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Ain't Nothing But Blues Bar

20 Kingly St., W1

Phone 0171/287-0514

Tube: Oxford Circus or Piccadilly Circus

Cover Fri £3-£5 (\$4.95-\$8.25), Sat £3-£5 (\$5-\$8), free before 9:30pm.

Hours: Mon-Thurs 5:30-1am, Fri-Sat 6pm-3am, Sun 6pm-midnight

AKA

18 West Central Avenue, WC2

02078360110

Tube: Holborn or Tottenham Court Road

Hours: W-Fri 6pm-1am; 6pm-3am; Sa7pm-3am

American Bar

In The Savoy, The Strand, WC2

Phone 0171/836-4343

Tube: Charing Cross, Covent Garden, or Embankment

Sophistication abounds in this Art Deco bar in the stylish 1930s environs of the Savoy. Stroll in and sample one of the better martinis to be had in London. Most evenings, smooth jazz piano sounds wash over the laid back crowd until 11pm. Due to its close proximity to the popular West End theatre district, the American Bar is always an ideal pre- or post-theatre stop for either nibble or nightcap. Gentlemen, a jacket and tie is requested.

Angel

61 St. Giles High Street , WC2

020.7240.2876

Tube: Tottenham Court Road

Bagley's Studios

King's Cross Freigh Depot, off York Way, N1

0171/278-2777

Tube: King's Cross

Cover £10-£20 (\$16.50-\$33).

Fri-Sun 10pm-7am and call ahead for special events.

Bar Code

3-4 Archer St. Soho, W1

0171/734-3342

Tube: Piccadilly Circus

No cover.

Hours: Mon-Sat 1pm-1am, Sun 1pm-10:30pm

Bar Rumba

26 Shaftesbury Ave., W1



0171/287-2715

Tube: Piccadilly Circus

Cover £3-£12 (\$4.95-\$19.80).

Hours : Mon-Thurs 5pm-3:10am, Fri 5pm-4am, Sat 6pm-6am, Sun 8pm-1:30am

This Shaftesbury Avenue live music venue is for those on the contemporary tip. Musical stylings vary nightly here, with acts including Latin, Jazz fusion, hip-hop and drum & bass. The club gives off a clandestine vibe, making its hipster patrons feel like they're on the inside groove. The joint is usually usually crowded, but not that bad mid-week. Monday's "That's How It Is" is jazz, hip-hop and D&B lovers. "Kat Klub" on Friday's mellows it out with touches of R&B, Soul and Swing. Like its moniker denotes, Saturday's "Garage City" is mostly house and garage. There are two full-service bars available, but the drinks are bit costlier here so you might want to pound a few elsewhere before dropping by. Weeknights the age limit is 18 and older, so expect a younger crowd, while on the weekends its 21 to enter, and the salsa lessons are a panic.

Barfly Club

@ Falcon Pub

234 Royal College St., NW1

0171/482-4884

Tube: Camden Town

Cover £7-£11 (\$11.55-\$18.15).

Hours: Nightly 7:30pm-2 or 3am

If you think rest and relaxation when you hear R-N-R, skip to the next review. Now that we've got the attention of all you headbangers, may we suggest this unimposing traditional-looking pub. It might not look it, but this spot has played host to some serious rock-n-roll headliners to drift through the UK over the years. They usually put on three bands a night. But, the talent here is often a hit-and-miss affair, so call ahead for the line-ups. And, as this spot is located a bit out of the way in a north London residential community, so make sure you get good directions.

Beach Blanket Babylon

45 Ledbury Rd., W11

0171/229-2907

Tube: Notting Hill Gate

No cover.

The Box

32-34 Monmouth St., WC2

0171/240-5828

@ Seven Dials

Tube: Covent Garden

Hours: Daily 10am-11:30pm

Gay & Lesbian

Browns

4 Great Queen Street, WC2

02078310802

Tube: Holborn



The Bull & Gate

389 Kentish Town Rd., NW5
0171/485-5358
Tube: Kentish Town
Cover £4 (\$6.60).

Visit the Bull & Gate to understand Londoner's solid penchant for pub-rock. Not a spot where you'll find A-list headliners, this pub hosts mostly Indie and local rock n roll talent. There's not much to say for the shabby, dark décor, except that there's more of it than you'd expect. But this spacious Victorian-style pub, albeit a bit tarnished, offers an air of authenticity you won't find in most of the mainstream venues. They offer three shows nightly, but call ahead to check the schedule. And no, you probably won't recognize their names either.

Bull's Head

373 Lonsdale Rd., Barnes, SW13
0181/876-5241
Tube:
Cover £3-£8 (\$4.95-\$13.20).
Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm, Sun noon-10:30pm

Hosting live Jazz performances for over three decades, this virtual London music institution is showing scant signs of ending its run anytime soon. These days, the popular riverside watering hole, located along the North bank of the Thames, features Jazz musicians from all over the world (mostly from the US and UK) performing before a comfortable, appreciative audiences. The décor of the Bull's Head, with its creaking floorboards and low ceilings, is exactly what you'd expect from a pub this ancient. There are live jazz shows nightly, with two sessions on Sunday at 2pm and 8pm.

Candy Bar

4 Carlisle St., W1
0171/494-4041
Tube: Tottenham Court Rd.
Cover £2-£5 (\$3.30-\$8.25).
Hours: Mon-Thurs 5pm-midnight, Fri 5pm-2am, Sat 2pm-2am, Sun 5pm-11pm
Gay & Lesbian

Café de Paris

3 Coventry Street, W1
02077347700
Tube: Leichester Square or Piccadilly Circus Tube

The Chapel

48 Chapel Street, NW1
020.7402.9220
Tube: Edgware Road

Churchill Arms

119 Kensington Church Street, W8
020.7727.4242
Tube: Notting Hill Gate

**Cicada**

132-136 St. John Street, EC 1
020.7608.1550
Tube: Farringdon

City Limits

16-18 Brushfield Street, E1
020.7377.9877
Tube: Liverpool Street

Claridge's Bar (Claridge Hotel)

Brook Street, W1
020.7629.8860
Tube: Bond Street

Club Soneros

The Gallery, Broadway, SW8
02078200671
Tube: Vauxhall

The Comedy Store

1A Oxendon St., off Piccadilly Circus, SW1
0171/344-0234
Tube: Leicester Sq. or Piccadilly Circus
Cover £11-£13 (\$18.15-\$21.45).
Hours: Daily from 6:30pm

Londoners know comedy. No, they really do. Just check out the Comedy Store, the city's most famous laugh factory that's been splitting sides and busting guts since the late 1970s. From established headliners, to up-and-coming jokesters, you'll find them all here—known for giving many the unknown upstart a crack at the audience. Tuesdays are especially popular, featuring the 'Cutting Edge' face-to-face comedy showdown. The club opens a half-hour before each show and tickets are available through the box office or TicketMaster. Note; They start lining up early for tickets here, so come a little early.

The Complex

1-5 Parkfield St., Islington, M1
0171/738-2336
Tube: Angel
Cover £8 (\$13.20). Fri 10pm-4am.
Gay & Lesbian

Comptons of Soho

53 Old Compton St., W1
0171/479-7961
Tube: Leicester Sq.
Hours: Mon-Sat noon-11pm, Sun noon-10:30pm
Gay & Lesbian

**Cork and Bottle**

44-46 Cranbourn Street, WC2
020.7734.7807
Tube: Leicester Square

The Cross

The Arches, Kings Cross Goods Yard, York Way, N1
0171/837-0828
Tube: Kings Cross
Cover £10-£15 (\$16.50-\$24.75).
Hours: Fri 10pm-4:30am, Sat 10:30pm-6am

Cuba

11-13 Kensington High Street, W8
02079384137
Tube: High Street Kensington

Diva

43 Thurloe St., SW7
0171/584-2000
Tube: South Kensington
Cover £1.50 (\$2.45).
Hours: Mon-Sat 6pm-3am, July-Sept also Sun noon-3pm

The Dogstar

389 Coldharbour Lane, SW9
02077337515
Tube: Brixton
Hours: M-Th Noon-1am; F-Sa Noon-3am; Su Noon-11pm

Dover Street Wine Bar

8-9 Dover Street, W1 / (44 20) 76 29 98 13
Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8:00 PM-3:00 AM
Admission £5-£10

The Eagle

159 Farringdon Road, EC1
0207837.1353
Tube: Farringdon

The Edge

11 Soho Sq., W1
0171/439-1313
Tube: Tottenham Court Rd.
No cover.
Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-1am, Sun noon-10:30pm
Gay & Lesbian

**The End**

18A West Central Street, WC1
02074199199
Tube: Holborn or Tottenham Court Road

Ego

23 Bateman Street, W1
02074371977
Tube: Tottenham Court
Hours: M-Sa 5pm-1am

Elysee

13 Percy St., W1
0171/636-4804
Tube: Goodge St. or Tottenham Court Rd.
Cover Mon-Thurs £3 (\$4.95), Fri-Sat £4 (\$6.60).

Embassy Bar

119 Essex Road, N1
02072269849
Tube: Angel

The Emporium

62 Kingly Street, W1
02077343190
Tube: Oxford Circus

Equinox

Leicester Sq., WC2
0171/437-1446
Tube: Leicester Sq.
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9pm-3am, Fri-Sat 9pm-4am

Equinox is London clubbing—super-sized. This club includes no less than nine full bars, the largest dance floor in London and a American-style diner, circa 1950. Inhabiting the site of the former London Empire, this spot has drawn a wildly eclectic crowd since its doors flew open in 1992. Side-stepping the rave scene, the music here ranges from dance hall and rock to Latin and pop. When the DJs aren't spinning, they feature the occasional headliner, not to mention the monthly 'Ibiza' foam party which is...um...interesting. Very interesting.

Fabric

77A Charterhouse Street, EC1
02074900444
Tube: Farringdon

From the moment of its wild October 1999 launch party, clubbers in London knew there was something special going down round Chaterhouse Street. Fabric is part of the recent wave of super clubs to sprout on the London nightlife scene. Less is more in this club with a dark minimalist vibe—which means, none of that kitschy crap to smother your head. The crowd, the



space and the sound are what matters here—so much so that the dance floor in 'Room 1' (as opposed to equally catchy 'Room 2' and 'Room 3') is actually embedded with a rack of BodySonic amplifiers. Conceived by the folks who brought us The End, they sure know how to throw a party. Part of the success here is the ability to consistently feature strong DJs, including residents [Add Resident DJs names] spinning everything from BreakBeat and hip-hop to progressive and tech house. When it gets too hectic, and trust us it will, retreat to the Chill Out room, or VIP section if you've got the pull.

Fluid

40 Charterhouse Street, EC 1
02072533444
Tube: Farringdon

The Fridge

Town Hall Parade, Brixton Hill, SW2
02073265100
Tube: Brixton

Fire Station

150 Waterloo Road, SE1
020.7620.2226
Tube: Waterloo

George Inn

77 Borough High Street, SE1
0207407.2056
Tube: London Bridge

Gordon's

47 Villiers Street, WC2
0207930.1408
Tube: Charing Cross

Hanover Grand

6 Hanover St., W1
0171/499-7977
Tube: Oxford Circus
Cover £5-£15 (\$8.25-\$24.75).
Hours: Wed-Sat 10:30pm-4am, Sat 10:30pm-6am

Heaven

The Arches, Villiers and Craven sts., WC2
0171/930-2020
Tube: Charing Cross or Embankment
Cover £3-£10 (\$4.95-\$16.50).
Gay & Lesbian



Home

1 Leichestre Square, WC2
02089641999
Tube: Leichestre Square

This seven-story neon nightlife Disneyland in Leichestre Square is the evolution of the London club experience. We wish they'd hand out maps to navigate this complex complex, inhabiting a renovated landmark Art Deco building in Leichestre Square. Home features a café and internet/videocam facility on the ground floor, four floors of 'discotheques,' a live entertainment auditorium...breathe...the sixth floor 'Viewbar' private members club, and a full service restaurant on the seventh floor with a terraced balcony. With a heavy hi-tech vibe, this club is wired with an A/V system including plasma screens, video walls and plenty of Led projections. The techno-trinkets are nice, and the trendy crowds something to stare at, but the real draw here is the top-notch DJ line-ups orchestrated by Musical Director and part owner Paul Oakenfield--a.k.a. DJ Oakey (as if you've never heard of him). What's the catch? Well, the prime location attracts a steady flood of tourists.

Hippodrome

Corner of Cranbourn St. and Charing Cross Rd., WC2
0171/437-4311
Tube: Leicester Sq.
Cover £4-£12 (\$6.60-\$19.80).
Hours: Mon-Sat 9pm-3am

Iceni

11 White Horse St., W1
0171/495-5333
Tube: Queen's Park
Cover Fri £12 (\$19.80), Sat £10 (\$16.50).
Hours: Fri-Sat 10pm-3:30am

Jazz Café

5 Parkway, NW1
0171/916-6060
Tube: Parkway
Cover £5-£25 (\$8.25-\$41.25).

Jerusalem Tavern

55 Britton Street, EC1
020.7490.4281

The Junction

242 Coldharbour Lane, SW9
02077384000
Tube: Brixton

King's Head

115 Upper Street, N1 / (44 20) 72 26 85 61
Hours: Tues.-Sat., 8:00 PM; Sat. and. Sun., 3:30 PM



Leopard Lounge

The Broadway, Fulham Road, SW6
02073850834
Tube: Fulham Broadway

The Library

Contact Information (Lanesborough)
1 Lanesborough Place, SW1
0171/259-5599
Tube: Hyde Park Corner

This upscale book-lined bar in the deluxe Lanesborough Hotel is an elegant splash of London high-life. Sophisticates and swells recline in comfortable leather Chesterfields whiling away the early evening over drinks and conversation. Three words: Cigars over Cognac. Not only does this spot boast an impressive collection of Cubans, but The Library has perhaps the most notable collection of cognacs in the entire city, dating back as far as 1770.

Lille Langtry Bar

In the Cadogan Hotel, Sloane St., SW1
0171/235-7141
Tube: Sloane Sq. or Knightsbridge

Limelight

136 Shaftesbury Ave., WC2
0171/434-0572
Tube: Leicester Sq.
Cover £6 (\$9.90) before 10pm, £4-£12 (\$6.60-\$19.80) thereafter.
Hours: Mon-Fri 10pm-3am (3:30am Fri), Sat 9pm-3:30am, Sun 6-11pm

There's something dark and devilishly exhilarating about raving on hollowed ground. Like its NYC counterpart, the ambiance at this West End club draws heavily upon the heavy ecclesiastical goth-vibe that comes from inhabiting a Welsh Chapel dating back to 1754. The DJs keep the congregation moving with a broad mix of house, funk and garage. From standing outside sizing up the eerily flood-lit exterior, to dancing under the Dome in the club's main room, an evening at the Limelight may not be a religious experience, but it sure as hell will move you.

Madame Jo Jo's

8 Brewer St., W1
0171/734-2473
Tube: Piccadilly Circus
Cover £6-£22.50 (\$9.90-\$37.15).
Hours: Daily 10pm-3am
Gay & Lesbian

Mass

@ The Brix
St. Matthews Church, Brixton Hill, SW2
02077385255
Tube: Brixton

**Match**

45-47 Clerkenwell Road, EC1
020.7250.4002
Tube: Farringdon

The Met

In the Metropolitan Hotel, 10 Old Park Lane, W1
0171/447-1000
Tube: Hyde Park Corner
Hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-3am, Sun 9:30am-10:30pm Members-only and hotel guests

Ministry of Sound

103 Gaunt St., SE1
0171/378-6528
Tube: Elephant & Castle
Cover £12-£15 (\$19.80-\$24.75).
Hours: Fri 10:30pm-6am, Sat midnight-9am

Phene Arma

9 Phene Street, SW 3
020.7352.3294
Tube: Sloane Square or Kensington

Point 101

101 New Oxford Street , WC1
020.73793112
Tube: Tottenham Court Road

The Rock Garden

6-7 The Piazza, Covent Garden, WC2
0171/836-4052
Tube: Covent Garden.
Cover £5-£10 (\$8.25-\$16.50); diners enter free.
Hours: Mon-Thurs 5pm-3am, Fri and Sat 5pm-4am, Sun 7pm-midnight

Ronnie Scott's Club

47 Frith St., W1
0171/439-0747
Tube: Leicester Sq. or Piccadilly Circus
Cover member £4-£8 (\$6.60-\$13.20), non-member £15-£20 (\$24.75-\$33).
Hours: Mon-Sat 8:30pm-3am

One of the most famous Jazz venues in the world, Ronnie Scott's has been a favorite for musicians and listeners alike for over four decades. Managed and hosted by saxophonist Ronnie Scott until his death in 1996, co-founder Peter King has taken up the mantle and the club continues to attract top talent from the UK and the US—not to mention frequent Latin and African bands. In fact, on weekends, the separate room located upstairs features a disco dubbed Club Latino. As with most great live music venues, this place packs up frequently, so show up early and call ahead for reservations, especially on Saturday.

**Royal Vauxhall Tavern**

372 Kennington Lane, SE11
0171/582-0833
Tube: Vauxhall
Cover: Thurs-Sun £2-£4 (\$3.30-\$6.60).
Hours: Mon-Sat 9pm-2am, Sun noon-midnight
Gay & Lesbian

Salsa!

96 Charing Cross Rd., WC2
0171/379-3277
Tube: Leicester Sq.
Cover Fri-Sat £4 (\$6.60) after 9pm.
Hours: Mon-Sat 5:30pm-2am

Scala

278 Pentonville Road, N1
02078332022
Tube: King's Cross

The Ship

41 Jews Row, SW18
020.8870.9667
Tube:

The Social Bar

5 Little Portland Street, W1
02076364992
Tube: Oxford Circus
Hours: M-Sa Noon-Midnight; Su 5-10:30pm

Stringfellows

16-19 Upper St. Martin's Lane, WC2
0171/240-5534
Tube: Leicester Sq. or Covent Garden
Cover £10-£15 (\$16.50-\$24.75)
Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30pm-3:30am, Fri and Sat 8pm-3:30am, Sun closed.

Substation Soho

1A Dean St., W1
0171/287-9608
Tube: Tottenham Court Rd.
Hours: Tues-Thurs 10:30pm-3:30am, Fri 10pm-5am, Sat 10pm-6am
Gay & Lesbian

Subterania

12 Acklam Road, beneath the Westway, W10
02089604590



Tube: Ladbroke Grove

Trader Vic's (Hilton Hotel)

Park Lane, W1
020.7493.8000 ext.420
Tube: Green Park

Turnmills

63 Clerkenwell Road, EC1
02072503409
Tube: Farringdon

The Velvet Room (formerly The Velvet Underground)

143 Charing Cross Rd., WC2
0171/734-4687
Tube: Tottenham Court Rd.
Cover £6-£10 (\$9.90-\$16.50).
Hours: Wed-Thurs 9pm-3am, Fri-Sat 9pm-4am

Villa Stefano

227 High Holborn, WC2
02078317318
Tube: Holborn

The Wag Club

35 Wardour St., W1
0171/437-5534
Tube: Leicester Sq. or Piccadilly Circus
Cover £5-£10 (\$8.25-\$16.50).
Hours: Tues-Thurs 10pm-3am, Fri 10pm-4am, Sat 10pm-5am, Sun closed
No credit cards

The Westbourne

101 Westbourne Park Villas, W2
020.7221.1332
Tube: Royal Oak or Westbourne Park

Windsor Castle

29 Crawford Place, W1
020.7723.4371
Tube: Edgware Road

Zoo Bar

13-18 Bear St., WC2
0171/839-4188
Tube: Leicester Sq.
Cover £3-£5 (\$4.95-\$8.25) after 11pm. Mon-Sat 4pm-3:30am, Sun 4-10:30pm.