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MattUnleashed on Nightlife :: Dirty Beats and a new Rotation

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Miss the good old days when the only "bottle service" found in clubs involved the passing around of Poppers on the dance floor? When the Loft was your weekend dance destination, not your overpriced "luxury" living space carved out of a nearly condemned warehouse? When the only Crobar you knew of had a "w" in the middle of its name and was an unimposing East Village neighborhood watering hole? Well there's good

news, folks -- you can soon get your old-school groove on at two new parties debuting this month.

For all you dirty boys (and girls), Billy Carroll will be serving up an early-morning smorgasbord of "dirty beats" once a month beginning on Saturday, September 23 (technically Sunday morning). Dubbed, appropriately enough, Dirty.Beats, Billy's hoping to resurrect that fabled underground vibe reminiscent of such legendary clubs as the original Sound Factory and David Mancuso's The Loft. You know, back when it was all about the music and the crowd, and everything else was secondary. Ambitious, perhaps. But if anyone can pull it off, Billy and his three decades in the business certainly can.

Contributing to the party's underground flavor is its cavernous venue, Club LOVE. Physically located below street level (at 179 MacDougal Street, on the corner of West 8th Street), this "subterranean psychedelic paradise" boasts one of the best sound systems in New York City, trippy mood-enhancing décor and a labyrinthine layout that all meld together perfectly to fulfill all your after-hours dance desires.

Seamlessly following the club's earlier Whoville party (the Burning Man reunion scheduled for opening weekend is sure to bring out quite the cast of "heteros, homos, freaks and fools," as Miss Stephanie Shippae used to say back in my Tracks days down in Tampa), Billy will take over the decks around 6:00am and play until noon. In lieu of a guest list, your cover is on the house between 5-7am, and then just \$15 with invite, \$20 without. Attendance is mandatory.

The other hot new ticket in town is DJ Kevin Graves' new clambake, Rotation, at Sullivan Room (218 Sullivan Street, between Bleeker and West 3rd). If you haven't yet experienced the sheer fabulousness of this room, here's the perfect opportunity. And for those of you who have already been, well, 'nuff said.

Joining Kevin on Thursday, September 28, to kick off the weekly hodgepodge of deep house grooves and soulful rhythms will be Johnny Dynell and DJ Lars. Uber-promoters Mark Nelson, Daniel Nardicio and Earl Dax will also lend a hand to make sure the dance floor is packed with hotties while a rotating roster of guest DJs will keep the party fresh each week. Look for Honey Dijon, Ray Roc, Steve Travolta and others to man the decks in coming weeks, and experience New York's only "water bottle service."

Cover's just \$7, or \$5 with flyer, ad or RSVP (e-mail list@rotationnyc.com or call 347-526-0764 to secure a spot on the list). If the 2-4-1 drink special between 9-11pm isn't enough to get you out on a school night, then just wait until you see how cute (and talented) Kevin is.

Both Billy and Kevin are pouring their hearts and souls into these events while commendably attempting to (re)create the kind of parties so many of us are often lamenting aren't around anymore. So let's be sure to get out there and show our support.

Until next time: Be Smart. Be Safe. Be Yourself.

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