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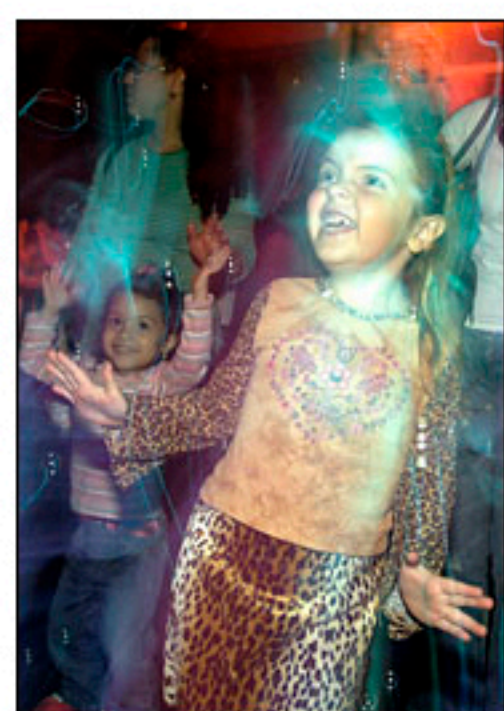
Born to Dance

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SOUTHPAW, a rock club in Park Slope, Brooklyn, doesn't ordinarily have a velvet rope. But when Kyler Charles made an attempt to rush the entrance on a Saturday afternoon, it could have used one.



Nicholas Roberts for The New York Times

Tara Bachmann, 4, dances at Southpaw in Brooklyn.

"She can't wait to dance," said Kyler's mother, Hermian Charles, as she blocked her daughter's jelly-legged run for the door. "She's a real club kid."

Kyler, 15 months old, wasn't the only one. Baby Loves Disco, a traveling 70's-style dance party for kids out of Philadelphia, drew such a crowd that shortly after the doors opened at 2 p.m. the party's founders, Heather Murphy Monteith and Andrew Hurwitz, had to start a waiting list. "We're over capacity right now," Mr. Hurwitz, 39, explained to a group of parents pushing strollers. They looked crestfallen.

Inside the club the dance floor was packed with toddlers, who squealed, wriggled and wobbled like bobble-head dolls to the disco classic "Funkytown."

"We never get to go to clubs anymore, so this is a real treat," said a woman in sneakers. She was admonished by her toddler son.

"No talking," he commanded. "Just dancing."

Anouschka Phillips, 11 months, bounced to the beat of "Ring My Bell" with her mother, Yasmeen Hoosenally. "I'm not old enough to remember disco," Ms. Hoosenally, 37, said. "But I did go to raves. They had pacifiers there too."

Up in the elevated "chill-out section," babies and toddlers lolled about and played with stuffed animals. "The floors have been triple washed," Ms. Monteith assured doubters as she glided by. "I'm a mom, and I'm as paranoid as any parent."

Maybe not: a few minutes later, as the opening notes of the Jackson Five's "ABC" started up, grown-ups looked up from their Coronas and Pirate's Booty in surprise. "It's early [Michael Jackson](#), so I think it's O.K.," a man concluded.

Soon the 70's funk segued into something more familiar to the "Sesame Street" set. "Happy Birthday to Aki, Sasha and Noah," intoned the D.J., Ayres Haxton, who is a host of the adult hip-hop party the Rub. The rotating cast of top D.J.'s is a reason parents flock to the Baby Loves Disco parties at Southpaw, at Cielo in the Manhattan meatpacking district and in Philadelphia at Fluid.

On this Saturday in Park Slope, William Weiss, 8, dropped to the floor and executed the break-dancing move the Worm. Everyone whistled and clapped.

"I used to be able to do that," somebody's father muttered.

Baby Loves Disco At Southpaw

125 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn; (718) 230-0236.

WHEN First Saturday of the month, 2 to 5 p.m.

GETTING IN \$10 a family, in advance.

DRESS CODE Itty-bitty message T's and funky sneakers. Those in spit-up stained onesies will not be turned away.

SIGNATURE DRINK Organic juice boxes, free.

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