



Clockwise from top left: Nikki Gertsch, Mike Tedham, Amy Kerr and Dax Droski at the Caprice 5 Year; Melisa Watson and Andrea Hugi at the Tunnel opening; Amy Chan at Envy My Music; Allan Calimbas, Pedro Serra and Carson Walker at Tunnel; Chip Wilson with his hearse outside his "wake"; Mike Desjardins and Tiana Krusel.

Tunnel Multi-Lounge opens, Chip Wilson is alive, Caprice turns 5

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ENTER THE TUNNEL MEDIA AND INDUSTRY LAUNCH

The newest addition to Vancouver's nightlife, Tunnel, opened their doors to VIPs and industry on Wednesday, May 28. Occupying what was formerly the Pic Pub on Pender Street, the 150-seat room had no shortage of passersby, who noticed a luscious lady in the street-level vitrine and tried to get in to sneak a peek. Owners Nick Nguyen and Jason Abu-Ulba, owners of Citrus Nightclub in Langley, have brought on Soul Good's Pedro Serra, the 2008 hip-hop promoter of the year in the Clubvibes Nightlife Awards, as manager. The VIP introduction for the launch event had a number of well-recognized faces from the Vancouver 'burbs, which makes one wonder if the "Tunnel" might also refer to guests that come through the various bridges and tunnels surrounding Metro Van. Also in attendance to check out the action: Craig Docherty, Zak Santiago, Skilla, Tyson Villeneuve, Jens Marquardt, Ruby Sethi and others. The room, which has a distinct aesthetic bearing resemblance to a tunnel, has regular weeklies already planned, including Shelter Wednesdays, Tunnel & Traffik Fridays and Lifted Saturdays.

ENVY MY MUSIC AT CELEBRITIES

Envy My Music, an international touring electronic circus event, hit Celebrities Nightclub on Saturday, May 24, with a bang. The event, hosted by Jens Marquardt's CanThrill

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Event Marketing, featured Skai from Groove Rebels, costumed dancers, acrobats, contortionists, gymnasts and a seriously hard-rockin' vibe that kept the dance floor full. Attendees like Jessi Johnson, Martin Spencer and Trevor Kramer, Leo Tioseco, Sharad Khare and Amy Chan immersed themselves in the vibe while Mike Shea, the managing partner at Bar None who dropped in to check out the event, was quoted as calling the party "crazy."

THE 10TH ANNUAL LEO AWARDS GALA

The Leo Awards, which celebrate excellence in B.C.'s film and TV industries, celebrated 10 years on May 23 and 24 at the Westin Bayshore. On the Saturday, we walked the red carpet with the nominated stars, including Ryan Robbins, Steve Bacic, Julie Patzwald, Colin Cunningham, Nicole Oliver, John Cassini, Gabrielle Miller and many more. Talking with attendee Matt Frewer, best known for playing Max Headroom in the '80s, we found out that the wildly popular digital character, who has been a spokesman for Coke as well as

the object of a number of interviews including David Letterman, will be making a comeback soon. Other attendees included Erin Cebula, Chloe Angus, Zak Santiago and Mo Dhaliwal. Of interest, Gabrielle Miller and Colin Cunningham won best dressed while Erin Cebula received an honourable mention by a distinguished panel of fashion-savvy judges, including *Vancouver Sun* arts editor Maggie Langrick, *FASHION Magazine* western editor Rebecca Tay and Dawn Chubai, host of CityTV's *Breakfast Television*.

CAPRICE NIGHTCLUB FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY — VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Five years is a lifetime in nightclub-time, and on Thursday, May 22, Caprice Nightclub hosted its five-year anniversary with an event titled "Valley of the Kings." For the occasion the venue was transformed into an ancient Egyptian kingdom where every detail, from the décor to the staff attire, set the ambience. New promotions manager Michael Tedham, known since his last posting at the Cellar Nightclub as the "Man About Town," and Dax Droski, who has taken over running operations for a number of venues managed by the Adelphia Group, were in fine form greeting guests and VIPs who attended the event. On the same note, Plaza Nightclub and the Caprice Lounge are currently undergoing renovations, with a number of changes intended to raise the bar for partygoers in Vancouver.

WAKE FOR CHIP WILSON AT RELISH

The "Chip's Not Dead Yet" Memorial Mile will take place on June 20 and is likely to be labelled the funniest charity run ever. The creative for the event shows Chip Wilson, founder of the wildly successful and popular yoga clothing line Lululemon, juxtaposed over a coffin, hands outstretched and curled, looking somewhat zombie-like, with a scream bubble stating "Run for your Life!" Wilson, transported by hearse (a vintage 1932 hearse at that), showed up to the launch event at Relish restaurant on Thursday, May 22, in a casket. Six shirtless pallbearers, dressed up like they were part of a Chippendales troupe, opened the casket to reveal Wilson, alive and kicking — albeit a bit terrorized by claustrophobia. After a moment to reflect, Wilson let attendees, including bridesmaids, go-go dancers and superheroes, know that his intention is to bring awareness and raise funds for the cause (Children's Hospital) and at the same time have fun doing it. Fitness experts Neil McKinnon, Kevin Thomson and Michael Scott, who were at the launch, helped organize the event and are integral to the run itself, in which the winner will take \$20,000.