



Clockwise from top left: Alex and Sera-Lys at the Lyric Stage Project launch; Traci Myles and Duke Stevenson at Trunk Gallery opening; Swollen Members' Prevail with Razer TV's 969 host Lauren Toyota at 'Spot on Denmark' during New Music West; Tobi and Yanielkis at Dragon-I; (front, left to right): BCLC casino marketing specialist Alex Lee, poker pro Lacey Jones, BCLC corporate communications officer Angela Koulyras, (back, left to right): poker pro Gavin Smith, BCLC senior table games specialist Danny Chang, and poker pros Johnny Chan and Brad "Yukon" Booth; Dipt and Offshoot West Agency owner Jeff Martini with Dipt employee Jonathan. Photos by Raj Taneja, Margarita Banting and Mark Kinskofer.

#### 05.02.07 NEW MUSIC WEST FASHION & MUSIC SHOWCASE

The NewMusicWest music and fashion showcase/launch party took over Bar None in Yaletown on May 2nd, produced by Seattle's *MF Magazine*. Attendees **Erik Schultz** (*MF Magazine*), **Jessica Reddy** (Razer 969), **Lauren Toyota** (Razer 969), **Axel Menzler** (AM Collections, Germany) and **Dominik** (Shoot Me Now) opened their minds to Bar None's remodelled cocktail menu, while scantily clad models in the event's second fashion show served as the highlight for the evening. *Raj Taneja*

#### 05.04.07 SPOT ON DENMARK VIP "SLAMMER" RECEPTION

May 4th **Pamela Groberman** PR hosted a VIP reception at Gaelor's Mews in Gastown, (Vancouver's original jail) prior to New Music West's "Spot on Denmark," which featured some of Denmark's brightest and best new bands. The band members of **Outlandish**, **Funky Nashville**, **Surfact** and **Vincent Van Go Go** enjoyed premium drinks including Tuborg Beer (Danish) U'Luvka Vodka cocktails (not Danish), and Danish bites from nearby Salt Tasting Room. Mingling attendees throughout the cobblestoned courtyard including Senator **Larry Campbell**, Rockstar Music's **Adam H**, CHUM TV's **Kerry Hittinger** and music veteran **Jim Byrnes**. The event was hosted by Razer 969 hottie **Lauren Toyota** and Swollen Members' **Prevail**. After having seen the defeat and elimination of the city's beloved Canucks from the playoffs on the previous night, someone asked Senator Campbell, "What's with the hockey beard?" to which the senator replied, "I'm cheering for Ottawa now." *RT*

#### 05.05.07 LYRIC STAGE PROJECT LAUNCH

Saturday May 5th the Lyric Stage Project held their gala introductory party "Xperience Of The Year" at Gastown's Lyric School of Acting. The event featured live performance art, well-costumed hosts and a rockin' disco. Vancouver's performing arts scene including actors, composers and models attended and celebrated their support for the project. Actor **Sera-Lys McArthur** as well as prominent social

photographer **Wendy D** enjoyed copious amounts of cocktails with friends and colleagues in what progressed into a hazy evening, one which included this reporter's random photography of pigeons on Vancouver's sidewalks. The first production of their project "Miss Julie/Dutchman" opened up at Beaumont Studios on May 11th. *RT*

#### 05.08.07 WORLD RED CROSS DAY

May 8th marked an important day for the Red Cross, with many of the 185 Red Cross and Red Cross societies around the world hosted special events in a global celebration. The day, known as World Red Cross Day, saw local support of Vancouver Mainland's Red Cross chapter at Irish drinkery Ceili's, which had hoisted a sign outside their entrance with the words "Celebrating Humanity." Inside, Red Cross volunteers and their friends filled the second floor of the venue and enjoyed a party that included live musical acts from the **Sketch Bros.**, **Heath Whitelock**, **Chloe Morgan** and **Crystal Cote**. *RT*

#### 05.10.07 FRASER @ THE OPUS

May 10th the Fraser Institute welcomed U.S. Ambassador to Canada **David Wilkins** (and his merry barrage of Secret Service) to the Opus Hotel for a discussion on Canadian-American relations. The charming ambassador, second of three guests for this year's "Behind the Spin" speaker series, entertained the power-packed audience, which included **Mark Emery**, leader of B.C.'s Marijuana Party. **Nick Geer**, former chair of the Insurance Corporation of B.C., **Doug Horswill**, senior VP for Teck Cominco, and **Sara MacIntyre**, director of public affairs and communications for NaiKun Wind Development Inc. Guests enjoyed complimentary martinis and wine while **David J. Rowntree**, managing director of Tricor Pacific Capital, and **Gayle Stevenson** of Credit Union Central of B.C., rubbed shoulders with **Hassan Khosrowshahi**, the founder of Future Shop and now chairman of the Fraser Institute. Emery, the Prince of Pot, is slated to be the speaker at the final in the Behind the Spin series, also at Opus, on June 7th. Series tickets are available at [www.fraserinstitute.ca](http://www.fraserinstitute.ca). *RT*

#### 05.10.07 TRUNK GALLERY OPENING

People shopping for a high-end car at auto/One can now go home with something equally as beautiful for their wall, with the May 10th opening of the Trunk Gallery. Gallery owner **Cecilia Jette** and friends **Roy Yen**, **Traci Myles** and **Duke Stevenson** enjoyed an engaging evening of drinks and celebrated one of Vancouver's coolest gallery experiences. What other gallery counts a rotating stock of Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Porsches as part of the day-to-day décor? Of the attendees, artist **Tanya Slingsby** and friend **Katja Ehlers**, dressed to the nines, certainly turned as many heads as the artwork itself. **Tania Prociuk's** Go Go Valet Girls provided complimentary valet for guests, with **Quince** providing cocktails and catering. The current show, "Colour, Line and Form," runs until June 10th. *RT*

#### 05.10.07 JOHNNY CHAN POKER CLASSIC VIP RECEPTION

Celebrity poker stars, media, and representatives from the BC Lottery Corporation and Great Canadian Casinos mingled at The River Rock Show Theatre for a VIP reception celebrating the launch of the inaugural Johnny Chan Poker Classic. Poker pros **Lacey Jones**, **Gavin Smith** and **Brad "Yukon" Booth** joined tournament namesake Johnny Chan, but we'd have to say the beautiful trio of **Lacey Jones**, BCLC's **Alex Lee** and **Angela Koulyras** stole the show. *Steve Waters*

#### 05.11.07 DIPT RELAUNCH PARTY

Dipt owner **Jeff Martini** and hundreds of loyal Dipt soldiers celebrated the store's relaunch after recent renos with a huge party at Mash it Up Fridays at Atlantis. More than 15 MCs wore the latest from six spring '07 streetwear collections, and walked the runway while spitting freestyles. Vancouver's urban, hip hop, streetwear and sneaker scene was out in force while Martini hooked up some serious giveaways and "made it rain" by throwing straight dollars in the air. Check out Dipt's new look at 819 Hornby. *True Dat*

**05.12.07 ARC 2'S STRIPPED VOL.12**

Fashion and entertainment guru **Andy Chu** hosted the 12th Stripped Charity Concert Series event titled "Girls Rock" at Ginger 62, which featured an intimate and unplugged session with pop punk princesses **Siobhan Duvall**, **Jessica Beach**, **Camille Miller** and **Rebecca Ramone** who each, in succession, ripped it. The evening's finale, Parasuco's summer fashion show, had attendees including The Beat's **Razaanah Ali** and **Barbara Beam** taking copious notes on what's hot on the runway. After the show concluded, organizer and promoter Chu graciously thanked the crowd, the performers and venue, and then announced the next Stripped Charity Concert would feature the theme "Pop," describing the event as a veritable summertime Mardi Gras. Last year we saw models being airlifted to the runway by helicopter — one can only imagine what Mr. Chu has up his sleeve this year. *Raj Taneja*

**05.12.07 FACTORY NIGHTS:RENAISSANCE**

May 12th a music and art extravaganza titled "Renaissance" erupted at the "just off Main" Snap Contemporary Art Gallery. The FactoryNights series event, initially scheduled to be held at the Chapel on Dunlevy Street, was moved to the larger capacity Snap Gallery at the last minute to accommodate the growing fan base. The evening's entertainment included the **No No Spots**, the **Gay Straights** as well as comedy by **Dylan Rhymer** and **Aubrey Tennant**. **Kate Twa's** acting studio provided a theatre performance and **Sha-boobie Boobarella** (yes, that's a real person) provided a burlesque act. To top it all off, event host **MacKenzie Gray** was dressed up and transformed into Andy Warhol, providing an over-the-top tone for the evening. Attendees included School of Mix DJ **Tyler Hazelwood**, actors **Olivia Rameau** and **Leela Savasta** (*Smallville*) as well as a packed house of fans and revellers. **Trevor Risk**, **Voltaic**, **Kizu & Kutfaster** and **Blondtron** finished the evening off with DJ sets that lasted early into the morning. *RT*

**05.12.07 DRAGON:I LAUNCH PARTY**

Canvas Lounge, the former location of sugarandsugar in Gastown, hosted the inaugural event in a series of inspired Saturday-evening club nights titled "Dragon:I." Host and promoter **Jens Marquardt** entertained guests with DJs playing alongside live bongo and saxophone while acrobats, courtesy **Vancouver Circus School**, tantalized the audience with their astonishing acts that could school anyone at Cirque du Soleil, anytime. Attendees including **Nisha** and **Sharhad Khare**, artist **Amir Aziz**, iSign Media's **Raymond Law** and Bar None's **Mike Shea** enjoyed the venue's art, the gorgeous crowd and the exclusive VIP area. *RT*

**05.14.07 THE BRAVERY OFFICIAL WORLD TOUR PARTY**

**Kim Hardy** and **Graham Pence** partnered with **The Bravery** on May 14th, hosting their Official World Tour Party at Century House. The full band showed up immediately following their show at the Commodore, and raised a glass (or many more) with fans and friends till the wee hours of the morning. Also in attendance were tour-mates **Test Your Reflex**, who recently joined The Bravery on the road after a red-eye drive from Detroit. *John Kelly*

**05.17.07 URBAN MIXER'S SECTOR 17**

On May 17, Yaletown's Opus Hotel hosted Urban Mixer's re-creation of India's finest district, "Sector 17." The event, which kicked off a year-long partnership between UNICEF and Urban Mixer, featured performance art with yogis from West Coast Hot Yoga. Inside the event, hostesses were dressed in traditional Indian saris, and hosts **Raj Taneja** and **Fred Lee** wore traditional Indian garb as well. During the course of the night, Rockstar Music's **Adam H** signed budding musician **Elise Estrada** onto his promotional roster, while attendees including SXIP Identity's **Dick Hardt**, A2Z Wireless's **Harpreet Gujral**, Fresh Strategy and UNICEF Volunteer **Marina Percy**, Arc2 Entertainment's **Andy Chu** and All-West Insurance's **Devina Zalesky** mingled in the beautifully transformed Elixir and Opus Bar. *Steve Waters*

**05.19.07 LARK NEW LOCATION LAUNCH PARTY**

On the evening of May 19th, throngs of fashionable friends and customers packed the new Lark boutique (now cohabitating with Jorg&Olif) for a housewarming party to celebrate their new space. Those in attendance included **Campbell** of Komakino, Beyond Robson co-editor **Peter Pimentel**, and The Commodified's **Craig Long**, among many more beautiful folks. Beer and a delicious concoction of champagne and Soho Lychee liqueur was served, with proceeds going to a local charity. DJ **Alan2600** spun some groovy tunes, while the clothing lining the walls solicited plenty of oohs and aahs — and lucky for us, owners **Dane** and **Veronika** had extra staff on board so people could try on (and purchase) garments in between cocktails. *Terri Potratz*

**05.21.07 THE KILLERS GREEN ROOM OFFICIAL WORLD TOUR PARTY**

**Graham Pence** can add another successful event to his resumé after partnering with **The Killers** to host their world tour party at The Caprice following their show at VirginFest. Upstairs at the club was an invite-only affair and the lucky few who were able to secure a VIP laminate got to mingle with Killers members **Dave Keuning**, **Ronnie Vannucci** and **Mark Stoermer**, as well as the members of **Hot Hot Heat**, **TV Heart Attack** and **The Sessions**. HHH lead singer **Steve Bays** world-premiered tracks from their unreleased album in a special guest DJ set, and The Sessions laid down a live set that was pure fire. I'm officially adding my two cents to the well-deserved hype surrounding The Sessions — these guys are really, really good. Attendees upstairs included DJ **CB Shaw** (who is blowing up States-side), newly minted Playboy Playmate **Brooke Windatt**, actor and music video hottie **Barbara Kottmeier**, Deep Cove Music/Mira Studio's owners **Tyler** and **Tara Pearson**, celebrity trainer **Anna Wong**, **Denyc Poole** and her **Flo-Go** girls, **Curtis Santiago**, promotions diva **Tracy King**, and Chop Shop owner **Daniel Hudon**. Hot night, good crowd, good vibes. *SW*



Clockwise from top left: Lark owners Dane and Veronika; The Sessions and Mark Goodwin mean-mugging at The Killers World Tour Party; Hot Hot Heat's Steve Bays and The Killers' Ronnie Vannucci at The Killers party; Graham Pence with The Killers' Dave Keuning at The Killers party; Olivia Rameau, Mackenzie Gray and Leela Savasta at Factory Nights: Renaissance; and Arc2's Andy Chu with performer Jessica Beach at Stripped Vol.12. Photos by Raj Taneja, Terri Potratz and Marc Andrew.