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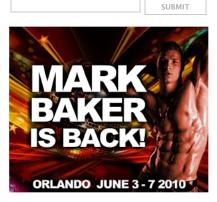
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(Joey Arias & Kenny Kenny @ Collective Gallery)

The cream of the nightlife crop turned out Saturday evening—not for the opening of a new venue but for the commencement of **Kenny Kenny's** photo exhibit, "Bon Vivant in New York" at the Collective Gallery (*173–171 Canal St between Mott and Elizabeth Sts*). The glam mixed with the seedy as folks like **Pat Fields, Amanda Lepore, Joey Arias, Malik So Chic, Cameron Nico, Ladyfag** and **Gazelle Paulo** hiked up the stairs to get to the whitewashed gallery.

Kenny's photos were split into two series embodying drastically different aesthetics. The first was a group dimly lit photos of **Jun Nakayama, Sultana, Lavinia Co-op** and Arias, among others, in vintage black lingerie laying in an around a sheer canopy bed. As Kenny told us he was hoping to evoke "a hymn to subversion to normalcy" with the German Expressionist-style images, the anything-but-normal PR goddess **Kelly Cutrone** snapped photos of him on her Blackberry. In the second space, black-and-white images highlighted the creatures of the night K-squared encounters on a regular basis. Running until June 15, "Bon Vivant" is a must for those who appreciate fantastic photography as well as the art of New York nightlife. –*Christopher Dilley*

additional photos c/o Collective Gallery

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