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Unicorn Meat NYC  
Presents the Wanderer: A  
Cosmopolitan Experience

remember: It's not quality but wild energy that makes this party. *Union Hall*, 702 Union St between Fifth and Sixth Aves, Park Slope, Brooklyn (718-638-4400, unionhallnyc.com). 8pm; \$5.

**The Black and White Masked Ball** Party throws par excellence Gemini & Scorpio riff on Truman Capote's legendary 1966 masquerade, adding a dash of daring with aerialists, a soupçon of swing music and, via a bevy of burlesque artists, a pinch of bottom to the writer's original recipe. Thankfully, the free-flowing champagne remains (for the first hour, at least). The dress code's strict; formal, ideally elaborate duds will help guarantee a swift entrance. *Irondale Center*, 85 South Oxford St between Fulton St and Lafayette Ave, Fort Greene, Brooklyn (geminianscorpio.com). 9pm–5am; advance through Fri 14 \$40, through Sat 22 \$50, at the door \$60, after midnight \$30, after 2am \$20, VIP \$80.

## CATCH A CONCERT

### Coldplay + Jay-Z

Say what you like about Coldplay's unabashedly anthemic brand of rock, but these Londoners have their live shows locked down, all the finely honed hits delivered with a winning mix of sincerity and stadium bombast. Add Jay-Z to the mix and as far as spectacles go, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more high-profile or impressive collaboration. *Barclays Center*, 620 Atlantic Ave at Flatbush Ave, Prospect Heights, Brooklyn (800-745-4000, barclayscenter.com). 9pm; \$49.50–\$499.50.

### Nas

From Queensbridge to Radio City Music Hall: So goes the success story that is Nas. Count on this fortunate local son to light up one of the city's most hallowed halls as he attests to the title of his latest album, *Life Is Good*. And don't be surprised if special guests crash the show. *Radio City Music Hall*, 1260 Sixth Ave at 50th St (212-247-4777, radiocity.com). 9pm; \$50–\$130.

### Punch Brothers

If you're in the mood for an uplifting end to 2012, you could hardly go wrong with the Punch Brothers: Newly minted MacArthur "genius" Chris Thile and his bandmates have plenty to celebrate following a year touring behind *Who's Feeling Young Now?*, their stellar third LP. If you're the sort who gets melancholy on New Year's Eve, Thile's thoroughly

# NEW YEAR'S EVE!

## DANCE TILL DAWN

### Unicorn Meat NYC Presents the Wanderer: A Cosmopolitan Experience

This party-tossing crew throws a wanderlust sort of affair, with Moroccan belly dancers here, a Malian kora player there and the ancient pyramids (or reasonable facsimiles thereof) right behind you. That's not to say it won't be a red-hot dance party as well, with Moby and All Day I Dream's Lee Burridge spinning the electronic rhythms. *Location TBA*. 9pm; \$60–\$110. Advance tickets available through unicornmeatnyc.com.

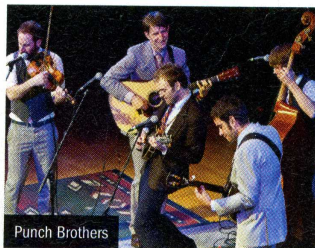
### Dances of Vice: New Year's Eve 2013

Shien Lee and her retro-minded cadre take revelers time-tripping into 2013, cycling through the '20s (9–11pm) and the swing era (11pm–1am) before landing in "The Rebel Age" (1–4am) of leather jackets and rockabilly rhythms. Veronica Varlow, Gin Minsky and Bettina

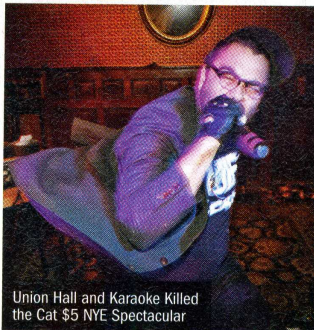
May are among the soiree's burlesque artists; live music is supplied by the Gelber & Manning Sextet, Morricone Youth and others; and the night's DJs include Miss Bliss and Rebel Night's DJ Sei. *SRB Brooklyn*, 177 Second Ave between 13th and 14th Sts, Gowanus, Brooklyn (dancesofvice.com). 9pm; \$40–\$75.

### New Year's Eve with Holy Ghost!

Brooklyn Bowl rolls into the New Year to the sounds of nu-disco, care of local hotshot DFA Records duo Holy Ghost! and its former tourmates Midnight Magic, a Billyburg-based disco revivalist band. VIP-lane packages include bowling, a bottle of champagne, an open bar and unlimited Blue Ribbon grub (e-mail events @brooklynbowl.com for more information)—but don't let the accoutrements distract you from burning up the dance floor. *61 Wythe Ave at North 11th St, Williamsburg, Brooklyn* (718-963-3369, brooklynbowl.com). 10pm; \$45.



Punch Brothers



Union Hall and Karaoke Killed  
the Cat \$5 NYE Spectacular

### Union Hall and Karaoke Killed the Cat \$5 NYE Spectacular

Chris Goldteeth and Lord Easy's weekly basement bash is perhaps the one party in NYC we can call off the fucking hook without cringing—so this bargain option, featuring specials on champagne, should be epic. If you're planning to perform, just

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"Walking past all the delightful street-corner Christmas tree vendors that set up shop in Manhattan. Then renting a Zipcar (zipcar.com) and driving up to the supermarket wonderland that is Stew Leonard's Yonkers (1 Stew Leonard Dr; 914-375-4700, stewleonards.com), where I actually buy my tree—those street-corner jerks have ripped me off one too many times. Great selection and prices, trees that don't die a week after you get them home and a perfect excuse to go to the Disney World of grocery stores."

