

The Artists' Artists
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Mirror Mirror, *Interiors/Exteriors* (The Kitchen, New York) "Robert Melee's Talent Show" at the Kitchen provided the stage for an extraordinary synthesis of genres by Brooklyn-based band Mirror Mirror. David Riley sang "Interiors" (Jamstation remix) in front of a projection of Cockette Rumi Missabu, wearing matching dress and makeup by Lauren Devine. Meanwhile, a spandex "house" (also Devine's design) morphed with the movement of the performance collective Skint (Jessie Gold, Elizabeth Hart, Danny Johnston), who later broke free into a cancan; Ryan Lucero, his face distorted by a magnifying lamp, percussively clapped; and the Jamstation step crew (Christelle de Castro, Marlena Dionne, Saran Johnson, Jeremy Parker, Holli Smith) busted out during the song's rhythmic interlude. Radically disparate elements magically coalesced—the infinity effect of Mirror Mirror inside a Melee talent show.



Mirror Mirror, *Interiors/Exteriors*. Performance view, The Kitchen, New York, June 23, 2010. Photo: Diana Shungin.