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O.H.W.O.W.—OUR HOUSE West of Wynwood. Miami

When did you open? Art Basel 2008 with "It Ain't Fair exhibition, book fair, film festival, and music showcase. What's the coolest feature of the club? Space and bookshelf designed by Rafael de Cárdenas, the fact we own a whole block in Miami, our bulletproof glass gallery window! What does this party offer that no one else does? Local creative scene of Miami, which I call the Lower East Coast, with the mix of New Yorkers coming down and visiting on the regular, who are from the Lower East Side. It creates a bridge of East Coast culture like no other. What's your biggest night? The Gossip and A.R.E. Weapons performing, and JD Samson deejaying-all on the same night with art exhibitions from Terence Koh's ASS gallery along with Deitch Projects and Peres Projects. This was so murda! What time does the party get good, and what time do you close? Depends on event, but we own the block in a wasteland neighborhood. We got no rules, so we party and showcase with freedom. What! What! Any troubles with the law? The locals have been very supportive of us coming into the community, so the law has stayed away and let us do things on our terms. **De**scribe your clientele. Me, you, them, weirdos, legends, and losers. Favorite DJs who have played: Rub-n-Tug, DJ Harvey, Semen Sperms, Whopper Jr., JD Samson. Who would be your favorite patron, dead or alive? Pee-wee Herman, Harold Hunter, and George Maciunas. What song would be this party's sound track? "Native Love" by Divine.





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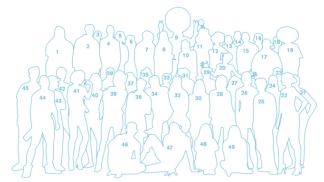


When did you open? We opened in June of 2008. Our first night was an Invisible Tropical Fish of the World party, with over 2,500 living tropical creatures, suspended in individual water tanks, and entirely hidden using lights, mirrors, and spray foam. What's the coolest feature of the club? We have an extraordinary sound system, designed by legendary loudspeaker master Jim Toth. It's the biggest number of speakers you'll see in any New York City club, and they're the best sounding to boot. What does this club offer that no one else does? We're the first nightclub and music venue in downtown Manhattan to get a cabaret license (legal dancing license) in over twenty years. What time does the party get good, and what time do you close? Actually, we feel that the earlier you get here, the better. When the clock strikes midnight, we switch on the dual-powered black light system and this water guy, Sammie-Don, does a flap-jack and three "Good-Mornings"!

Describe your clientele. Humans, New Yorkers, and sweet-heads. We've been very blessed to attract a genuinely diverse range of folks from across the globe-that's the best part about being in NYC. Any notable attendants? One day, one of our owners, Spencer Sweeney, received a call announcing that Mick Jagger would be attending the party that Friday night. We set up a special area for him in our downstairs disco, and provided him with a ninefoot, Plexiglass LCD rainbow, which he proceeded to dance under for three hours straight. Mr. Jagger then danced his way upstairs and hung out in our floating DJ booth with Q-Tip and Rich Medina. Favorite DJs who have played: Nicky Siano, Funk Master Flex, Moby, Busy P, DJ Premier, Optimo, DJ Red Alert, DJ Ruben "The Latin Bull" Toro, DJ Franco, DJ Jazzy Jay, Digitalism, Flosstradamus, Q-Tip, Rich Medina, Danny Krivit, Alex From Tokyo, Jonathan Toubin, N.E.R.D., and many, many more. What song would be this party's sound track? Our theme song, the "Santos Cheer," available for free at myspace.com/santospartyhouse.

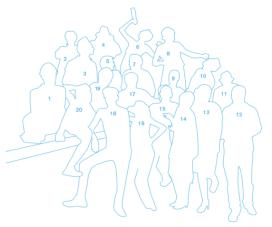
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- 30 Yalan Papillons, talent buyer 31 Elias Holtz, performer/twin 32 Derek Ferguson, owner 33 Jasmine Rezk, shred guitar 34 Spencer Sweeney, owner 35 Winnie Wong, owner/program director 36 Alan Yaspan, box office manager 37 Giulietta Consalvo, operations manager 38 Khay Muhammad, bartender 39 Eddie Santiago, security 40 Alex Prokop, cashier/dancer/bard 41 Gabriella Garcia, lighting engineer 42 Daniel Neumann, sound engineer
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THE TOFF, MELBOURNE

When did you open? The Toff opened April 2007. The opening night party was graced by the likes of Gnarls Barkley and the Rapture who were treated to a performance by local heroes Crackpotnot to be confused with the crackheads who usually hang by the bins in the back alley. What's the coolest feature of the club? The \$400,000 sound system. Or the naughty little booths with closing doors, reminiscent of something out of Al Pacino's Cruising. What does this party offer that no one else does? A cellar full of '02 La Tache Monopole Grand Cru at \$2,000 a bottle. What's your biggest night? The House de Frost on Saturday from midnight. What time does the party get good, and what time do you close? It gets good at twelve forty-eight a.m. and usually goes on to five in the morning. Any troubles with the police? Fuck the police! Fuck, fuck the police! Describe your clientele. One that is willing to walk up two flights of stairs seeking private booths and a stiff drink. Any notable attendants? Olympic superstar swimmer Michael Klim, the who's who of the Australian music industry, every thirsty band visiting our shores from Daft Punk to Metallica. Favorite DJs who have played: Tim Sweeney, Optimo, JD Samson, Andrew WK, Andrew Weatherall. Who would be your favorite patron, dead or alive? Pete Burns for sure What song would be this club's sound track? "Put Your Body In It" by Stephanie Mills.



- Tom Larnach-Jones, entertainment manager 2 Abe 3 Daniel Ippoliti, venue manager
- 4 Grant Gould 5 Arlene Liew, manageress 6 Andy Filth, cocktail technician 7 Andee Frost, mother of the house/superstar DJ 8 Mikey Paine, king of the castle
- 9 Pia, hostess with the mostess 10 Dylan Hickey, cocktail technician 11 Camillo Ippoliti, venue owner 12 Bish, bad boy DJ 13 Sunshine, superstar DJ 14 Ashley Hanlon, go-go dancer-retired 15 Red, cocktail technician 16 Tara Ryan, maitre d' 17 Levi Cross, go-go dancer
- 18 Patty, apprentice go-go dancer 19 AJ, Twink barman of the month! 20 Hemish, fan of spandex

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