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Good Units Open at the Hudson Hotel

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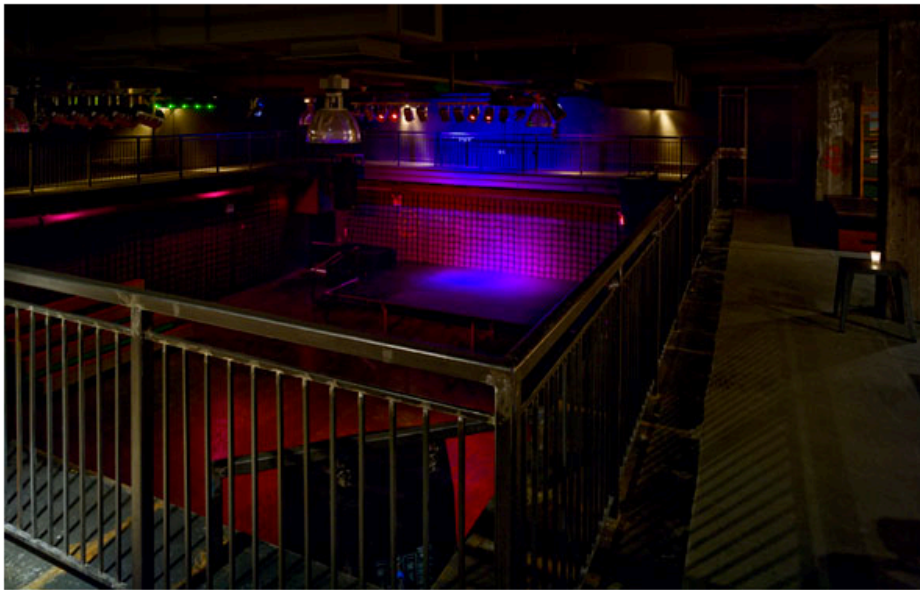
It smells like fun at **Good Units**, the athletic new event and performance space that interior designer **Robert McKinley** has created in a former YWCA basketball court at New York's **Hudson Hotel**.

McKinley, a veteran of some of the area's hippest interiors including **GoldBar** and the **Surf Lodge**, channeled vintage gymnasium interiors into the dual-level space that premiered during **Fashion Week** at the seminal New York boutique hotel originally created by **Ian Schrager**. Established to house high profile exhibitions, installations, fashion shows, film screenings, and corporate events, the 6,000-square-foot space is reminiscent of the set of Nirvana's classic Smells Like Teen Spirit video.



Vintage wood bleachers, period light fixtures, iconic sports posters, old cargo netting, gym mats, and original found graffiti abound. The early 90's grunge theme even extends to the staff uniforms of riot grrrl suspenders over vintage tuxedo shirts, cut off denim shorts and Dr. Martens, natch.

The space has already hosted several high-profile events like **Interview** magazine's 40th anniversary party and the launch party for **Patricia Field's Paradise Garage** collection featuring the work of the legendary Keith Haring.



"With Good Units at Hudson we wanted to continue to give New York something the city has never seen before," says Ben Pundole, vice president of entertainments at the **Morgans Hotel Group**, the company behind the hotel. "We created a dynamic space that can easily be modified to suit the needs of the fashion, music, film and arts communities, while preserving eclectic elements of the venue's past as a gymnasium."

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