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BYRD'S EYE VIEW

BY HEATHER BYRD

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The long-awaited, celeb-studded grand opening party for Fuse, Opryland's new Vegas-style nightclub, took place over the weekend, welcoming hundreds of partygoers and even more

fans who lined the red carpet hoping to catch a glimpse of their favorite stars.

In attendance were: **Kim Kardashian**, who made her first-ever Nashville appearance looking gorgeous in a Dolce & Gabbana top and Rag & Bone jeans; former *American Idol* contestant **Diana DeGarmo**, who dazzled in a Betsy Johnson frock and said her secret to staying svelte includes walking her weenie dogs in the extreme Music City heat; Miss America **Ericka Dunlap**, who confessed to doing squats just moments before walking the red carpet in order

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Kid Rock on the ones and twos at Fuse.



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to get buffed up; dc Talk's Michael Tait; country cutie Danielle Peck; Backstreet Boy Nick Carter, who arrived fashionably late; Titans player Rob Bironas; HGTV's "Sparkle Josh" Johnson, who joked that he couldn't wait to get inside, find a pole and get on it; and, of course, Kid Rock, who hosted the party and took a turn on the DJ tables spinning hip-hop and classic hits from Toto, Bon Jovi, Van Halen and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

So how was the club, you ask? It's absolutely gorgeous, really. The place covers 14,000 square feet just inside the main Magnolia entrance to the hotel, and it's easy to see that no expense was spared in its development. There is a sprawling, red square bar in the center of the room, a sunken dance floor surrounded by booths and sexy go-go dancers on platforms, VIP cabanas with views overlooking the room and a lounge space with plush seating and warm, ambient lighting. It's definitely worth a visit.

Be sure to check out all the photos from the event at www.nashvillera.com.



Kim Kardashian glowed on the red carpet.

PASTIES AND A PONY



Girls just wanna have fun. Panty Raid celebrates five years in Nashville.

The dazzling dames behind Nashville's first burlesque troupe, Panty Raid, pulled off another jaw-dropping show before a packed house at Cannery Ballroom in celebration of the group's fifth anniversary.

The party served as a reunion of sorts, as all the original members of the troupe were present and accounted for. The show included performances from the dancers' closest friends, who broke out impressive new numbers and a few old favorites for the occasion.

Highlights of the evening included Bianca 13's super-sexed-up routine, which she performed in handcuffs and a blindfold, contorting herself into all sorts of positions to the sounds of The White Stripes' "Ball & Biscuit." If only Jack White had been

in the audience, we might have seen the pale man blush.

Special guest Rocky Roulette made two appearances on stage. He first donned a Colonel Sanders costume and stripped down to nothing more than a Kentucky Fried Chicken bucket, which he had loaded with feathers and a drumstick for one gal in the audience to snack on. Later, for the grand finale, he strutted out into the audience in full cowboy regalia, stroking ladies' hair while smoking a cigarette. Finally, he pulled out a pogo stick that was decorated to resemble a sparkling carousel pony and jumped up and down the catwalk while stripping down to a purple thong and sprinkling the audience with glitter. Now that, my friends, is a show.