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A party for everyone

When it comes to Halloween, we tend to think punker Jello Biafra made some insightful points on the Dead Kennedys tune "Halloween" when he sang "What's in between / Whores are your ideas / You sit around and dream / For next Halloween / Why not everyday / Are you so afraid / What will people say." And so on, but you get the idea. Why save all your party attitude, creativity and inappropriate skin exposure for one night of planned disorderly conduct? We'll never know, but we've gathered the cream of the crop of Halloween parties—and this year, the variety is astounding.

Rock out
The hottest ticket for rockers on Friday 31 will undoubtedly be the **Debonair Social Club's 2nd Anniversary & Halloween Party**, which features the fancy lads of Urge Overkill swinging their axes and Druzzi from dance-punkers the Rapture on the turntables, plus special rock guests. Cover-band craziness—wherein a local band impersonates a big-time act—takes over the Abbey for two nights, Thursday 30 and Friday 31 and the **Double Door** on Friday 31. The **Empty Bottle's 9th annual Jukebox of the Dead** features underground regulars Detholz! and the mash-up crowd DJs from the Hood Internet on Friday 31 (see Music Listings). **Life During Wartime's Halloween Hellelection** at darkroom on Friday 31 has both dance DJs and the live indie-dance of punk funksters Shout Out Out Out Out.

Strip
Let's face it, burlesque and Halloween are a match made in a seedy warehouse full of Satan-worshipping chain-saw murderers, so the **Barry R. Boner Burlesque Brothel** vaudeville-inspired show at darkroom on Thursday 30 sounds like a winner for those comfortable around fishnets. Speaking of dressing up, **Sushi Samba's Spooky Kabooki** party and costume contest combines our love of Japanese tradition and getting sloshed on mojitos. Finally.

Boogie
Dance fanatics need not fear—house madman Mazi spins the **Dead Ringers—themed 8th Annual Black! Ball!** at Cat's Meow on Friday 31. There's a costume contest, of course, but there's also a special **Dead Ringers** look-alike contest—and man, it's free! Let's hope



PARTY IN MY 7 No pants required at **Berry R. Boner Burlesque Brothel**.

Rapture spins electro, house, techno, rock and more. Later, Chicago stalwart dandies Urge Overkill take to the stage for some "Sister Harvats" action. Surprise guests and live acts are likely, too.

■ **Discs 2000** **Live 10pm-5S, \$7** with **Halloween** (cash). Josh Deep of **Deeper Soul Recordings** has loose and rummage through his crate for vintage material. He's got deep blues, rare edits, boogie, roller funk and soul hard funk, stuff from various decades for us. No Dee Gees and no Halloween overkill tonight.

■ **Diagnosis & Deception** **NY Psychosis**, 9pm, 2-3 P.M. in **the@midwesthousing.com**. There are dozens of masquerade balls happening this Friday night, but the "amazing aerial fabric performance" by **Emie Vega** has got our interest pegged. In any case, the ghoulish house party also seems like the place to work that black tie and **Door Walk** (see **Local**).

■ **Double Door Halloween Bash** **Double Door**, 9pm, \$10. Local rockers get to be the boss of their own party.

'80s Halloween Martini Park. 9pm, \$TBA. The nightclub for grown-ups sticks with the surefire '80s theme for a Halloween shindig. The Spazmatics cover band plays live, and there's cash for the best '80s costume. We have suggestions, but those'll cost you.

Jeremy Irons doesn't show up. At **Smart Bar**, lovers of that **Mad Decent-style** bounce can thump to M.I.A.'s pal in **Baltimore Blackstar** and Florida dancehall maniacs **South Rakkas** Crew without sacrificing the pleasure of a costume contest at **A Mad Decent Halloween Special**.

Get spanked
The freakiest party of all might be uptown at **Kinetic Playground** on Saturday 1. **A Date With The Dead 2008 Fetish Ball** features a fetish fashion show, hard-core burlesque performances and a Day of the Dead-themed costume contest. **DJ Peter Propaganda** and **End spin industrial dance**—nothing

goes better with whips, chains and PVC, evidently.

Look good
The elegant downtown party people have a lot of costume parties to choose from. **Tony Macey** hosts his **32th Annual Halloween Celebration** at **Crescendo** on Friday 31, grown-up-friendly club **Martini Park** throws an '80s-themed spooky jam for those who haven't kept up on the last few decades, and the **W Hotel** throws a **Haunted Hotel Halloween Costume Ball** with **Pacha** residents **Richie Santana** and **Peter Bailey** spinning. **True Halloween** maniacs will end up grooving on a boat at **4am** with the **Black Pearl: After Hours Cruise**. —JD

you're sporting the weapon of choice. Once you're inside, it's a labor of love and looking successful. This month, the theme is "right in the middle" (see **Music**).

■ **The Gallery 1** **Free**, 9pm, \$20, **free before 12pm with K.S.V.P.** **clubbed@realtime.net**. **River North** clubs come and go, but somehow this adult-friendly joint hangs in with some combination of exclusivity, good-looking grown-ups and lively, energetic house sets from **Billy the Kid**, **Terrel**, **Ceremonio** and friends. At closing time, the party moves to **Shine Lounge**.

■ **Ghostly Gala** **Free** **West. Time TBA**, 9pm, **cost@ghostgala.net** for tickets and information. **Ballroom** is the new **New Year's** Close enough. This gala is open-bar and open-house with DJ services from **MTV's Patrick Neill**. **Comedian**: We have no idea who that is or what an **MTV DJ** does. **VJ**?

■ **Hallo-Weekend Exceptioner's Ball VII** **9pm, \$7.00**. When it comes to Halloween bang for the buck, the **Vintage Exaltar** megadub has a number of points in its favor. The club is in a ghost-infested, cast-iron, historic structure, and the cover tends to be a bit strange. This weekend, it's unlikable atmospheric monsters on the multiroomed building and offering thousands in prizes both nights.

■ **Halloweekend 2008** **See The 30**.
■ **FREE Hard Rock after Hard Work** **See The 30**.

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