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BERLIN

Welcome!

Berlin is hosting the Popkomm now, and I am pleased to be the patron of the Popkomm IMEA Awards this year. Over the past years, the city has developed into a music metropolis, and the variety on offer is continuously expanding. The creative music and club scene is the source of new musical developments and a source of incentives for the music industry. Openness, innovation and talent, subculture and music business - this is what the music scene in Berlin stands for. Networks of small labels that develop trends and globally operating market leaders who make these available to a wide audience benefit from one another. Berlin is different, Berlin is unique, and anyone visiting this city knows why!

Paul van Dyk



40seconds

40 seconds is all it takes to shoot up from mundane street level to the top floor. The 500 square metre club here features a 10-metre bar, stylish design, three lounges, three rooftop terraces and a mind-blowing view of Potsdamer Platz and the city beyond. Open Fri, Sat from 22:00.



Potsdamer Strasse 58
Tel. 69 06 42 10
www.40seconds.de

Bungalow

Berlin's newest and trendiest lounge club is inside an old post office building, where the party-lover has two choices. The White Bar is a blindingly white cocktail bar with scattered seating and lying areas. Don't miss the Bungalow Dinnerclub - a culinary happening, with all guests invited to the dining hall at the same time and served up a multi-course dinner of crossover 'flying fingerfood' (up to 10 courses, €39-89) with show and DJ. Book in advance (the earlier the cheaper). No smoking in the restaurant.



Invalidenstraße 30
Tel. 809 69 30 77
www.bungalow-club.com
U6 Zinnowitzer Straße

Reingold

A lounge glowing in amber tones recalls the thirties with leather and velvet seating. More a place for snacks and drinking than dancing, Reingold offers 160 cocktails, 80 whiskeys, and Japanese food. Though it often has a DJ, no one dances here. Vogue magazine wrote that it's a beautiful classic cocktail bar, and it's a good place to look beautiful. Daily from 19:00 until late.



Novalisstraße 11
Tel. 217 516 45
www.reingold.de
U6 Oranienburger Tor

Schwuz

A gay-lesbian institution in Kreuzberg, with an almost thirty year old tradition. The basement location has two dancefloors, three bars and a cocktail lounge. Every Saturday there's a big and mixed party - crowd with various music styles (pop, house, disco, elektro) and famous parties like Madonnamania. On Friday there's a more non-mainstream alternative programme (rock and indie). From time to time the club puts on its well-known drag queen shows. Fri/Sat from 23:00.



Mehringdamm 61
Tel. 629 08 80
www.schwuz.de
U6/U7 Mehringdamm

SilverWings

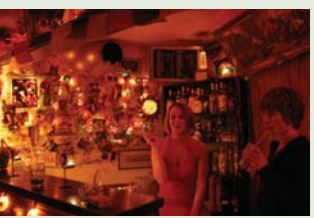
Refurbished last spring it offers sudorific live concerts and notorious rock, independent, punk and rock'n'roll parties on two floors. Prevent dehydration by stopping by at the huge bar in centre and rest your feet on one of the comfy benches around the bar. A unique and brand new MySpace Live party series started in September 2006, held every first Monday of the month and on various special dates. See website for programme.



Airport Tempelhof
Columbiadamm 8-10 F2
Tel. 69 50 92 11
www.silverwings.de

Fire Bar

Although the Fire Bar is no longer illegal, you can still feel the spirit of the Berlin underground, but without the police raids. The Fire Bar (aka "The Lounge Room") is furnished with old sofas, there's plenty of kitsch, a mirror ball and a DVD fire cracking away. A little cellar-bar not 50 meters off the touristy Oranienburger Strasse, it rocks every evening from 20:00.



Krausnickstraße 5
Tel. 28 38 51 19
www.fire-club.de

Sophienclub

Just drop by on Tuesday and check out the "Brit Pop & Beyond" parties. Various DJs offer you the best in indie, retro and alternative music. There's free entrance on Wednesdays for those with a little less money in their pockets when music styles (pop, house, disco, elektro) and famous parties like Madonnamania. On Friday there's a more non-mainstream alternative programme (rock and indie). From time to time the club puts on its well-known drag queen shows. Fri/Sat from 23:00.



Sophienstr. 6
www.sophienclub-berlin.de
S Hackescher Markt

Kinzo

Underground trash meets minimal style - at KINZO-Club on Alexanderplatz. Opposite the TV Tower an individualistic party crowd gets together to see international club acts. In a fancy socialist seventies prefab atmosphere one can dance to tech house, minimal and electro music. Every Thursday: Queer & Crazy at Chantal's House of Shame. See the complete programme at www.kinzo-club.de.



Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 11
Tel. 28 87 38 83
www.kinzo-club.de
S/U Alexanderplatz

Bastard

Bastard opened in February 1999. The club serves as the theatre lobby for Volksbühne performances in the Prater and offers a diversified party and concert programme. There are no musical preferences, so there are no regular guests - it all depends on the kind of event. Besides parties and concerts, lectures and performances are on the programme.



Opening times: various. Please refer to local event listings. Admission: 4 to 6 euros, depending on events.

Kastanienallee 7-9
www.praterteam.de
U2 Eberswalder Straße



zu mir oder zu dir

Somewhere between lounge with mattresses and grandma's living room, the nice, relaxed atmosphere invites you to sit back and enjoy. Self-service makes sure that your strong drinks are at hand quickly, and daily changing DJs throw animated tunes at your ears. Open late, wild parties! Daily from 20:00.



Lychener Straße 15
U2 Eberswalder Straße
www.zumiroderzudir.com

Magnet

Smoky club in Prenzlauer Berg featuring solid local and international indie acts. Bands like Libertines, Mando Diao or the Futureheads have been seen on the cosy magnet stage. But there's a lot of partying going on as well. Parties include Rock, Punk, Emo, Pop, Karaoke, Pop and Rock discoteque on weekends. Entries and drinks are cheap. Girls are pretty, if you're into indie & modern rock tunes - the magnet is your club!



Greifswalder Straße 212/213
Tel. 44 00 81 40
www.magnet-club.de
Tram M4 Hufelandstraße

Steinhaus

The Steinhaus Berlin underwent a complete refurbishment in 1994. The club is now equipped with the finest in technology without losing its traditional flair. It's split up into four parts with two dance floors and bars, a comfortable lounge and an outdoor area covered with a big tent. The location can re-invent itself by changing the decor and projection, depending on what type of event is being staged. A varied music programme, live acts and specials are also part of the programme. See website for events.



Straßburger Str. 55
Tel. 441 82 21
www.steinhaus-berlin.de

nbi

The story of nbi club starts with the birth of electronic dance music in the early nineties, when the club was both meeting point and stage for musicians and producers of the Berlin 'scene'. NBI developed from a legendary Berlin club with an avant-garde background to a popular dance and concert venue. Nowadays people dance, rock and play table-tennis on two and a half floors. The audience is varied and events cover electro-rock, hip-hop, house and singer-songwriter music. Admission: 0 to 5 euros. Opened from 20:00 until late.



Schönhauser Allee 36
www.neueberlinerinitiative.de

SODA

The SODA Club is the premier address in town when it comes to Black Music. The two dynamically lit dancefloors and the exceptionally enthusiastic crowd determine the quite special atmosphere in SODA - and whoever's late won't get in. Right next door is Club 23, infamous for its House and Elektro parties that only stop when the sun rises over the red roofs of Prenzlauer Berg.



Kulturbräuer
Schönhauser Allee 36
Tel. 44 31 51 55
www.soda-berlin.de

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THE NESOLA EVENING
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LAURA LOPEZ CASTRO
HOSTED BY MAX HERRE
NESOLA

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VVK 24 EURO PLUS VVK-GEBÜHREN | AK 30 EURO
TICKETHOTLINE: 030/6110 13 13
ODER UNTER WWW.KOKA36.DE

Kato

This place is right underneath the Schlesisches Tor train station but don't worry - you will not hear or feel the steel wheels roar over head...as you will be engulfed in the sounds sounding around you. So really anything goes and could happen...from punk rock to electro and from jazz noises to exploding frog death metal music. The main hall is an integral part of main indie band's tours from all around the world. Look out for posters on the walls or just go and see what may happen to you... and try not to get run over!



Underneath U-Bahn Station Schlesisches Tor
Tel. 611 23 39
www.kato-x-berg.com
U12 Schlesisches Tor

103

Since 2005, the 103 Club has complemented the ever growing culture and nightlife scene along Kreuzberg's Spree riverbank. The club has an original and ultramodern musical programme ranging from Electronica to House and Hip Hop to Grime. Together with the visual spectacle of bars, dancefloors and the unique first-floor lounge, the 103 Club creates an atmosphere of party hysteres, sexiness and cosiness.



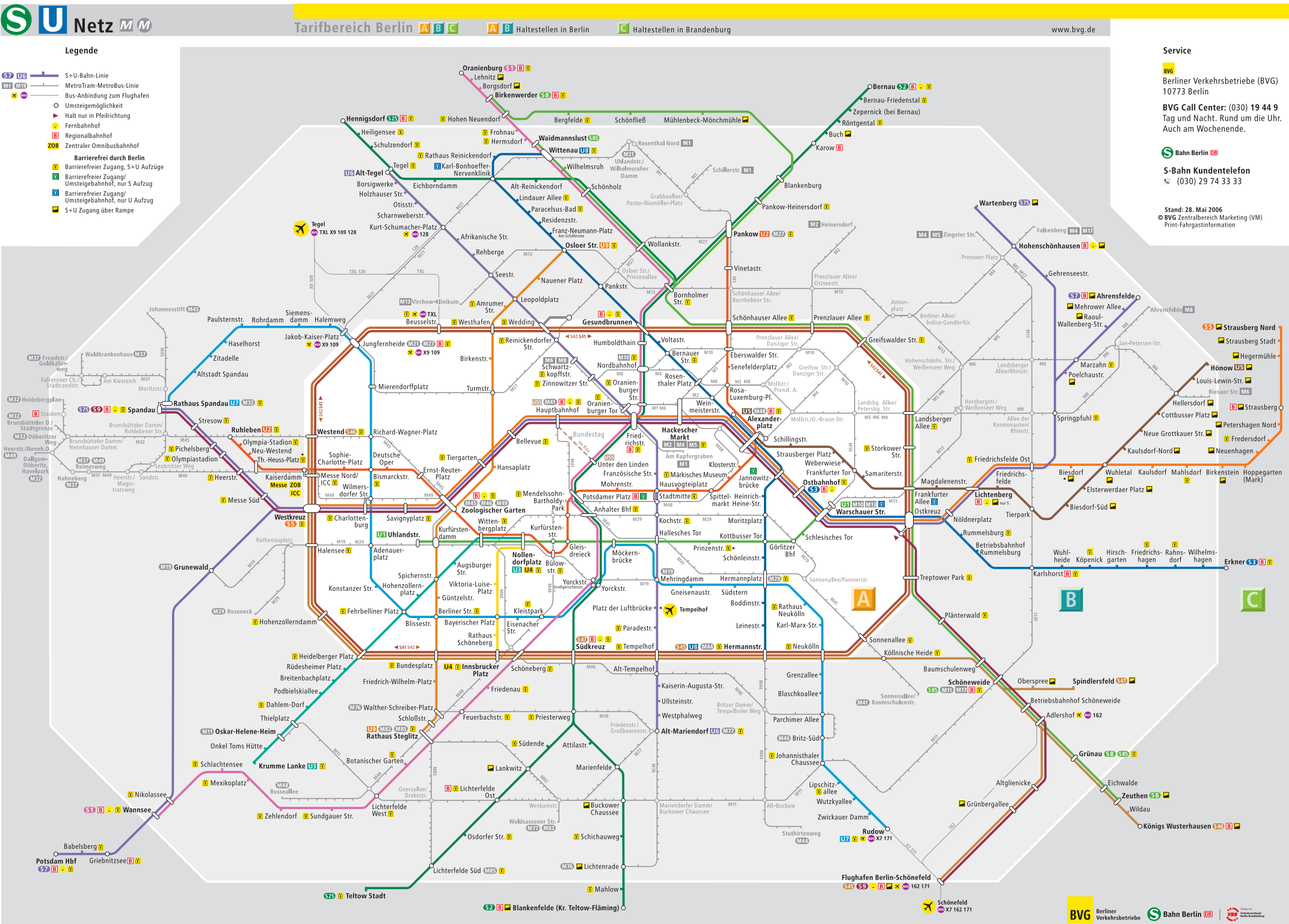
Falckenstein Str. 47
Tel. 69 51 56 12
www.103club.de
U12 Schlesisches Tor

Matrix

The Matrix is a magnet for music styles and open-minded party people, who are tolerant and crazy at the same time. We celebrate, dance, flirt and take distance to everyday life on up to four dancefloors. The passionate clubber meets the right owl and students dance with stars and wannabes. You'll find the taste of a night that has been danced through - Berlin shows itself to be a metropolis. Open Mon-Sat from 22:00.



Warschauer Platz 18
www.matrix-berlin.de
S/U Warschauer Straße



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