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Up & Down Sundays' Opening Got All Kinds Of Nightlife Creatures Blissed Out

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(Pictured above: Alyosha Eberle and Coco De'Ball)

Labor Day Weekend kicked off a handful of new fall parties in preparation for the end of Fire Island/travel season. Among those was [Up & Down Sundays, presented by Justin Luke, KennyKenny, and Brandon Voss \(http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/which-way\).](#)

Up & Down, located in the Chelsea/Meatpacking District border, underwent extensive renovation before the opening of the new weekly party. Luke pointed out the distinct design of the two levels, noting that this was one of the elements that grabbed the promoter trio's attention. "It's a house party in the basement and a chic lounge on top," says Luke. "You get two fully thought-out parties in one venue, and who wouldn't want that?" The most spectacular feature is the multicolored light sculpture on the ceiling of the mirrored staircase. It's perfect for selfies, especially for all the club kids turning looks, and it only caused the occasional backup for foot traffic to the basement.

But club kids were only one of several breeds of NYC nightlife creatures inhabiting this party. Muscle boys, twinks, fashion queens, and old-school club heads all mingled and danced to tunes from DJs Gavin Russom and Valissa Yoe. Among them, photographers Jeff Eason, Mo Bacote and Marco Ovando; hosts Darrell Thorne, Muffinhead, Erickatoure, Paul E Alexander, Daniel Thomas, Matthew Ballew, David Terzian, Rachel Singer, Jeanise Aviles, Ryan Du Tout, Crackers Barrel, Andy Pandy, and Lenny Cartwright; promoters Joe Mode, Joey Israel and Jose Colon; and drag entertainers Svetlana Stoli, Maddelynn Hatter, and Coco De'Ball.

In the glow from the Daughters of Devotion's light-up headpieces, we recognized [RuPaul's Drag Race's BenDeLaCreme \(http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/emphatically-upbeat\)](#) having a grand time at their table. It turns out she's really been enjoying her extended stay in NYC: "It's been a wonderful cacophony of people I know from different scenes, and everyone's so blissed out. I love it!" she gushed.

Now that Justin Luke is running parties four nights in a row, we had to wonder if he felt as 'blissed out' as his crowd. "I go out seven nights a week anyway," he laughed. "In the end, NYC has needed a new fun Sunday and so we were happy to forsake sleep and sanity to deliver on that."