



## DISCOVERING 11:11

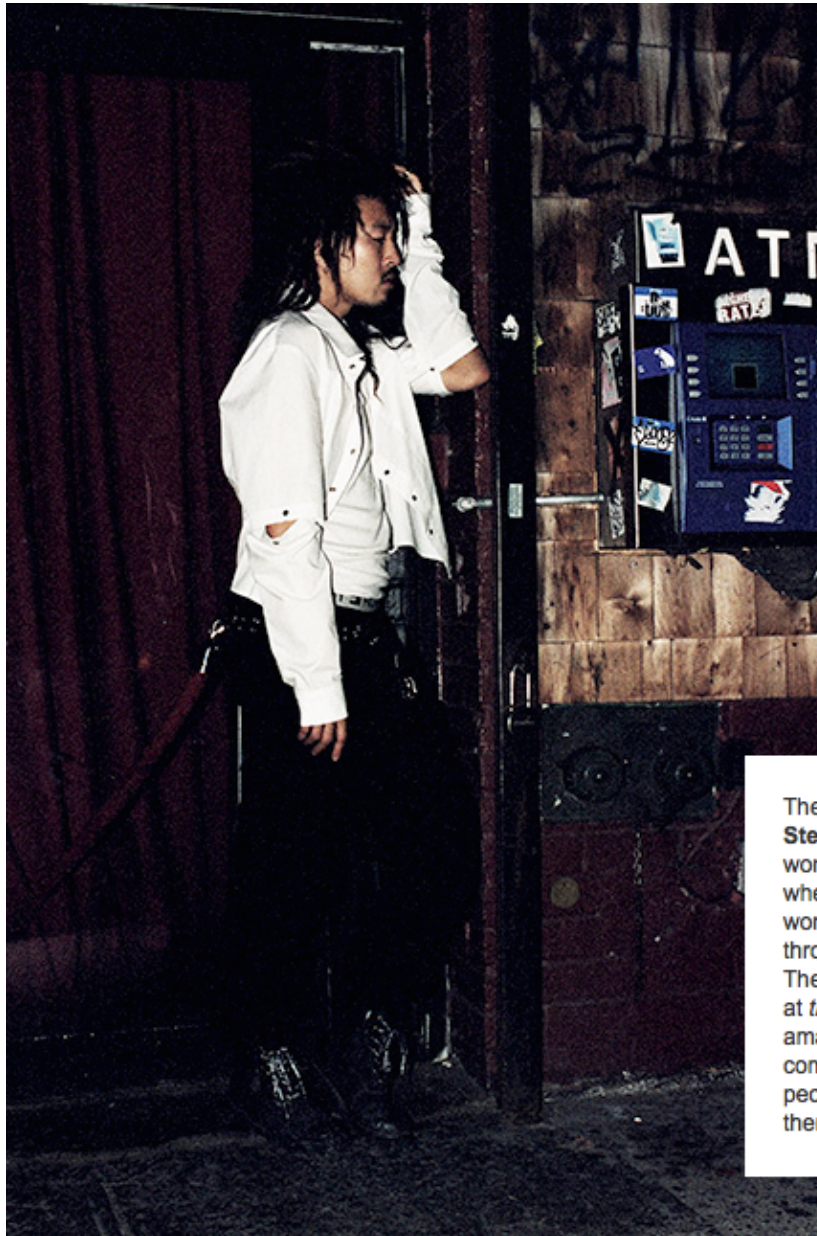
*New York nightlife is dead.  
Long live New York nightlife*

Just when New York City's going-out scene was starting to seem pretty darn moribund, along came 11:11. The brainchild of Ladyfag, the year-old party finds eclectic types descending on the East Village every Friday night—a typical evening is a bacchanal made up of drag queens, fashion industry VIPs, Bushwick dwellers, and more. "People come for the music and they come for the crowd," Ladyfag explains, when asked about her party's appeal. "There's that good clubhouse feeling going on, where once you're inside, it's this crazy, unexpected mix of people all hanging out, letting loose. It doesn't feel 'exclusive' once you're in. But," she adds, "I don't advertise and I don't hire photographers or anything like that, so it *does* feel 'exclusive' in the sense of, you had to discover 11:11 for yourself."

Ladyfag is quick to credit her collaborators for the party's success. Upstairs — where things stay relatively "civilized," according to Lady—erstwhile fashion publicist Florent Belda plays host, while Honey Dijon spins classic house. Downstairs, Michael Magnan helms the decks, and "Russian Dennis"—an original from the House of Field—keeps the wild-child scene from getting out of hand. Or, keeps it from *not* getting out of hand, as the case may be. "He's exactly what you want in a party host," Ladyfag notes, "because he's an utter professional but also a total disgrace." Can we get on the list?

*Photo portfolio by Rachel Chandler Guinness. Commentary on characters by Ladyfag.*

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There were a few months where **Stewart Uoo** just wasn't around. Was wondering where he disappeared to, when he called me and said he's been working on his sculptures and could we throw him an after-party for his show. Then he casually mentions his show is at *the Whitney!* There are just so many amazingly talented people in our community. I think nightlife inspires people, and in turn we're inspired by them. It's beautiful symbiosis.