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Shadow Boxers Fills with 1,000 Gays to Celebrate the New Year

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(pictured above: Joe and DJ William Francis)

As Ryan Seacrest counted down the new year in Times Square, "gown clown" Sutton Lee Seymour, wearing a dress dripping in gold sequins, took her place just a couple of blocks away next to DJ Rico Alexis inside [Shadow Boxers](http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/gallery/grand-opening-shadow-boxers-bar) for the 2K15 New Year's Eve Ball presented by Alan Picus, Justin Luke, and Joe Roszak.

When the clock struck midnight, Seymour lit a sparkler and a crowd of over 1,000 gays cheered and made out while Alexis played Auld Lang Syne through the speakers. With an Absolut open bar from 10pm to 11pm and libations pouring until 8am, the room was definitely in good spirits as it welcomed 2015.

"We're so excited that over 1,000 people are here tonight to celebrate 2015," said [BoiParty promoter Luke](http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/gospel-according-justin-luke), dressed to the nines in his signature pink.

Last year, Luke and Picus threw a [New Year's Eve party](http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/gallery/2k14-hudson-bond) in the same location. Since then, that location closed and was replaced by Shadow Boxers. It's a change that Luke feels has added an additional layer to this year's festivities. "It's much more gay friendly. They redesigned the entire space. All new sound, all new lights, all new visuals, and an all-new management team. It's the great guys that own Boxers Chelsea, Boxers HK, Boxers Philadelphia. We love working with them, and we're happy to be back here."

For Luke, the party was the cherry topping to an awesome year for BoiParty. "This has been the most financially successful, diverse, and exciting year that BoiParty has had for the 13 years that it's been operational," he said before spilling T about what's to come in 2015. "Expect the unexpected. We are trying all sorts of things we have never done before. We will be giving people what they expect: big, gay, young and fun 20something dance parties. But, we're going to start experimenting with some other things—things that aren't necessarily what we have done before."

Luke has already gotten the ball rolling on such events with Karaoke Tuesdays at Pieces and the hugely successful [Broadway Mondays](#) (<http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/gallery/broadway-mondays-hardware>) at Hardware, an event hosted by Seymour. "Working with Justin has been phenomenal. [Broadway Mondays] is a hit. When I first started my business of Sutton Lee Seymour, every queen said don't be the musical theatre queen. You'll never work, and, now, I'm so thankful I'm working so much," she said.

In addition to Broadway Mondays, Seymour has had a successful year with her show at New World Stages, which has been picked up for another year. "It was unexpected because I was only guaranteed one year from [So You Think You Can Drag](#) (<http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/so-you-think-you-can-drag-crowns-alexis-michelle>). My first show of the year will be an anniversary show. I'll be doing a big homage to *Into the Woods*," she said. "[This year] I want to keep pounding the pavement like Peggy Sawyer in *42nd Street* and be a little Broadway hooker. Not just a boy in a dress but a clown in a dress. A clown in a gown will never make you frown."

Rozsak of [PartyLikeJoe](#) (<http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/sleek-and-fashion-forward-nsa-perfect-party-kick-cellar-bars-fall-season>) could not have been happier with the night's party. "This party is everything. Alan, Justin, and me are joining forces. There are four amazing DJs (Ryan Skyy, [William Francis](#) (<http://www.nextmagazine.com/content/one-half-nelson-william-francis-kick-sunday-kiki-easternbloc>), Justin Dawson, and Alexis) from four different walks of life ringing in the new year. It's all about bringing everyone together," he said.

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