

London Life

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In a bid to find what is exciting in London I have decided to visit different venues in an attempt to find the best atmosphere and music the city has to offer at the moment. From Ministry of Sound to the Camden Underworld or Whirl Y Gig I am looking into venues and events new and old and exploring everything diverse and unique bringing the fun back to London nightlife. It is no secret that going out can sometimes become monotonous with repetitive and similar pubs and clubs and a continuous pull and strive to find something slightly different. I will also give a list of up and coming events this year that should most certainly be added to the diary so read on to find out the best events I have found so far recently and the best still to come.....

Ministry Of Sound London



Photo taken from the Ministry Of Sound Facebook page

As it had been many years since my last visit to Ministry Of Sound I was very excited to see what

changes had been made to the venue after the refurbishment a few years back. First opening in September 1991 party goers are still heading to Ministry in full force decades later. Set to head to The Gallery featuring Neelix German artist known for delving into the deep, dark and unknown side of trance incorporating hard bass lines and intense 'psy' riffs with elements of Progressive House and Electro creating an atmosphere out of this world. With Neelix and the other resident DJs set to take Ministry by storm that night it was bound to be a good evening. I absolutely loved the layout in Ministry with a tunnel leading through to the main room and other rooms also easily accessed with an upstairs dance room, a balcony overlooking another dance area and also a guest/Vip area overlooking the main dance floor. Ministry is such a large venue that it is can be concerning as to the type of crowd that such an event will draw in however everybody there was all in the same mind set and very much there to enjoy the music, every room had the same contagious vibe that made you want to dance and an outstanding atmosphere where all in attendance were there to have a good time and by far one of the best crowds I have been amongst.

Of all the venues I have recently visited I found Ministry Of Sound to be by far the most impressive when it came to lasers, lights and sound. The main room lasers were most certainly something to remember and talk about. Both Visually amazing and memorable I feel that such outstanding lighting enhanced the effects of the music, gave Ministry the wow factor and intensified the party experience to the ultimate. With Neelix and the other DJs music played from some of the best sound systems in London not a beat could be missed and the sound was outstandingly clear, loud and perfectly timed with the exceptional lighting. My expectations for Ministry of Sound were exceptionally high and I must say that these were most certainly met and exceeded, I had the most amazing evening with an great crowd of people, infectious atmosphere, magnificent music and phenomenal lights. When it comes to London nightlife Ministry of Sound is at the top of the list for places to go with great sounds, lights and vibes. I await the next large event to be held at Ministry of Sound and definitely hope to be in attendance!



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Whirl Y Gig



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Having been twelve years since the last time I have been to a Whirl Y Gig event I highly anticipated visiting the very best in London's alternative club scene again. Held at the Camden Centre St Pancreas and rather easy to find Whirl Y Gig is back at its original location after a few years held in London Bridge. Once arriving I knew this was going to be a great evening with caring, dedicated staff and happy party goers it appeared to me everyone here was more like a family who were exceptionally welcoming to everybody attending. Whirl Y Gig make a point to put things in place which makes it both unique and fun, there is a refreshments stall selling all kinds of hot and cold food and drinks (as well as the bar), stalls selling merchandise to include everything from glow sticks to bracelets, a message stand where personal messages could be written on paper, a chill out area complete with beds and at Three Thirty everyone must sit on the floor as the parachute comes over and enhances the outstanding lights and lasers the club has while chilled out music plays. Another element that makes Whirl Y uncommon is the wonderful diversity in the age range of people attending which could be anything from Eighteen to Eighty emphasizing the fact that this is indeed a family and all are welcome showing why Whirl Y Gig will be celebrating their 35th anniversary in July.

The sound was incredible with cutting bass reverberating throughout the venue and a large diversity in music genre which included everything from hard trance to electro and DnB plus many more from the DJ. When it comes to atmosphere Whirl Y could not be faulted in anyway whatsoever, the crowd were all exceptionally friendly as were the staff and made the event feel amazing with fun and tangible welcoming vibes. The lights and lasers there were definitely some of the best effecting the music and intensifying the entire experience. If you decide to attend Whirl Y Gig the 35th Anniversary event due to take place on 30th July 2016 is most certainly a date for the calendar as well as the festival Whirl Y Fayre 19th – 21st August held in Avalon Somerset which has been voted the best family festival 2016 by the readers of Green Parent Magazine. Whirl Y Gig has been in existence since the 1980s and for very good reason, for a fun filled, amazing night with great music and people it is without a doubt the place to go in London.



Photo taken from the Whirl Y Gig Facebook page

XOYO



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XOYO is one of those amazing venues that I had continuously desired to visit so could not pass the opportunity to see Tiga + Octave One and Martin Buttrich due to grace XOYO with their outstanding beats and captivating sounds. Resident DJ Tiga behind some of the most monumental dance songs such as 'Bugatti' and 'Let's Go Dancing' is known for continuously delivering passion and pure talent with every show keeping party goers on their feet and keen not to miss a minute of his epic set. With an extra special live set Brothers Lenny and Lawrence all the way from Detroit better known as Octave One were on full form with the best Techno you could hope to hear. Anticipated set from US Martin Buttrich was also to be expected that night, with Martin known for having an exceptionally diverse back catalogue where electronic music is concerned and a string of releases such as Rhythm Assault and Planet E this Grammy nominated legend was absolutely one to see. Known for housing some of the best DJs on the music scene, outstanding sound throughout and exceptional lights I could not have chosen a better event to attend and review at this awesome club. Upon entering XOYO I was immediately impressed. The layout seemed unique with stairs leading down to the main rave room which was massive and after a while exploring the venue the other room came apparent to me which was equally as large. The atmosphere was contagious and it was clear that everybody was having a great time, this to include those who were regularly frequenting the venue to those who were visiting for the first time. I find that some venues can attract a certain type of crowd that is less than desirable, this however could not be said for XOYO as I consistently found that party goers there were exceptionally friendly, sociable and there to enjoy the amazing DJs playing. All in all it was a rather enjoyable evening with good music, atmosphere and exciting venue. I will most certainly be regularly checking the XOYO events page to see what else will be happening in the future.....



Photo taken from the XOYO Facebook page

Buttoned Down Disco (KOKO)



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KOKO is certainly one of those amazing venue's that you go to time and time again, either for gigs and live performances or for dance and party events such as Buttoned Down Disco which is held on the first Saturday of every month at this awesome setting. Formally Camden Palace KOKO has the luxury of being an exceptionally large venue with many different floors. Upon entering you can overlook the main dancefloor area on a balcony that spans around but also has stairs leading up to other parts of the venue with seating and smoking areas etc. KOKO is certainly perfect to play host for an event such as Buttoned Down Disco as the sound quality is always amazing and a very fun loving crowd is usually attracted. This event was captivating to me as it seemed rather out of the ordinary, giant balloons, face painting and a wide range of music genre's all to be expected making this event unique and fun in a great environment. Parties have been in effect in London for over thirteen years, with Buttoned Down Disco's residency now held at KOKO but previously hosted by over 40 different London venues, and festivals such as Reading, Glastonbury and Latitude. I also liked the fact that this event was by invite and everybody has the chance to email and receive an invite however tickets could also be purchased on the door if you are running slightly late for the free invite ticket.

The music ranged from Nirvana to Taylor Swift as a vast array of Indie, Punk, Electro, Disco and Pop music kept the atmosphere there at an all time high. Mixed by Resident DJ Christian Laing who is driven by a passion for music and playing the songs that he loves music such as Psychedelic Garage Rock, Bubblegum, Ska and Dub Step are just some of the music genre's you can also expect to hear. Combining entertainers on stage with bubbles, smiley faces etc on big screens, face painting, balloons and great music this event is surely one to catch. For an all round evening of fun, music and great atmosphere Buttoned Down Disco at KOKO is definitely on the list for fun things to do in London.



Photo taken from the Buttoned Down Disco website

The Camden Underworld

Iconic well known London Underworld Camden was categorically on my list for places to visit. Known for hosting some of the best names in music, great sound, lighting and favorable crowd The Underworld have an unshakeable reputation for delivering the best when it comes to entertainment and a good evening out. The layout of the Underworld is brilliant as there is a bar to the far left raised side of the stage, lots of raised upper floor space for optimal viewing with stairs leading down to a graciously sized dance floor next to the stage. I was there for none other than four piece London Progressive Metal band Deadly Circus Fire. With outstanding instrumentals combined with Adam's unique voice the energy in the room was colossal as this band played The Underworld stage. All in all it was a good evening with a good band, atmosphere and venue.

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Up and coming.....

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The good times are far from over with many great events still to come. Having a look at some of the up and coming gigs and festivals these are just a few this year that I feel should not be missed.
 ACDC – 4th June 2016 – The Stadium Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
 Coldplay – 15th/16th/18th/19th June – London Wembley Stadium
 Cypress Hill – 19th June – London O2 Brixton Academy
 Download Festival – 10th – 12th June
 Festival Festival – 8th – 11th September



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