

Disco balls, Divas, and Mayor O'Malley

Where were you in the mid to late 70's? If you were one of the elite crowd, chances are you were being ushered beyond the velvet ropes at a famed New York hotspot. The address was 254 West 54th street and the name of this venue was Studio 54.

Today, that club has been transformed into a theatre for a revival of Cabaret so the ambiance is a bit different. However, there is a spot you can visit for one special night that will recreate that hallowed disco hall of yesteryear.

On Sunday, November 16, Moveable Feast will be hosting its annual Fall Gala, *Studio 54*, and what a night it promises to be. This special occasion will be held at Baltimore's famed dance club, The Hippo, at One West Eager Street, beginning at 6 P.M. That night, the Hippo will be magically transformed into Studio 54, complete with VIP Room. Of course, there will be plenty of celebrities as well. We are extremely pleased to honor Mayor Martin O'Malley that evening, and our Honorary Chairs, Pat Moran and Amanda Johnson, casting director and costume/makeup designer, respectively, for film and television. They all are great proponents of Moveable Feast and other AIDS organizations.

Our celebrity entertainment that evening will be none other than Martha

Wash, disco diva extraordinaire. Ms. Wash, who began as a backup singer for Sylvester, gained her greatest notoriety as one of the Weather Girls with the smash hit, "It's Raining Men." She has continued her successful career as a performer and recording artist of club music, turning out hits like, "Everybody Everybody," "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)," and "Strike It Up."

Joining Ms. Wash will be Nicky Siano, the original Studio 54 DJ. Siano, who was one of the disco era's premiere DJ's, spun tunes all week long at the famed club. Interestingly, as the AIDS epidemic greatly affected the community that frequented clubs like Studio 54, Siano devoted himself to helping AIDS sufferers and wrote a best-selling book on alternative treatments for HIV infection, No Time to Wait. Nicky has also written "Dance," a screenplay currently being reviewed by major film studios and he continues to be a sought after DJ at events around the world. In any case, you better

wear your *boogie oogie dancing shoes*, because these two people are going to make you move, whether you're doing The Hustle, The Dog, or simply "Shaking Your Booty."

To help replenish your energy throughout the evening, Gertrude's of the BMA is preparing a fantastic menu for the event.

Other activities include our silent and live auctions, featuring fabulous items such as



Honoree Mayor Martin J. O'Malley

antique French and American quilts, original artwork, a signed Michael Graves chair, and an RSVP cruise. Emcee and auctioneer duties that evening will be performed by the lovely and talented Ester Goldberg.

Tickets for this event are on sale now and may be purchased online at www.mfeast.org, or by calling Jeff Burch at 410.327.3420, ext. 11. Ticket costs are \$100 each or \$150 for VIP tickets, which includes a special reception with our Honorees and Entertainers. Tickets will also be on sale at the door the evening of the event.

So, dig out your leisure suits, handkerchief hems, platform shoes, and rent a copy of *Saturday Night Fever* to polish up your moves. And when you run into Cher, Andy, or Liza, tell them Moveable Feast sent you.



It's Raining Men!
Disco Diva Martha Wash



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