In fact, by the time you read this, I will likely have already witnessed Danny Tenaglia and Steve Lawler's Thanksgiving Eve duet at the Roxy, mitigated caloric damage on Crobar's dance floor during Paul Oakenfold's "Disgraceland" debut, and possibly even sampled from Junior Vasquez at Spirit on Thursday night.

If any holiday represents overindulgence, this is it. Besides, many will be partying far more intensely in Miami during White Party Weekend, so this two-night party pilgrimage might even seem comparatively tame.

Out magazine marked its 10th Anniversary with an awards show and gala honoring those who have positively influenced our community. Illustrating just how diverse our tribe is, revelers from all walks of life braved the coil-threatening downpour to enjoy complimentary vodka while hobnobbing with a heterogeneous mix of homos at the opulent Capitale.

As the night wore on, I thankfully ran into people I knew — and quite a few I'd like to get to know! Just because most people in attendance probably never stay out past 4 a.m. doesn't mean they weren't a fun and frisky bunch.

Naturally, the awards PRESENTATION started late, but the ensuing celebrity onslaught quelled any potential uproar. Although she embarrassingly had to shush the crowd (albeit politely and deservedly) a few times, the most poignant and inspiring remarks came from none other than Malcolm X's daughter, Ms. Shabazz.

A close friend of Rosie O'Donnell, she presented the rabble-rousing lesbian comic with an award for Activist of the Decade. Even Rosie herself questioned the distinction, when she reminded us that she only just came out of the closet a little over a year ago. But the magazine still deserves credit for selecting a woman who's had more of an impact on the community in that short period than most people do in a lifetime.

At least she showed up. As did Susan Sarandon, who gleefully accepted her award for Straight



Christmas is coming early to New York with DJ Roland Belmares, along with Eddie Elias, spinning a Sunday set at Crobar for Alegria Christmas on Dec. 5. Go to [www.alegriaevents.com](http://www.alegriaevents.com) for information.

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Ally of the Decade. Conspicuously absent were honorees Tom Ford (Stylemaker ...) and George Michael (Entertainer ...). Ford was gracious enough to send a video. George was a full-fledged no-show.

Comic July Gold pretty much fell flat as hostess, as did Lady Bunny's grossly cliché musical selections. (Attendee Peter Rauhofer must have been appalled.) Also seen schmoozing: lighting gurus Liz Ligouri and Guy Smith, Empress Trai La Trash, the Saint-at-Large's Steve Pevner, the Slide's Daniel Nardicio, Heritage of Pride's Anthony Dean, Alan Cumming, Scissor Sisters, Todd Oldham, "Desperate Housewives" Executive Producer Michael Edelstein and Marcia Cross, Todd Callendar, Dale Tice and Rue McClanahan.

Join DJs Beverly Bond, Peter Rauhofer, Danny Tenaglia, Tony Touch and Junior Vasquez on Saturday, December 11, for "Move Against AIDS: Return of the Dance-A-Thon." You can help fight the plague by participating in this critical fundraising effort benefiting Gay Men's Health Crisis. The dance party begins at 6 p.m., when more than 5,000 people are expected to gather under the disco ball at the Javits Center. Register online at [www.moveagainstaids.org](http://www.moveagainstaids.org).

New Year's Weekend is also shaping up quite nicely. After an extensive world tour, Victor Calderone will finally return to the decks here in New York City.

Joined by Portugal's DJ Vibe, with whom he has recently collaborated on an original production, Calderone is anticipating his New Year's Day (Saturday) party at Spirit to be "the deepest, darkest dance floor journey this city has seen in months." That same night the Saint-at-Large is hosting a party at Capitale with DJ Tony Moran that also sounds intriguing.

Does this mean I should scrap my New Year's Eve plans to rest up? Please.

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