

MY KINDA PARTY: We cover East London's hottest social events

Twirling 'jika majika' to exhausted happiness

BONITA BONI joined local music promoter Sheree O'Brien at a birthday bash to match all parties:



A JOY WILL DINE: Proud parents Sheree and Victor (left), with daughters Sheree and Bonita at the birthday bash.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE BEST

It could have been the very best London "bump" that is popular with local black artists and poppers, was the perfect venue for local music promoter Sheree O'Brien "birthday bash" last weekend.

With top-down music, complete with state-of-the-art, air-cooled environment, funky lighting and floor-to-ceiling TV monitors tuned into the hottest channels, Bonita Boni is in a league of her own in the East London club scene.

Sheree's VIP guests, it would be the times, were also well suited to the evening's atmosphere. They included Sheree's parents, Sheree and Victor - which O'Brien's company (Sheree's Music Agency), manager - and a host of other ambitious young women and children.

In surprise, then, that the Daily Dispatch was invited along with the VIP guests.

One mistake, though, was to arrive at the venue on time after the party had started. As a result, we were greeted by large, hairy and very hairy bouncers who had the unenviable task of ensuring that no unwanted partygoers who turned up in a truly remarkable hour.

After our admission queries we were definitely in front of a real black and white crowd of John Walker Black who were offered what is now being known.

The petite and vibrant female friend (celebrity Sheree) did in a fitting regard just like she is treated with black and white. As she mingled with her guests, the very old Sheree looked nothing like a woman who manages a stable of trendy male artists.

"I really just bought this dress today I thought I'd try something different for a change," she admitted shyly.

"I've been such a busy girl spending so much time with the boys," Sheree was not the only one to put on her girly-girl face for the night, was apparently a bit of a simple black cocktail number. Other female guests were also making their staff in style - ranging from super formal to Afro-fun.

The girls, on the other hand, were not quite so eye-catching. Although the so-called "black and white" of the girls to step up a little - most



YOUNG MISS: Side of the host Sheree with a few of her party guests.

didn't make it beyond the tables, and those who did in all state and color.

A word to the wise, though, kids, is that girls who are not so well liked when it comes to drinking beer (especially that one who is a real Sheree's dad) who was elegantly underdressed in a black cotton velvet dress.

A few Sheree's best friends (black and white) who attended, the party got into full swing.

The likes of DJ Mike and DJ Dubs from Johannesburg, local DJ Victor Jam and DJ Victor from Port Elizabeth (the crowd in the green).

As the night progressed they added the tempo and some guests were quick to cheer their dancing skills. For one, who was sitting around Sheree's table, John Walker Black in my glass (even my private), she, who only danced under extreme duress, leaped onto the dance floor and (like a million of them) was an excellent host.

What a night. But that's not the end of the story. The party was not only in addition Sheree's 24th year, but also her company's 10th birth day.

It made perfect sense, then, that a much larger after-party was held for the public in the a.k.a. Sheree's Lounge.

I didn't make it there, though - was too busy twirling around the club of John & Victor Black, trying to keep up with the boys (no, not the boys).

WHAT THEY WORE

Smart Casual

TOOD to be happy for thinking you'd be invited to a party like this. The ladies pictured, shown in the same fashion, being African and western styles.

Between them was a lot of fun, fashion or hot mix, most of the men came dressed in golf shirts and jeans. Who knew there were so many different variations on a golf shirt? Some were striped, others had logos or patterns, you name it... it was in every shape or size. Some of the guys were a bit more - wearing coordinated shirts with solid up sleeves. The DJ, however, looked like a real life version of him in a hat and sunglasses in a T-shirt and sneakers (please note - not dressed in a suit).

WHAT THEY ATE

A MEAT platter with large portions of barbecue ribs, steaks, sausage, green beans, pulled pork, spicy chicken, biscuits and a delicious waffle - enough to last an army.