



Studio Twenty One

For the bachata lovers out there, this post is for you. Bachata music has always been one of my favorite genres, since it was always played in my house as I was growing up. It's intimate yet sexy and a genre that most people dance to when it comes on at a party.

Two months ago, DJ Alejandro started "The Bachata Social" at Studio Twenty One (Studio XXI). It's an afternoon filled with bachata dancing, performances and even a dance class. "I wanted to give dancers an earlier party so they can come enjoy themselves and still be able to go out with their friends after," DJ Alejandro told Urban Latino. Studio XXI – located in the Flatiron District –

opened in 2010 and it's a boutique nightclub with comfy banquette seating, a full bar right as you enter the lounge and a beautiful view of Sixth Avenue. "It's set up like a vintage recording studio, the space is really geared for sound," said Gabriel Voytas, manager for Studio XXI. "The DJ booth looks like a recording booth and they have speakers in the seats so you can feel the base, like a sensory experience."



Bachata Social takes place every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Starting at 5 p.m. they have a bachata class by resident instructor, Jonathan Godinez. The class is great for those that want to spruce up their skills. By 6 p.m. the party starts and DJ Alejandro plays popular bachata hits, covers and even some salsa as well.



The fun doesn't stop there, around 8 p.m., Bachata Social has special performances either belly dancers, Afro-Cuban bachata or specials guests. That night LFX Dancers, Edwin Ferreras and Daniela Grosso gave an amazing bachata and pop performance full of energy. Throughout the night partygoers showed off their dance skills on the wooden dance floor while others ordered a few drinks and watched. One of my favorite cocktails was their mojitos (\$7) it was refreshing and strong. Bachata Social also offers food specials like sliders, buffalo wings and much more, prices range from \$6-\$15.



The cover for Saturday night is \$5 before 5:30 p.m. and \$10-\$12 after. When you pay the cover, you get a free admission ticket to Iguana Lounge in midtown that night. Bachata Social ends by 11 p.m., but if you want to keep the party going you can head to the Latin mix after party at Iguana's. You get two parties for the price of one, that's perfect for a Saturday night!



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