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Hottest parties to bring in the Bells

GET your dancing shoes on for Hogmanay. Here's SFTW's round-up of the best New Year parties in Scotland's biggest cities to help you decide on which club to go to...

GLASGOW

THE ARCHES team have pulled out all the stops with a storming line-up including Aussie rave-rockers Pendulum, above, Radio 1 favourite Kissy Sell Out, local techno stars Sei A and Harvey McKay, plus the Colours DJs.

TICTACTOE is showcasing two acts from the ultra-hip Cadenza label - Mendo and Lee Van Dowski - at the awesome West Brewery building on Glasgow Green, and cult heroes **OPTIMO** are once again taking over the Art School, with JD Twitch and JG Wilkes playing in the main room and Nadia Ksaiba and friends in the Vic Bar.

The Sub Club's **SUBCULTURE** crew are hosting Chicago veteran Lil Louis and man-of-the-moment Radio Slave, while **MELTING POT** at the Admiral pairs New York's DJ Cosmo with underground hero Cottam.

The **NUMBERS** squad crown an incredible year with a big bash at Stereo featuring all seven residents together for the first time dropping house, techno, garage, dubstep, R'n'B and 80s classics. The La Cheeta Club has had a great 12 months,

and for tonight's party **STAY PLASTIC** and **SLABS OF THE TABERNACLE** join forces to host sets from Photonz and David Vunk as well as local talent.

EDINBURGH

MUSIKA is throwing the official after-party for the capital's huge Hogmanay bash, with a live show from German techno giants Booka Shade and DJ sets from Tim Green and Gary Beck at the HMV Picture House.

There's another huge bash at **CITY NIGHTCLUB** featuring Pendulum and Kissy Sell Out, while on an underground techno tip, **SUBSTANCE** is bringing the mighty Surgeon to the GRV along with a live set from local hero Neil Landstrumm.

KARNIVAL is teaming up with Cabaret Voltaire to host Too Many DJs and if you fancy dressing up, check out **TOKYOBLU'S** Masquerade Ball at The One Below where the house outfit are doing their thing all night.

HEADSPIN is teaming up with Mumbo Jumbo and We Got Soul at the Bongo Club for funk and soul-fuelled beats, while at The Caves, **DEPARTURE LOUNGE** is throwing a Hogmanay Carnival featuring 42 performers across a live Afro-Latin orchestra, brass band, samba drumming troupe, eight DJs and a hip hop PA.

● Email your news and listings to tom.churchill@the-sun.co.uk — Happy New Year!

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ANY COLOR BLACK: Wonderfully dark electro rock from a girl/boy duo recently featured on the soundtrack to TV's Being Victor. They've been working hard on their stage show and it's really paid off. anycolorblack.com

CAPITALS: The Highland double act's indie electronica has been turning a lot of heads. They're set to make a major impact. myspace.com/capitalsband

DOT JR: The "JR" stands for James Reeves, former bassist with Our Lunar Activities. Collaborating with some key names from the world of pop and R'n'B, he's even done a remix of the forthcoming Tinie Tempah single Wonderman. myspace.com/dotjrmusic

JULIA AND THE DOOGANS: Julia Doogan possesses one of my favourite voices in Scottish music. Having had the privilege of recording a session with her for my show on Amazing Radio, I'm baffled as to why she's not already a star. myspace.com/juliaandthedoogans

MIDNIGHT LION: From the ashes of one of my pet bands of recent years, Drive-By Argument, the Glasgow-based duo have already secured a record deal with Island. myspace.com/midnightlionmusic

MOPP: One of my highlights at T In The Park this year, Barry Mopp could end up one of the biggest stars in dance... or rock. A joyfully eclectic mix of sounds make Mopp a very exciting prospect. moppmopp.com

SAINT KILDA: This Fife outfit supported Oasis in a previous guise and have been cited as Massive Attack meets Oasis. I was gagging for more on the strength of just one



mesmerising demo track. facebook.com/saintkildamusic

RACHEL SERMANNI: The singer-songwriter, from Carrbridge, Inverness-shire, specialises in exquisite folk pop. Her recent duet with Tommy Reilly on his single Make The Bed is further proof of huge crossover potential. myspace.com/rachelsermanni

SHAMBLES MILLER: I've labelled him as Scotland's answer to Frank Turner but his politicised folk also has shades of Billy Bragg. shamblesmiller.wordpress.com

WEATHER BARN: Recent single Park Hands is a fine indication that the Aberdeen indie rockers are starting to go places. facebook.com/weatherbarn

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