

GOING OUT

CLUBBING ESSENTIALS

Packed your dancing shoes? Laura Cain gives us the lowdown on Glasgow and Edinburgh's best club nights

GLASGOW

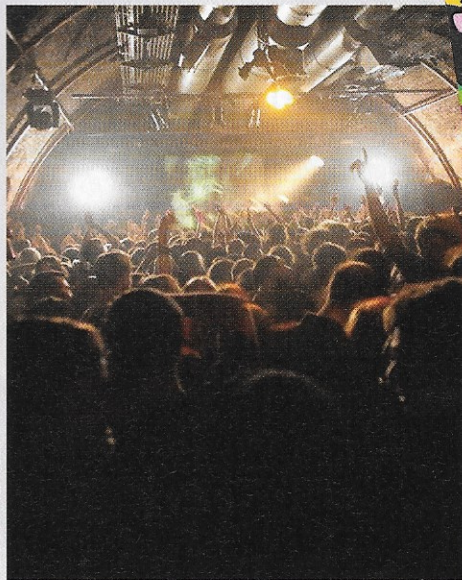


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SHANGRILA

The exalted cave-like underground of the Arches hosts some of the biggest names in dance and has the finest deco on the Glasgow club scene. This weekly night offers low-price drinks and an anything-goes attitude – perfect for channelling the 90s rave spirit. Emerging house star Bontan guest DJs on 24 Sep. *The Arches*, Wednesdays, £5.



PROPAGANDA

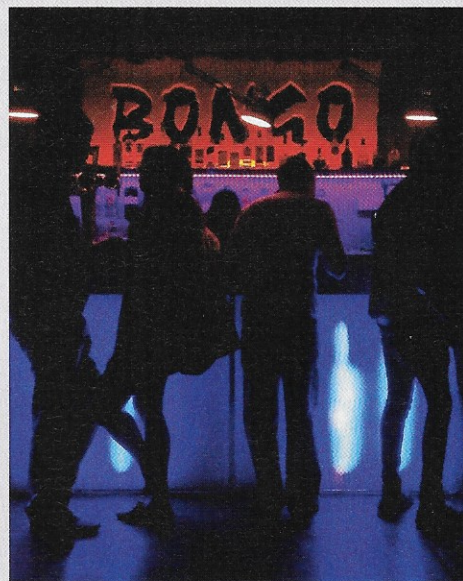
Propaganda is a UK-wide affair, and it hits this stellar Glasgow gig venue every Friday night. Though claiming to have an indie focus, it veers slightly towards the commercial side of the scale. But a big dance floor, student-friendly prices and famous guest DJs do make it a great start to the weekend. *O2 ABC*, Fridays, £4 (£5 non-students).

EDINBURGH



THE BIG CHEESE

A staple of the week for student night life. Spread over two floors of the Edinburgh University student union, cheap drinks abound, as do feelings of 90s nostalgia when *S Club 7* hit the speakers. It's worth staying until the end for the *Grease* megamix. Get there early to avoid the long queue. *Potterow*, Saturdays, £4 (£3 before midnight).



I LOVE HIP HOP

This Cowgate alternative to the Hive down the road delivers the goods for rap, R&B and hip hop lovers. With a mix of old and new (Beastie Boys flitting between 50 Cent and Kanye West) it caters to fans as well as casual club-goers wanting a good night out. Keep an eye out for the occasional MC performances too. *Bongo Club*, Tuesdays, £3.