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Wednesday 17

Classic Noodlanding! *Paradiso*. Meat-market fun with indie hits, electro and alternative dance. See Wednesday 10.
FREE Bread & Milk *Winston Kingdom*. Hmm... bread and milk. See Wednesday 3.
Franco Gogo *Bitterzoet*, 21.00, €10. An evening entirely dedicated to the Gitanic legend that is Serge Gainsbourg. One of his lesser-known works, by the way, is entitled 'Sea, Sex and Sun'. Good song, *mais certainement!*

Thursday 18

Noodlanding! *Paradiso*. Alternative dance night with residents Willem and Arnold. See Thursday 11.
Bon Bon Amer *Bitterzoet*, 23.00-04.00, €5. Hopefully with more sweet tunes than bitter people.
Miko Presents New House Collective *Sugar Factory*, midnight-05.00, €8.50. Icon of Dutch house Boris Werner brings along other icons (Leama of the UK) and newbies (Immer of Eindhoven).

Friday 19 March

A la Canvas *Canvas*, 18.00-03.00, €12.50. A special edition of Canvas' weekly night, with Brian S, Terry Toner, Peter Kan, Egbert Jan Weber, Jules de la Courgette and more. You can also really live it up by ordering a ticket that includes a three-course dinner as well as your ticket to party.

***The Concert VJ Killed The Videostar** *De Nieuwe Anita*, 21.00, €5. DJ Pablo will mix live concert images from the '50s to the present day, from Johnny Cash and The Supremes right up to Beastie Boys and Daft Punk.

40 Up! *Melkweg*, 21.00, €25, *presale* €17.50. Grey-haired and wrinkly? Okay, so you don't have to be that old. But then again, there isn't a top-end age limit, so why not bring your granny along? Harry de Winter is the organiser of this old-school pop party, designed so anyone 40-plus can shake their arse like it's the '60s all over again. Let's just hope they don't slip a disk in the process.

MKM! + Toztizok Presents OCCII, 22.00-03.00, €6. Again, OCCII's press release ramblings never fail to deliver: 'fsssccum ssspazzm psssychedelic garage neat fassstuss gore anarchy' (about Japanese act Ningengou-kaku). 'Uses broken machinery and homemade synthesizers to churn out this hellish cacophony as much influenced by beats, cuts and scratches as by total noise' (about Holzkopf). 'Generate silence, amplitude/normalise and do some hard limiting' (about Peter Quistgaard). Yeah, hard limiting. That's clearly what has been done here.

***Below** *Trouw*, 22.30, €12. Levon Vincent (Novel Sound, New York) is the man to watch tonight. The New Yorker has been a steady and respected underground name and his understated, cool and sinister beats reflect that perfectly.

Weekend Warriors *Studio 80*, 23.00, €13. 'Weekend Warriors' is an awesome song by the mighty MGMT. Sadly, that's where the similarity stops.

***Struttin'** *Bitterzoet*, 22.00-04.00, €8, €5 before midnight. Strut your stuff to funk, soul, old-school and underground hip hop and a wee bit of reggae.

Popclub *Club 8*, 23.00-04.00, €7.50. DJs Joellefreak and Cleo & Vance will, evidently, play pop. Having said that, we doubt they'll have any records by The Soft Boys, let alone 'I Wanna Destroy You', in their record bags.

Que Pasa *Sugar Factory*, midnight-05.00, €10. The favourite of all the be-flared language students in town.

Saturday 20

Overboord *Winston Kingdom*. Alt dance, pop, rock and indie hits. See Saturday 6.

***Amsterdam Beatclub** *De Nieuwe Anita*, 20.00, €7.50. Amsterdam Beatclub always delivers the quirky, edgy, slightly cheesy stuff. Tonight with a live gig by instrumental surf band Spaceguards and surprise sideshows. DJs/VJs are The Scopi-Tonics.

Far Out *Canvas*, 22.00-03.00, €7. San Proper, Tako Revenga and Marco Solo are far out. Dude.

Club Rascal *Club 8*, 22.00-04.00, €5. Indie disco with hosts Dash and Bx. Maybe they will bring 'I Wanna Destroy You' by The Soft Boys.

***Ontrouw** *Trouw*, 22.30-07.00, €30. Trouw is keeping things hush-hush, but seeing as they're open two hours longer, there's a rather substantial fee, and rumours are flying about next-level shit, both in acts, decor and what-not, chances are the hype might be just worth it.

ErrorKrew *Studio 80*, 23.00, €13. Electro and techno courtesy of the ever-sharp ErrorKrew with Harvey McKay, SQL (live), Applescal (live), V-Neal and Kwik among others. Deddiekol is VJ.

Leviticus 20:3 *Club Up*, 23.00, €9. Beesmunt Soundsystem get all biblical. See Binary finery, page 61.

Heaven 17 at We love the '80s: Penthouse and Pavement, the 30th Anniversary Tour *Paradiso*, 23.30-05.00, €15. All I desire. Temp-tation. Keep climbing higher and higher. Temp-tation. Adorable creatures. Temp-tation. With unacceptable features. Temp-ta-a-tion. See Music preview, page 78.

CRITIC'S PICK The Grand Final of the Dommelsch TWST'd DJ Contest at Gemengd Zwemmen *Melkweg*, midnight, €9.00 + membership. Contestants have been whittled down from 160 to four, and all for a place in this, the grand final. This is a massive night. Literally – it spans both rooms – and musically? Well, it covers every type of electronic music going. Steve Rachmad is special guest. See Track list, right.

Click Factory *Sugar Factory*, midnight-05.00, €15. With DJs Isis, Mayaan Nidam and Stefano Ricchetta. So far so good. But what the hell is supposed to be made in a 'click factory'?

Sunday 21

Wicked Jazz Sounds Club Night *Sugar Factory*. Weekly jazzy dance night with DJs, live musicians and occasional special guests. See Sunday 7.

Monday 22

Cheeky Monday *Winston Kingdom*. Drum & bass at its best. See Monday 1.

Tuesday 23

FREE Ping-Pong Bar *OT301*. Defend your honour with pride. See Tuesday 2.
Live on the Low *Winston Kingdom*. Open-mic hip hop night, with live band, hosted by Complex and Kimmo. See Tuesday 2.

Wednesday 24

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Thursday 25

Miko Presents New House Collective *Sugar Factory*, midnight-05.00, €8.50. Tonight, the winners of the TWST'd DJ Contest (see Saturday 20) get to test out their skills in real life.

Friday 26

SUBBACULTCHA! *De Nieuwe Anita*, 20.00, €6. There will be a live gig by Railcars. To be frank, we've never heard of them, but it seems this Californian band delivers trashy noise with a Casio vibe. Distortion-heavy, to say the least.

A la Canvas *Canvas*, 22.00-03.00, €5.

Canvas's weekly night of dancing, tonight with Ventilator, Resol and Kid Sublime.

CRITIC'S PICK OWAP XL *Gashouder, Klönneplein 1 (westergasfabriek.nl)*, 22.00-07.00, €42.50 + fee. Acid, garage, house and club galore with Farley Jackmaster Funk, DJ Remy, RiskSoundsystem, Joost van Bellen and a live set by Hardfloor. Also a mystery 'misteri' guest will show up. Yeah, well, that'll probably be Dimitri, who not so long ago stopped DJing. The whole event oozes retro and that will probably be reflected in the crowd – people in their thirties and forties acting like they're 21 again. In other words: a MILF-hunting paradise.

Drukpers *Trouw*, 22.30, €12. Detroit, downtempo, disco and more with Brendon Moeller, aka Beat Pharmacy (Mule, Echochord, New York), John Daly (Feel Music, Running Back, Cork) and Mister Trouw himself, Olaf.

Secret Cinema Solo *Studio 80*, 23.00, €11. The night is called Secret Cinema Solo, which is fine and dandy and all that, but what the hell are Peter Horrevorts, Van Anh and Reiss doing on the bill?

Kill All Hipsters *Club 8*, 23.00-04.00, €7. Everybody knows that the ultimate anthem to kill all hipsters to is 'I Wanna Destroy You' by The Soft Boys. So pick up your hacksaw, load up on malt whisky, light a fag and let it rip.

***Genesis Special** *Paradiso*, midnight, €15. DJs Boombas, DSL, Breakbot & Jackson on the bill at this dance night, hosted by Rogerseventytwoandthewalk & Beesmunt Soundsystem. See Track list, right.

Beyond Rotation *Sugar Factory*, midnight-05.00, €9.50. The tag line is 'real house music, no sugar added'. However, with further descriptions like 'groovy & sexy house sounds' and DJ names like 'Jordy Lishious', we doubt the accuracy of this statement.

Saturday 27

Overboord *Winston Kingdom*. Alt. dance, pop, rock and indie hits. See Saturday 6.

Oh La La *De Nieuwe Anita*, 20.00, €6. Natascha Cloutier's famous French dance night returns yet again to Anita. Think more Gainsbourg than Daft Punk.

Elevator Passion *Canvas*, 21.30-03.00, €10. With DJs Houstree, Roy Verschuren, Jose Ibanez and Giom Misogi. C'mon. One of you guys *must* play Aerosmith at some point of the the night. You simply must. Please?

We All Love '80s & '90s *Panama*, 22.00-05.00, €12.50. There are people walking the streets of Amsterdam right now who were in fact born in the '80s. Even more chilling: people born in the '90s can vote for parliament. The horror.

Latin Village *Westergasfabriek*, 22.00-07.00, €34.75 + fee. Mega Latin party in all venues of the splendid Westergasfabriek. Besides the Gashouder, DJs and acts will play at Transformatorhuis, Westerunie, Westerliefde and Westergasterras. The line-up is appropriately mega as well, with genres shifting between classic Latin, house, urban, disco and club.

***Dial All Nighter** *Trouw*, 22.30-06.00, €15. Three Dial artists come in and therefore Trouw gets to stay open an hour longer. On the bill: Isolee, Christian Naujoks and Lawrence, aka Sten. Hamburg quality, people.

Kringtones *De Kring*, 23.00, €TBA. Once I looked up the lyrics to Ugly Kid Joe's 'Everything about You'. You know, 'I don't like a thing about your mother, and I, I hate your daddy's guts too, and I get sick when I'm around, I can't stand to be around, I hate everything about you!', etc. And then, at the bottom of the page, it was suggested to me that I 'send these lyrics to a friend'. Didn't seem like such a good idea. So I got the ringtone instead. Tonight, M-Cecile and Mulat & Friends DJ.

Our House Your Rush *Club Up*, 23.00, €8. Our house/in the middle of our street/our house/in the middle of our street/our house/was our castle and our

Track list



CHRISTIAN VUCHKOVIC

Steve Rachmad's top 5 tracks

Amsterdam native Steve Rachmad is an internationally respected producer, DJ and remixer, considered a pioneer of Detroit techno in the Netherlands. His deep, groovy style tends to rest on impressive strings, melody, funk and soul. He has also made over a hundred remixes, under various pseudonyms, for artists including Derrick May, Armand van Helden and Basement Jaxx. As a DJ, Steve sometimes veers in the direction of disco and electro, but his signature techno sets are what made him a regular at clubs and festivals the world over. See him at the grand final of the Dommelsch TWST'd DJ Contest at Melkweg on 20 March.

1. **Josh Wink** – Remixed and Peeled Part 1, Jimpster remix (Ovum)
2. **Robert Babicz** – Astor, Shur-i-kan remix (Systematic Records)
3. **Taras van de Voorde** feat. **Jelle Kuipers** – Skyline, The Youngsters remix (Wolfskuil Records)
4. **Josh Wink** – Remixed and Peeled Part 2, Benny Rodrigues remix (Ovum)
5. **Estroe** – High Maintenance, Beat Pharmacy dub (Connoisseur Recordings)

keep/our house/in the middle of our street. Actually, this is a Rush Hour label night. But hey.

UNK *Club 8*, 23.00-04.00, €8. Electro, techno, disco and house for 'fags & hags & friends', by Lupe, Wannabeastar and Michael Nunes. VJ for the night is Delitto Nova.

True Blood The Vampire Ball *Stadsschouwburg*, 23.00-06.00, €22 + fee. The new fest to celebrate the kick-off of the theme 'True Blood' season on Dutch television. (It's a rather awesome show, by the way: vampires, nudity and Southern accents, what's not to like? Although we question the necessity of a party at the city theatre...) Dress code: Sexy Louisiana Southern Vampires. On the bill are Cinema Royale, Marcello, Mr Wix, Wouter de Moor and more.

Sunday 28

Wicked Jazz Sounds Club Night *Sugar Factory*. Weekly jazzy dance night