

Boston

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Club, Live Music

Avalon You probably think of Avalon as a dance club. Well,

okay, it is a dance club. But it's also the perfect venue for live music, large enough to lend an arenaful of adrenaline to some of the biggest names in rock, but small enough so you can get up close and catch the sweat from the likes of Garbage and Rufus Wainwright. A recent multi-million-dollar renovation both increased the size and improved the acoustics. But it's still general admission—so just showing up early scores a spot in the front row. [15 Lansdowne Street, Boston, 617-262-2424.]

Club, Dance

Avalon This mammoth Fenway space is more than just a place for catching concerts. Come midnight most nights of the week, the venue transforms into the dance club of choice for Boston collegians and techno lovers alike. With an outstanding

lineup of big-name DJs from Junior Vasquez to Sasha, John Digweed, and Grandmaster Flash, an impressive sound system, and a newly redesigned VIP lounge called the Nu Room, the line behind Avalon's velvet rope is consistently one of the longest in town. Not to worry: The high-energy, any-

