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Bhangra dancing

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Where can I go to dance to Punjabi bhangra music?

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Basement Bhangra
At this bump-and-grind party, the music is “bhangra mixed with a bit of hip-hop and dance—it’s a fluid mix of styles,” according to founder DJ Rehna. Arrive early (7–8pm) for free frozen mojitos or at 9pm for a dance lesson at S.O.B.’s, 204 Varick St @ Houston St (212-243-4940, djrehna.com), New 4 at 7pm; $16, advance $10.

Masala Bhangra
Even beginners and walk-ins will appreciate the flavor of this full-blow workout class. Creator Sarina Jain has a new routine for every session and says the dancing style is simple: “You pretend you’re at an Indian wedding and get your groove on,” she says. An upcoming treat: Choreographer Nakul Dev Mahajan of Ty’s So You Think You Can Dance will co-instruct on November 17 ($30). The Alley Extension, 405 W 55th St @ Ninth Ave (212-405-9500, masaladance.com). Mon, Sat 8pm; $15.

Bollywood Axiom
“The classes offer a combination of traditional and modern forms of dance,” says Pooja Narend, founder of the Indian dance school. Expect professionals in their twenties and thirties and students dancing to diverse beats, “from bhangra songs with a hip-hop beat to Bollywood songs with Latin flavor,” says Narend. 267 W 35th St between Seventh and Eighth Aves (212-372-2555, bollywoodation.com). Schedule varies; register now for season beginning Dec 6: 10 hours $160, 20 hours $260.

Desilicious
This club scene for young, gay South Asians brings in a broad range of dancers who gyrate to a mix of bhangra, Bollywood, pop and ’80s music. “We often have drag performers who arrive in full Bollywood regalia including sequined saris, bindis and jewels,” says cofounder Ali Toor. Touch, 240 W 52nd St between Seventh and Eighth Aves (212-713-5111, sholayevents.com), Oct 23 at 10pm; $20, before 11:30pm $10.

NYC Bhangra
Members of this traditional dance group are known for performances of bhangra and giddha folk dances at key events such as the India Independence Day Parade. The organization also offers beginner classes for ordinary folk, which are as intense as any other hour of aerobics—bring gym clothes, not saris. 500 Eighth Ave between 35th and 36th Sts (212-372-6001, nycbhangra.com). Wed 7–9pm; $85. —Sandra Flashe