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For those that missed last month's cover story, *Portraits of China*, we shared a collection of tales of China's past spanning various subjects from women with bound feet to survivors of Japanese war crimes. This time, we're traveling back even further.

In this month's cover story, *That's PRD* editor-in-chief Matthew Bossons takes us way back to a land before time. Travel to the age of dinosaurs and discover China's own prehistoric creatures, meet the famous Chinese dinosaur illustrator Zhao Chuang bringing them to life today and explore the future of the fossil trade on p. 38.

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Until next month,



Valerie Osipov
Editor-in-Chief

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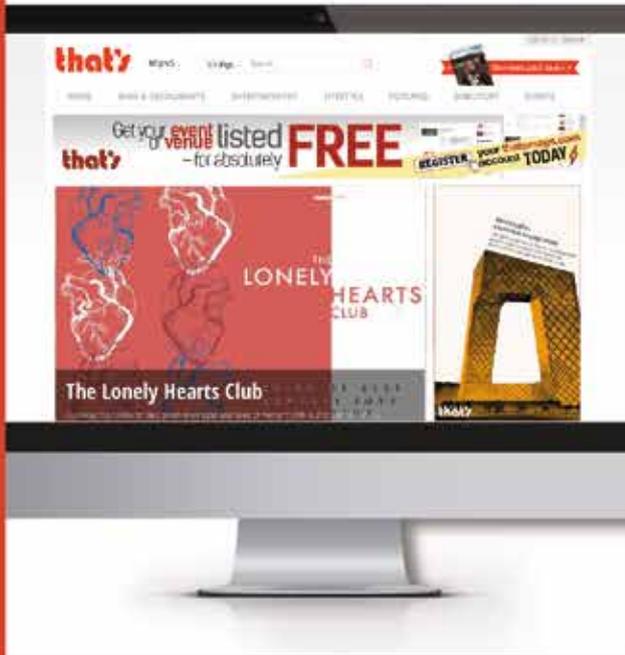
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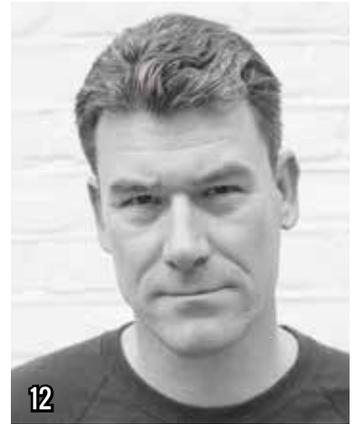
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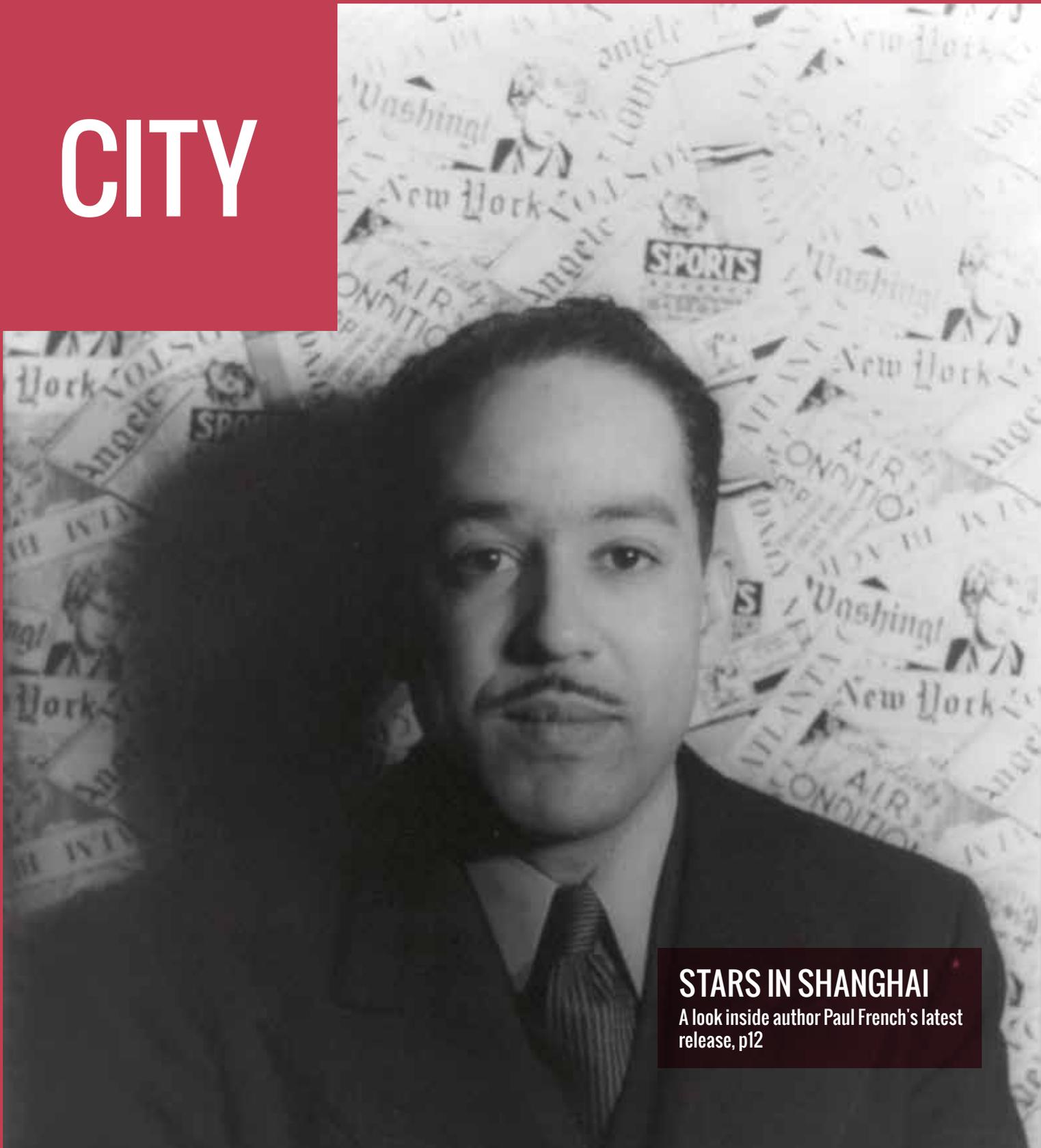
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JD.COM BUYS BEIJING HOTEL FOR A WHOPPING USD400 MILLION

by Edoardo Donati Fogliazza

Last month, JD.com bought a hotel in Beijing for USD400 million. And no, the e-commerce giant is probably not looking to enter the hospitality industry. The acquisition of 100 percent of the shares in the Jade Palace Hotel by JD.com, reported by South China Morning Post on Feb. 12, is instead most likely an attempt by the behemoth to gain a foothold in Beijing's foremost technological district of Zhongguancun. JD.com, China's second-largest e-commerce company and largest online retailer, told *SCMP* that the hotel will be converted into "a space mainly for technology innovation and commercial business."

The complex of the Jade Palace Hotel is in fact located at the center of the Zhongguancun technology hub in Haidian district. After starting operation in 1998 and even hosting delegations during the 2008 Olympic Games, the hotel reported losses totaling RMB47 million as of September 2018, according to online financial publication *Jiemian*.

Now, the structure will undergo a transformation that will turn it into yet another office building in the neighborhood that hosts, among others, the headquarters of listed companies Baidu and Sina. For JD.com, whose headquarters are now located in a 90,000-sqm complex

in Shunyi district some 40 kilometers away, this means attracting local talent and approaching the nearby university cluster that includes the world-renowned Renmin and Tsinghua universities.

Zhongguancun hosts the State-backed incubator project Inno-Way and is home to around 9,000 high-tech firms, including 79 start-ups that have reached a valuation of USD1 billion, according to the Hurun Greater China Unicorn List 2018.

The move came a little more than a month after JD.com announced a major restructuring of its management, traditionally revolving around the leadership of founder and CEO Richard Liu, motivated by the need to strengthen the company's "consumer-centered" approach. The company's shares have been volatile since Fall 2018, due to a sexual abuse scandal involving Liu.

THE BUZZ

GENERATION GAP

What do you think of China's emerging social credit system and the potential implementation of punishments like travel bans?

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"My credits are high, so it gets people like me excited because it gives us a sense of achievement and honor. It feels kind of like being rewarded if your credits are higher. It makes you feel special. I think it's

a reasonable system. It definitely motivates us to behave in a more socially responsible way, since things like our plane tickets are at stake! Did you know that you don't have to pay a deposit when you book hotels if your credits are high enough? My friend just told me about it. I hope one day I can reach that level."

ZHANG, 22



"I know that I have a social credit score but I never really thought about it or checked it myself. Honestly, on a personal level, I never really cared about it. However, as for our society, I

think it's a wise way to avoid financial and social issues. With the rapid development of technology and easy access to information, credibility becomes increasingly crucial. In this new era, the system is quite efficient. And I guess it's an acceptable way of measuring our social credibility. As for those who can't book or purchase flights and train rides, I think there are reasons why they can't. They must've crossed the limit and to some extent, they might deserve that. But of course, I hope everyone scores high on this system, because I bet not being able to travel freely must feel suffocating."

As told to Yuka Hayashi

WINTER WONDERLAND

Beijingers snap shots of the picturesque snowfall in front of Forbidden City.

Photo by Instagram user @jonba1



FACING THE PAST

Blackface, the problematic practice involving a white person wearing black make-up to darken the complexion, has tainted the reputation of numerous politicians in the U.S. lately. Now, another, China-based celebrity has come forward: China's 'most famous laowai' Mark Roswell (also known as Dashan) apologized on Twitter for appearing in blackface 25 years ago at a school assembly in Canada, his home country, during which he and some friends impersonated the American vocal group The Temptations.





“I swear I will never jaywalk again. Please don't torture me with horrible stuff like this”

...cried a jaywalker caught in the act in Shanghai and forced, alongside hundreds of others, to watch gruesome videos of accidents caused by the pedestrian malpractice. With this latest attempt at controlling the phenomenon, China has proven just how far it will go.

823 Million

...is the number of digital hongbaos exchanged by WeChat users over the course of the 2019 Lunar New Year holiday, a 7 percent increase compared to a year ago. Beijingers topped the list for sending and receiving the most festive digital money packets, with Guangzhou and Chongqing as runner-ups. Meanwhile, users born in the '90s both sent and received the most hongbaos among all age groups.

THE 12TH BOOKWORM LITERARY FESTIVAL

On March 15-31, The Bookworm will welcome back the 12th edition of its literary festival, featuring a stacked lineup of authors and exciting events. Over the course of the few weeks, writers and readers will be able to interact through a series of talks, panel discussions, workshops and live events, paying homage to the delight of reading. We've compiled a handy schedule of the events for you so that you can mark your calendars accordingly.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16

AI Superpowers: China, Silicon Valley, and the New World Order **noon**

Kai-Fu Lee | The Bookworm | RMB60

Betraying Big Brother: The Feminist Awakening in China **2pm**

Leta Hong Fincher, moderated by Yuan Yang | The Bookworm | RMB60

Sojourners to China **4pm**

Paul French, Jeremiah Jenne | The Bookworm | RMB60

Sunday, March 17

Which Way for Huawei? **noon**

Josh Chin, Elliot Zaagman | The Bookworm | RMB60

Gender Equality in China: Are We Witnessing Eroding Gains? **2pm**

Leta Hong Ficher, plus China Gender Experts, moderated by Amy Qin | The Bookworm | RMB60

WORKSHOP: "Based on a True Story" **2-4pm**

Paul French | MESH – The Opposite House | RMB200

Writing Contemporary China **4pm**

Suo Er, Ye Mei, Zuo Fei, Jennifer Fossenbell, David Huntington, moderated by Simon Shieh | The Bookworm | RMB60

The Art of Fact: Creating Creative China Non-Fiction **6pm**

Helen Zia, Paul French, Michael Schuman | The Bookworm | RMB60

UK and European Poetry Slam Champion:

Sara Hirsch **8pm**

The Bookworm | RMB60

Monday, March 18

Short and Complete: Stories Behind the Stories **8pm**

Colin Barrett, Shuang Xuetao, Peng Lun | The Bookworm | RMB60

Tuesday, March 19

Belt and Road: A Chinese World Order **1pm**

Bruno Maçães | The Bookworm | RMB60

Sham Marriages: Why Lesbians and Gays Wed in China **6pm**

Dr. Xiaopei He | The Bookworm | RMB60

The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong Un **8pm**

Anna Fifield, in conversation with John Sudworth | The Bookworm | RMB60

Wednesday, March 20

Global Scribes, Genres Galore **6pm**

Ana Filomena Amaral, Laima Vince, Avtar Singh | The Bookworm | RMB60

The Past, Present and Future of Chinese Hip-Hop **8pm**

Harikiri, Yi-Ling Liu | The Bookworm | RMB60

Thursday, March 21

Paris By the Book **6pm**

Liam Callanan | The Bookworm | RMB60

Under Red Skies: Three Generations of Life, Loss and Hope in China **8pm**

Karoline Kan | The Bookworm | RMB60

Friday, March 22

Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot **6pm**

Peter Crane | The Bookworm | RMB60

Saturday, March 23

Green Poems for a Blue Planet: Performance **noon**
Martin Kiszko | Ages 8+ | The Bookworm | RMB60

How to Get Published: The Agent's View **noon**
Kelly Falconer | MESH - The Opposite House | RMB60

The Untold Stories Between Science-Fiction and Science **2pm**
Xiu Xinyu, Emily Jin, Gu Di, Fan Zhang | The Bookworm | RMB60

Committing Journalism **4pm**
Hanna Sahlberg, Nathan Vanderklippe, Stephen McDonell, Sha Hua, Phil Wen | The Bookworm | RMB60

Graffiti Scrawled on the Heart: The Poets' Voices **6pm**
Stephanie Anderson, Marcel Gauthier, Jernej Kusterle, Scot Slaby and Lethokuhle Msimang | The Bookworm | RMB60

Spittunes - A Poetry and Music Collaboration **8pm**
David Bond, Matthew Byrne, Jaime Santirso, Liane Halton, Anthony Tao, Wen Liang, Lethokuhle Msimang, Solent, Jady Liu | The Bookworm | RMB60

Sunday, March 24

The Tale of Ping Pong Pig: Storytelling Session with Sarah Brennan **noon**
Sarah Brennan | Ages 5+ | RMB60

China's Sport of Choice: Basketball, Football, or...? **2pm**
Moderated by Mark Dreyer | The Bookworm | RMB60

Grief Works: Stories of Life, Death and Surviving **4pm**
Julia Samuel | The Bookworm | RMB60

Poetry x Music: The Last Tribe on Earth **6pm**
Anthony Tao and Liane Halton | The Bookworm | RMB60

The People's Republic of Desire **8pm**
Wu Hao, in conversation with Melinda Liu | The Bookworm | RMB90

Monday, March 25

Stress in the City: Playing My Way Out of Depression **6pm**
Enoch Li | The Bookworm | RMB60

Becoming Inspector Chen: In Conversation with Qiu Xiaolong **8pm**
The Bookworm | RMB60

Tuesday, March 26

Babies to Bookworms: Raising Kids to Read in the Digital Age **6pm**
Antoinette Portis, Sarah Brennan | The Bookworm | RMB60

The Door Opened: 1980s China **7.30pm**
Adrian Bradshaw | The Bookworm | RMB60

Wednesday, March 27

Geo Sci-Fi: Science Fiction and Regionality **6pm**
Regina Kanyu Wang, Peng Simeng, Zhang Ran (Taiyuan), Bao Shu (Xi'an) | The Bookworm | RMB60

The Muse Within: Drawing from the Diary **8pm**
Catherine Cusset, Zhu Wenying | The Bookworm | RMB60

Thursday, March 28

Translating China's Thomas Hardy: Jia Pingwa **8pm**
Nicky Harmen, Dylan Levi King | The Bookworm | RMB60

Friday, March 29

India: Democracy vs. Development **7.30pm**
Moderated by Huizhong Wu, with Anand Krishnan, Ray Zhong, Lu Yang | The Bookworm | RMB60

Saturday, March 30

Dragons in Swallow Waters: Love and Death in the Boxer Rebellion **2pm**
Clare Kane | The Bookworm | RMB60

The Dystopian, Paranormal World of Samantha Shannon **4pm**
Samantha Shannon | The Bookworm | RMB60

The Art of Creating a Collective - Discussion with Beijing Arts Collective Leaders **6pm**
The Bookworm | RMB60

Sinica Podcast Live Recording **8pm**
David Moser, Anthony Tao, and special guest | The Bookworm | RMB60

Sunday, March 31

Science Fiction in the Age of Algorithms **noon**
Feng Zhang, Chen Qiufan, A Que, Blake Stone Banks | The Bookworm | RMB60

Jade Life: An Englishman's Love Affair with China's National Treasure **2pm**
Andrew Shaw | The Bookworm | RMB60

NüVoices Podcast Live Recording: Women in Sci-Fi and Beyond **4pm**
Alice Xin Liu, Tang Fei, Ji Shaoting | The Bookworm | RMB60

QUIZ: The Bookworm Literary Festival **8pm**
Hosted by Anthony Tao | The Bookworm | Free

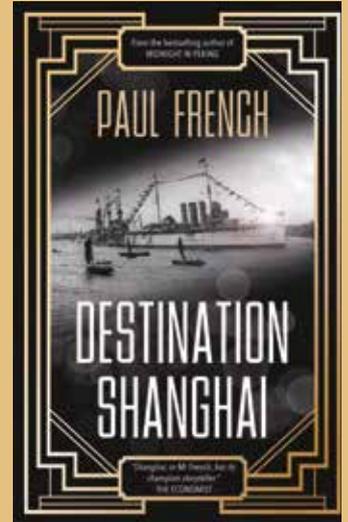
For more information, tickets and the full schedule, visit bookwormfestival.com.

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Six Famous Sojourners Who Made a Mark on Shanghai

by Paul French

How well do you know your old Shanghai sojourners? Over the decades so many foreigners – rich, poor; famous, infamous; European, American; dodgy, legit – came to Shanghai. It's hard to keep track of them all. A few have lived on in the city's consciousness: most have been forgotten. It seems everyone knows of the greatest geniuses who dropped by – Noël Coward (probably) wrote *Private Lives* in his suite at the Cathay Hotel in 1929; Charlie Chaplin and his new bride Paulette Goddard clowned for the cameras with opera star Mei Langfang in 1936; Einstein visited in 1922 to lecture on the theory of relativity and, of course, in 2017 Paris Hilton ate a *xiaolongbao*, called spaghetti Bolognese Chinese food, and said "Shanghai looks like the future!" Here are snippets of six of the 18 tales in the new book, *Destination Shanghai* (Blacksmith Books).



American playwright and author of *Long Day's Journey into Night* Eugene O'Neill tore up the town and then had a mental breakdown in 1928...

The pressures of being America's most in-demand playwright, and a long-running messy divorce, led O'Neill to flee Manhattan and head East, via France, to Shanghai. He was accompanied by his mistress, Broadway actress Carlotta Monterey. O'Neill hit the town hard; the couple fought like cat and dog until he eventually collapsed. Meanwhile, the world's press had begun a manhunt for the missing playwright. They eventually found him hiding out at the Astor House Hotel, whereupon one of Shanghai's biggest ever press and paparazzi scums ensued.



Actors Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford nearly found themselves banned from Shanghai in 1929...

In 1929, Fairbanks and Pickford undertook a world tour to sell the new concept of 'talking pictures' to the world. London, Paris, Geneva, Cairo, Penang... everywhere the streets were mobbed with adoring fans of the world's most famous celebrity couple. But the Chinese film censors had been unhappy with the portrayal of a Chinese character in Fairbanks's hit movie *The Thief of Baghdad*. They threatened to ban him from the country. A PR disaster of Titanic proportions loomed; Hollywood's representatives in China eventually sorted it out as the couple steamed towards the Bund, and Fairbanks and Pickford charmed Shanghai.



African-American poet Langston Hughes arrived in Shanghai in 1933, lunched with Madame Sun Yat-sen, and didn't think much of the YMCA...

Hughes came to Shanghai in the summer of 1933 after having visited the Soviet Union and Japan. Soong Ching-ling, Madame Sun, invited him to dinner at her house for a traditional Chinese banquet. Hughes found her irresistible. He later went for dinner with the writer Lu Xun. However, his search for decent lodgings was intensely annoying. The 'Chinese' YMCA accepted 'coloreds,' but the other YMCA (American-run), which Hughes's referred to as the 'White's YMCA' didn't. Understandably, Hughes was to remain bitter about the racist regulations at the YMCA for many years afterwards, and rail against their 'Jim Crow' policies in his famous 1938 poem, *Roar China!*



SHANGHAI



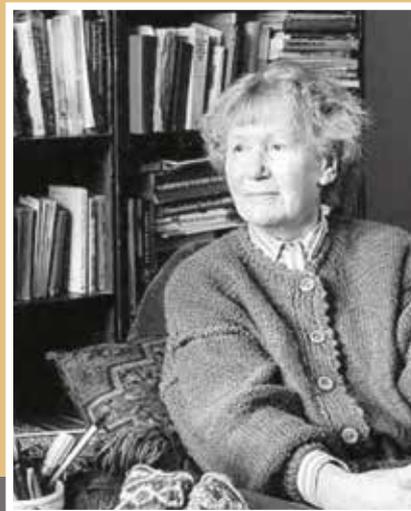
Sir Roger Hollis, former head of Britain's domestic counter-intelligence agency MI5, arrived in 1929, and was possibly recruited as a Soviet spy...

Hollis has long been considered by many to be the 'Fifth Man' – the British traitor, after Philby, Burgess, Blunt and Maclean – that was never exposed. In 1929, Roger Hollis arrived in Shanghai to work for British-American Tobacco. He regularly visited Zeitgeist Bookstore, a left-wing shop run by German communists. There he met well-known American left-wing agitator Agnes Smedley, who was recruiting for the Soviet-run 'Sorge Ring' of spies operating in China and Japan. After several visits, Hollis stopped going to the bookshop and stopped seeing Smedley. Soon after, he left the tobacco business and China, returned to England, joined the secret intelligence services and neglected to mention to them his old friends in Shanghai. Had he been recruited? Was he effectively a Soviet agent at the heart of Britain's spy apparatus from 1929? It seems highly likely.



Warner Oland of Charlie Chan fame was surprisingly welcomed to Shanghai in 1936 and presented with a moustache comb by the Mayor...

The Swedish-American actor played Charlie Chan on screen 16 times, including in *Charlie Chan in Shanghai* in 1935. That movie was so popular with Chinese audiences that Hollywood sent Oland on a promotional tour to Shanghai and Hong Kong. Chinese censors had objected to a lot of Hollywood movies and movie stars they felt insulted the Chinese people – Douglas Fairbanks, Harold Lloyd and, just before Oland arrived in town, his old friend and regular co-star Chinese-American Anna May Wong. But Oland was mobbed at the Bund arrival by fans. He was followed everywhere by admiring throngs throughout his stay in Shanghai. The Mayor of Shanghai threw a banquet for him and presented him with a moustache comb declaring him an "Ambassador of Good Will" from America to China. The reason for Oland's acceptance was simple really – Charlie Chan may have been a white actor in 'yellowface' spouting cod Confucian aphorisms, but he solved crimes by using his intelligence, didn't drink, and was a good family man.



Penelope Fitzgerald's *The Bookshop*, which has nothing whatsoever to do with China, was written in Shanghai's Broadway Mansions in 1977...

Fitzgerald, recently widowed, decided to take one of the first package holidays to China in December 1977. After visiting Beijing, the tour party came to Shanghai and stayed in the Broadway Mansions. The rooms were still steam-heated and horrendously stuffy; foreign guests were discouraged from venturing out alone to walk around the city. So Fitzgerald, unable to sleep, decided to stop writing her travel diary and start a novel – *The Bookshop*, perhaps her best-loved book. The story of Florence Green, a middle-aged widow, who decides to open a bookshop in a small English town was a bestseller. Florence, the Old House Bookshop, the eccentric population of Hardborough in Suffolk, were all created while a homesick Fitzgerald gazed out the window at Suzhou Creek, the Garden Bridge and the Bund.

As part of The Bookworm Literary Festival, the *Midnight in Peking* author will host a 'Sojourners to China' discussion on Sat Mar 16 at 4pm at The Bookworm and a writing workshop on Sun Mar 17 from 2-4pm at MESH inside The Opposite House.



xiaotianbing / xiǎo tián bǐng / 小甜饼 noun.
little cookie, someone who's born into a well-off family, has an easy life, is nice and popular

A Lily just got elected to be class president!

Good. She's got good grades and loves to help others.

B

A It must be good to be a xiaotianbing.

She once told me her parents taught her that studying was FUN.

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We all know this small subset of the human population: They are popular because they are genuinely nice, and they are nice because they've never been damaged. They were born into a good and well-off family. Their parents still love each other, encouraged them to do good things, knew how to give "the talk" and basically did everything right.

These rare humans are socially charming. They are trusting, warm and confident. Thanks to a good upbringing, they know when to be humble and when to be assertive. Thanks to a good education, others do not intimidate them. They have a lot of friends and are always making more.

They are romantically successful too. They know their worth and don't settle or self-sabotage. They have faith in love and can form long-lasting relationships, thanks to examples set by their parents. They then pass on their good fortune to their offspring. On and on it goes.

Meanwhile, the rest of us witness our parents struggling to keep it together, never got much encouragement growing up, and end up stumbling through life living on a few prayers.

We watch on as the lucky ones claim all the success, seemingly effortlessly. We enviously scroll through their WeChat Moments, which are filled with smiles and sunshine. We hate them but we can't fault them, because they never did anything wrong.

We end up giving up comparing ourselves to them and just place them in one group, which we call *xiaotianbing*, or 'little cookies,' because their lives are one sweet, delicious and warm ball of dough. You get a good feeling just looking at them.

A *xiaotianbing* has never been messed up by their parents, scolded by their teachers, abandoned by their lovers or fired by their bosses. Why would they? They are lovely! A *xiaotianbing* has three birthday parties with cakes and balloons each year. They get promoted each year. Their lives are always in good balance. They are excited to try new things and learn a new skill each year. They are going to make great parents one day. Their entire lives are a virtuous cycle.

Meanwhile, the rest of us stay up till 4 in the morning dealing with our own neuroses, get to work three hours late, beat ourselves up with guilt and take it out on our partners. Our parents call us and tell us they knew we wouldn't amount to anything. Afterwards, we open WeChat Moments, see a *xiaotianbing's* guileless smile and wonder where it all went wrong. **Mia Li**

ADVERTORIAL

GOING GLOBAL

A Q&A with Bernhard Wimmer, the New General Manager of NUO Hotel Beijing

What first sparked your interest in the hospitality industry?

Initially, after graduating, I was actually planning to enter the world of finance. I was about to start working at a bank and then suddenly, I had this perception of it – sitting at a desk all your life, doing the same work every day – it wasn't for me. At that time, friends of our family owned a hotel and I'd visit there several times, so, that's what sparked my interest. I wanted to work with people and travel around the world – so that's what inspired my interest in the hospitality industry.

In your 30 years of experience with international luxury hotels, what is the most important lesson you've learned?

If you want to achieve great things, which we all want to, you can't do it by yourself. You need to get it done with a team, so you have to surround yourself with the right people – that's the key. You need to inspire them and support them. As the general manager, you can't be the expert in every single field and knowing that you depend on your people more than they do on you is vital. It's

also very important to listen to your guests because they know exactly what they need. Additionally, you need to know what's going on in the market and have your finger on the pulse. Be a trendsetter – allow innovation and take calculated risks to come up with new ideas, but never lower your standards and cut quality.

How does the hospitality industry in China differ from other countries?

Take Europe or America – they have already exhausted their developments. They have many hotels and some of them are becoming tired. China is a very young market with opportunity to grow still. Hence, there are newer hotels that open here with new concepts, trends and designs. It's still possible here to expand further.

With your impressive resume working at hotels such as Kempinski, Ritz-Carlton and Shangri-La, what do you hope to bring to the NUO Hotel brand?

NUO Hotel has established its brand recognition very well in the past few years – not

only being known in Beijing, but in many cities in China.

The team has done a very great job and we must continue to do this. It's important to expand our image on an international platform so that it is recognized worldwide.

What makes NUO Hotel stand out?

Many brands intend to incorporate Chinese culture into their designs but the way that NUO Hotel has accomplished this has really exceeded many expectations. To combine within one hotel brand the local culture that you can see and touch right when you enter – such as the Ming dynasty vases in the lobby, our traditional spa and teahouse, with more international luxury elements like the golf and polo tournaments we host here, our weekend brunch at N'Joy and the innovative drinking experience at O'Bar, that's what makes the NUO brand unique – and is the key to its growth in China and internationally.



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Haven't been yet? Good news: Turkish Airlines just offered another reason for those

traveling from China to choose a transfer flight in the exciting Turkish metropolis. Passengers flying from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou to anywhere in the US, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Panama, Cuba, Venezuela, Europe and Africa, can opt for a stopover adventure in Istanbul.

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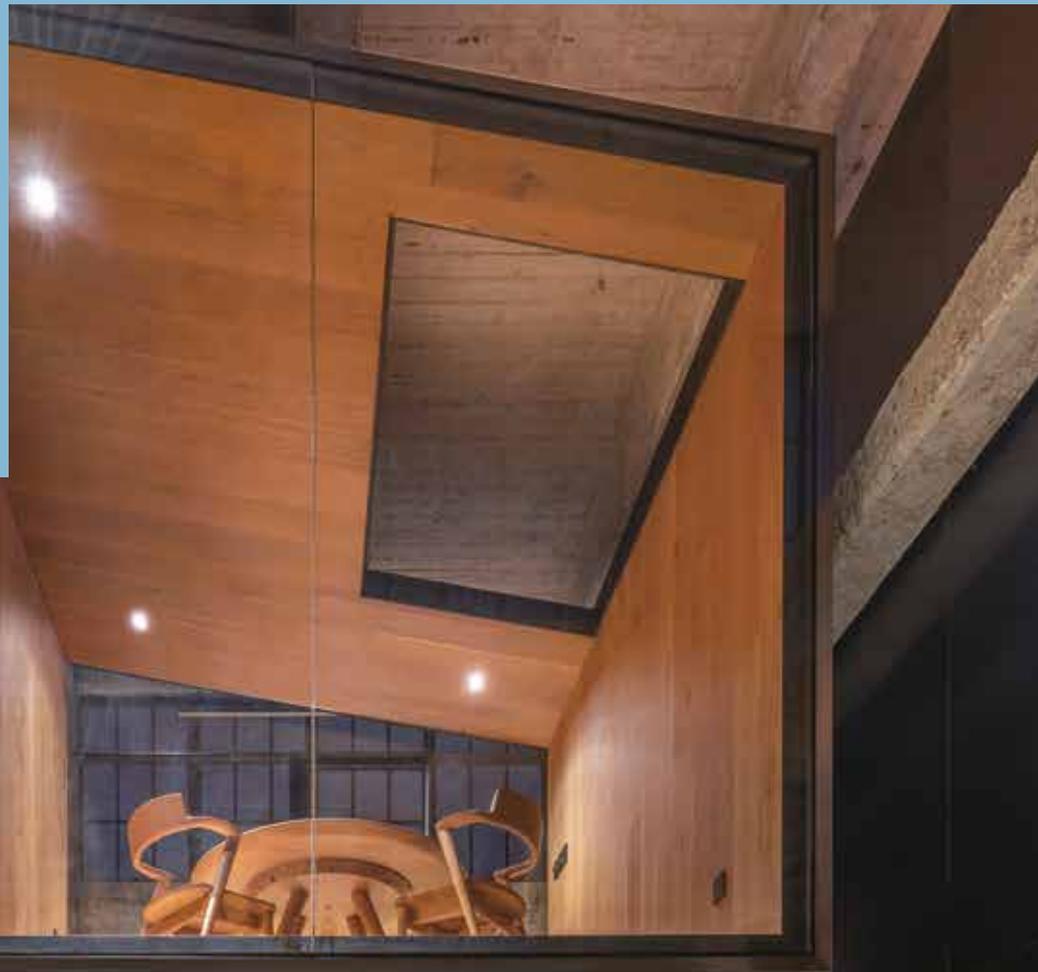
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ted no later than 72 hours prior to departure time). Once Turkish Airlines receives your request, you'll get a hotel voucher which must be presented at hotel check-in. (For those on stopovers of 24 hours or more, don't forget to claim your baggage in the Istanbul airport.)

The Turkish Airlines stopover provides flexible flight hours and is an option for all classes. There is no obligation of flying with your first connected flight. It's all up to you! But we have to say – there's no point in stopping in Istanbul if you can't enjoy the city, so take advantage of the chance to indulge in a mini vacation before the, uh, actual vacation. Who says you can't spoil yourself a bit? Enjoy all that Istanbul has to offer: Take in the legendary views of the Bosphorus, dazzling palaces and a rich selection of shopping and entertainment. Bon voyage!



LIFE & STYLE



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IAN DOUGLAS-JONES

Founder of Atelier I-N-D-J

interview by Dominic Ngai

Shortly after graduating from the Royal College of Art London with a master's degree in architecture, Ian Douglas-Jones founded his Shanghai-based design practice Atelier I-N-D-J in 2009. Since then, the multidisciplinary firm has taken on a vast range of projects from restaurants, shops and office spaces to lighting fixtures, furniture and art installations for clients around the world.

When did you first develop an interest in design and architecture?

My introduction to architecture came when I had completed my A Levels. Since I had always had an aptitude for drawing and enjoyed making things in my parents' garage, I took a job as an assistant for a local architect. My employer, Alan Seager, quickly became a mentor who guided me towards my degree, and helped me find my calling. To Alan, I am forever grateful.

You established Atelier I-N-D-J in 2009. Over the last 10 years, what are the major changes in the Chinese market that you've noticed?

There is certainly an awakening of design consciousness. Clients are looking for differentiation beyond basic price points, and quality, originality, creativity and a sort of 'tribal allegiance' through brand experiences is coming through, which is good news for good designers as the market segments further. There are also opportunities as other more pressing factors present themselves. The urgency of climate change means that there is increasing space for more cerebral and conscious designers to effect positive change, rather than design for design's sake.



“The urgency of climate change means that there is increasing space for more cerebral and conscious designers to effect positive change”

Your firm's portfolio spans many disciplines. Is there a common thread that can be found in your work across all these different mediums?

I think this is quite hard to pinpoint since we approach projects quite differently since they each have unique qualities. However, a common thread might be our approach and design methodology; we are always pushing the envelope to draw inspiration from other disciplines or areas.

It has been said that lighting is a dominant element of your design. Is this true?

Yes, I would say that lighting is still a crucial element. We have an upcoming project in the Shenzhen Metro featuring an interactive light installation that reacts to passersby, giving visitors a 'digital shadow' in changing colors and animation. Thanks to AI technology and the accessibility of complex programming, we can now do many amazing things with light.

Can you tell us a little bit about your latest installations for Design Shanghai?

This year, we have two installations, and we want to leave a lasting impression with both – not just a visual wow factor but also a con-

scious story that can effect change or raise awareness on particular topics. In this case, we're exploring the issues of species diversity degradation and climate change.

You've lived and worked in London, Auckland and Shanghai. How have these cities inspired you personally?

Global cities all share similar qualities: world-class restaurants, retailers, museums, galleries, real estate. However, what I've noticed is the disparity in 'quality of life.' Auckland was a real experience in that work-life balance is well protected, and taking time off is not frowned upon. Personally, I think people work too much and too hard in Shanghai. As a company, we try to channel the idea of working effectively so we have time for the other things we love outside of work. For me, connecting with nature is super important and needs to be nurtured while living in a concrete jungle, and we hold this as particularly important for children too. There is more to life than architecture!

See more of Atelier I-N-D-J's work on i-n-d-j.com

STYLE RADAR

UNDER THE LENS

UNDER PRESSURE

Following up on their successful ad campaigns about modern single women in China, SK-II released another online documentary titled *Meet Me Halfway*, which explores the pressure these women face during Chinese New Year family gatherings. The short film, which was released right after the weeklong holiday, details three young single women's physical and emotional journeys of meeting up with their parents for the first time after years of avoiding them during the holiday due to their relationship status. Through the film, SK-II hopes to inspire a dialogue between the two generations on their views of marriage, and to empower women to make their own choices and shape their own destinies.

> sk-ii.com



COVET

HOT SPOTS

New York Fashion Week has in recent seasons become the perfect opportunity for Chinese designers and brands to step onto the global stage (hello, Li-Ning!).

After the success of the infamous Laoganma chili sauce-themed hoodie in September, last month's edition of the event gave the spotlight to another old lady: Chinese-American designer Sandy Liang's grandma. Dressed in her granddaughter's leopard print fleece, which was dubbed by the *New York Times* as "the hottest jacket at New York Fashion Week," Grandma Liang appeared in the fashion section of the paper along with an interview with the designer, who said her that her grandma "low-key loved" all the attention she was getting at her show.

> sandyliang.info



OVERHEARD

"We don't live in a world of wanghong filters"

... commented one Weibo user in defense of Zara's new controversial makeup ad. The whole debacle began as an innocent promotion for the fast fashion label's new line of lipsticks, but a series of close-ups of model Li Jingwen's freckled face had some ultra-sensitive Chinese netizens extremely fired up. While some saw them as Zara's deliberate attempt to make Asian women look ugly, others applauded the authenticity showcased in these photos, adding that Li's freckles are actually quite cute. In an attempt to set the record straight, Zara put out an official response saying that these photos were shot under natural lighting and had not been photoshopped.





SCENE&HEARD

ESCAPE SPA

In the midst of all the noise and nightlife of Gongti, finding a quiet oasis to escape for a couple hours seems too good to be true. But what if we told you such a place does exist? Opening at the end of last year, Escape Spa is the answer to all of that muscle tension you've been shouldering thanks to those dreadfully long office days and restless club nights.

Helmed by health guru Tiffany Fang, who also brought you WeSlash, the boutique spa is located in one of the Yoolee Plaza buildings. It's nestled on the 10th floor, so you can take in incredible views of the hustle and bustle of Gongti from above, all while basking in the glorious tranquility of the serene little spa. With services like moisturizing facials, deep tissue massages and antioxidant body scrubs (starting at RMB399), the Chinese deco-de-



signed spa offers a luxurious yet affordable experience, with the utmost care and attention to detail during each transcendent treatment.

Begin with a sniffing ritual of a scented oil of your choice (choose from orange, lemon, eucalyptus, tea tree or lavender) and end with a dessert and tea ceremony – a harmonious blend of traditional elements and modern amenities. (Yeah, we'll say 'you're welcome' ahead of time.)

> Daily, 2-11pm; 1005, 10/F, Bldg 3, Wynn International, 21 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路21号永利国际3单元1005室(010-64620245). For reservations, add WeChat: 18500468897.



RIP KARL LAGERFELD

Many Chinese netizens were saddened by the death of Chanel creative director Karl Lagerfeld on Feb 19. Within 24 hours of his passing, the hashtag "How many Chanel pieces do you have?" became one of Weibo's 10 hottest trending phrases. Tens of thousands of Lagerfeld's fans have since posted about their collection of his work, while stars like Zhou Xun and Liu Wen also paid tribute by sharing their photos with the fashion icon at past runway shows and brand events.

WHAT A BUM



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Fanny Packs Make a Stylish Comeback

compiled by Dominic Ngai

Whether you call them fanny packs, waist bags or bum bags, what used to be the quintessential travel gear for grandpas and weird uncles have become the must-have accessories for cool kids and street fashion enthusiasts.

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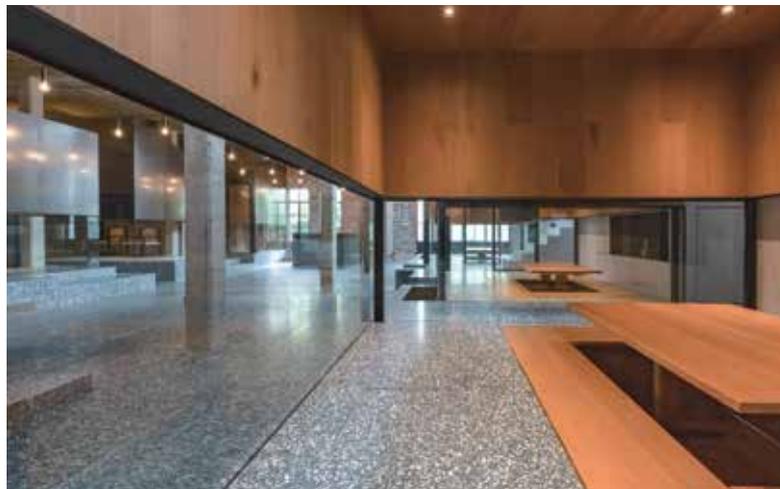


ELEVATED TEA RITUALS

From Deserted Factory to Modern Teahouse words by Dominic Ngai, photos by Kirk Weiblen

Project name: Tingtai Teahouse
Location: Putuo district, Shanghai
Area: 450 sqm
Design company: Linehouse
The brief: Tasked with transforming an abandoned factory space in the M50 Art District into a modern Chinese teahouse, designers stripped back the entire space to expose the concrete columns and brick walls and installed three new glass and stainless steel structures, creating double-height spaces with different levels of privacy for guests.

> linehousedesign.com

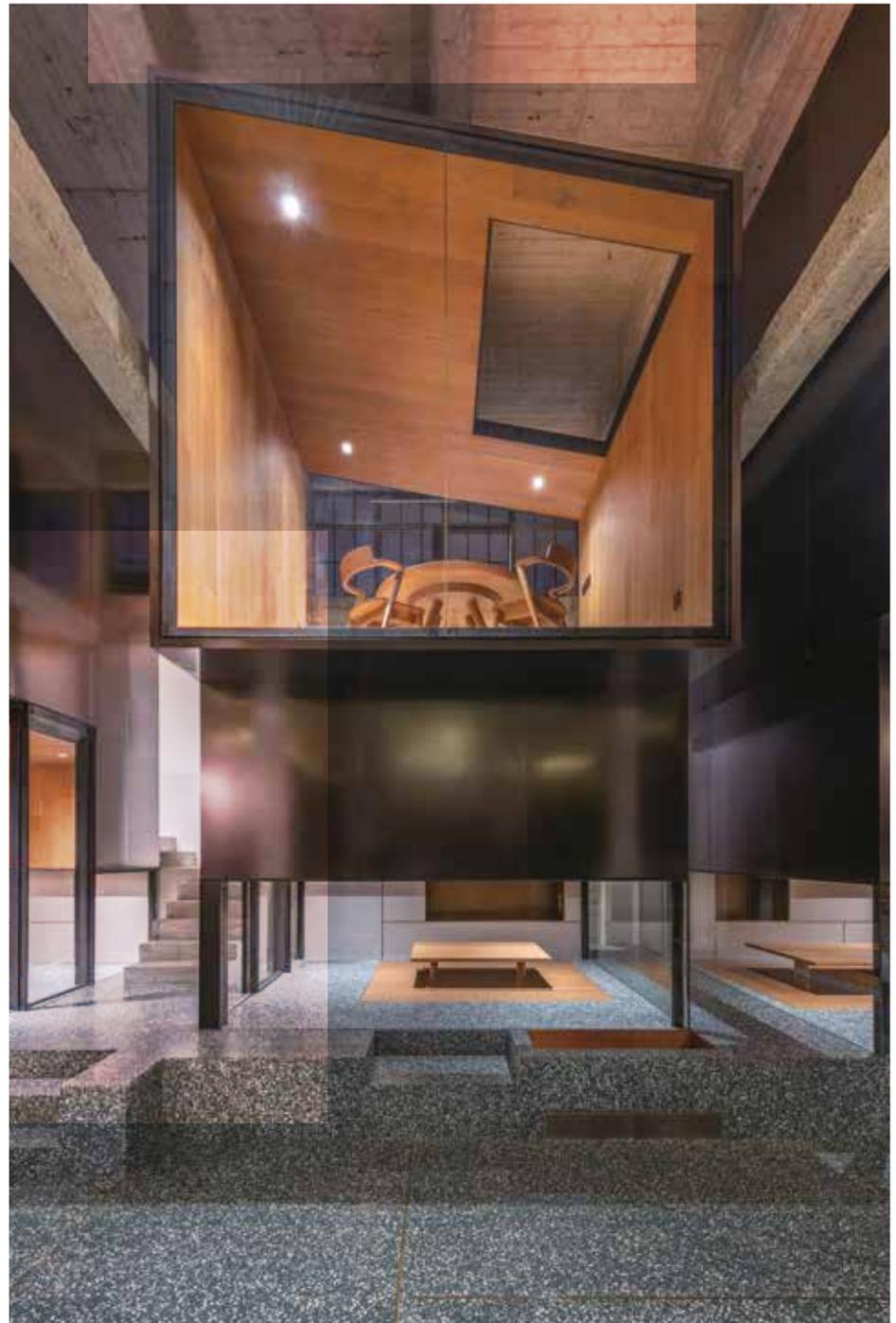


◀ The combination of green terrazzo flooring and smoked oak claddings and furniture adds warmth and coziness to the teahouse, creating a counterbalance to the gray tones of the stainless steel the space's original industrial fabric.



◀ The communal space in the center of the room can host temporary art exhibitions or workshops.

▶ Each of the three glass boxes feature two separate rooms. The top half of the lower-level rooms feature a stainless steel panel designed for semi-private meetings, while the upper-level rooms are fully visible from afar.



▲ Guests enter the teahouse via a floating staircase with white nougat terrazzo walls and flooring and fine green metal frames.



IN HER OPINION

Fashion KOL Tera Feng on What Life Is Like for an Online Influencer in China

interview by Dominic Ngai

In the two years since we first met her in late 2016, Tera Feng's career as a fashion KOL - or key opinion leader - has taken off and the Shanghai-based influencer now commands a following of 100,000 on Weibo, counting brands like SHANG XIA, Ms Min, Marni and ZUCZUG as her frequent collaborators. Just before she flew off to Milan and Paris for another round of Fashion Week festivities, we caught up with her again to see how her life has changed as her follower count has grown.

On becoming an influencer...

"I started in the fall of 2016, so it's been a little over two years. I'd been a stylist and fashion buyer, so dressing up and building a good look for myself has always been a passion of mine. One day, I realized a picture of me at a fashion week event landed on the homepage of WWD's website. One thing led to another, and here I am."

On a typical work day...

"The pace is always very fast. Most people only see the final products – the well-produced shots with us posing glamorously for the camera – but a lot of work goes into the preparation process. While every day is different, it generally involves a few things: meetings with clients and partners, choosing outfits and styling the looks for my posts, photo shoots, and attending press events for brands."

On the most important skills for influencers...

"Time management is crucial for my line of work, but you have to be flexible, too. I like to schedule things at least one day ahead of time, but I always leave some room just in case if there are last-minute changes or emergencies, and there always will be."

On her team...

"I don't really have a fixed team working with me. It's important for me to keep things

“ I don't think you need to stand out intentionally because everyone is unique ”

fresh, so I enjoy working with different people. For instance, I work with different photographers all the time. Bouncing ideas off of different people often yield some surprising results."

On how to stand out among other influencers...

"I don't think you need to stand out intentionally because everyone is unique. Brands usually select which KOLs to work with based on whether their styles and personalities are a match, so I do think knowing what your likes and dislikes are, what looks good on you and what doesn't, as well as developing your own sense of style are important."



On a recent memorable job...

"I worked with [Chinese e-commerce platform] SECOO to report on Milan and Paris Fashion Weeks. I flew to both cities attending shows, shooting, visiting showrooms, as well as interviewing designers and brand executives. Each day, I'd report back to the SECOO team in China and sometimes discuss the content until very late at night. The whole process was very efficient and the people I worked with were really professional. It was great working on that project together."

On her advice for those who want to become a fashion influencer...

"Think about where your interest lies and what your strengths are. Find a medium in which you can best express yourself. Whether it's writing, photography, modeling or styling, once you've locked down your 'weapon of choice,' start posting on social media outlets. The earlier you start, the better. Lastly, be persistent, as success usually doesn't come overnight."

Follow @Tera-Feng on Weibo, or @Tera_Feng on Instagram.



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MATTHIAS MESSMER AND HSIN-MEI CHUAN

The Authors on Documenting China's Borderlands

interview by Sarah Forman



“Borderlands are places where every event has implications for inter-state relations”

A picture is worth a thousand words, and finding the right ones to describe China is a project in and of itself. In spite of this, Matthias Messmer and Hsin-Mei Chuan have managed to capture some of China's more complicated narratives through their book *China at its Limits: An Empire's Rise Beyond its Borders*, exploring cultural dissemination and actualization through life at the edges of the country.

Where were you when you decided to make this book?

Our new book came to us while we were traveling for our last one, *China's Vanishing Worlds*. Once we landed in Hemu Village in Xinjiang, the ethnic community's provincial internationalism jumped out at us. The cultural complexities right away caught our attention, largely as a result of its location in China's northwestern borderlands. We were enchanted, but realized it was impossible to add other trips to our already packed travel plans, and we didn't want to simplify the topic.

How much ground did you cover?

China shares its 22,000 kilometers of land borders with 14 sovereign states, more than any other country except Russia. We made about two dozen long trips between 2013 and 2017 to the borders with North Korea, Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. Some trips brought us into neighboring countries, like our visit to Kolkata's historic Chinatown.

What was the actual journey like and how did you get from place to place?

We made weeklong trips from our home base in Shanghai whenever possible. Months

before, we researched the local histories of regions, read up, emailed experts or made phone calls to local offices, but sometimes, it was extremely hard to collect sufficient information in advance. We were once turned away trying to board a bus leaving for the Sino-Russian border crossing in Bikin after several days' journey to the Russian Far East. As a national of a third country, you can only cross the border in Pogranichny. It's 500 kilometers to the south. We became trained to spontaneously adjust our itinerary according to the reality of the situation. Our trip usually began with a flight to a border airport, followed by local trains and buses. Very often, we had to arrange our own vehicle to go to the more remote destinations.

What does your book present in opposition to what people expect of China?

We chose to study these regions from an interpersonal angle rather than from the perspective of cross-border governmental development projects. Of course, that's part of the big picture too... Borderlands are places where every event has implications for inter-state relations. They are often the first to experience changes in geopolitics. China's strength today arises largely from its territorial expansion during the Qing dynasty, and these pose challenges and potential troubles simultaneously.

Why did you choose to make a text and photo book on this topic?

Topography of underdeveloped histories can best be portrayed through imagery. We also hope to bridge the gap between scholarship and art, or between knowledge and sensibility. While writing this book has been more of an intellectual process, photography conveys emotions and feelings. Tolerance for ambiguity often struck us as an integral part of our experiences on the road, so we prefer not to impart a sense of absolute certainty. We let an abandoned cinema on the once military-administered Kinmen Island come back to life via a collage-like work. We let the late French consul Auguste François in Guangxi sit on a chair with his Chinese vis-à-vis, the Qing Marshal Su Yuan Chun, in today's Longzhou, where they together negotiated important border settlements on the Sino-Vietnam borders. We've taken the liberty to give their stories an individual face, and these photo collages are an important part of our effort to save fading memories from oblivion.

For more info, visit china-limits.net

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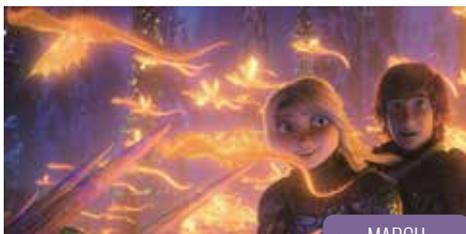
COMING SOON



★ MARCH 1 ★

Green Book

An Italian-American bouncer Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen) loses his job and finds work as the driver and hired strong-arm for African-American pianist Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), as he embarks on his tour of the Deep South. With *Green Book* in hand, a guide used by African-American motorists, the two learn to navigate their own expectations of each other and of the world around them as they attempt to navigate the racially charged climate of the 1960s. As they travel from state to state, the duo realize they have more to learn from each other than they initially thought in a timely narrative from another decade that perhaps isn't as distant as we'd like to think it is.



★ MARCH 1 ★

How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World

In the final installment of the *How To Train Your Dragon* trilogy, Hiccup (voiced by Jay Baruchel), the chief and ruler of Berk, has created a vibrant, dragon-friendly community alongside his dear friend Astrid (America Ferrera). But the sudden appearance of a female Light Fury coincides with that of the notorious and ruthless hunter Grimmel (F. Murray Abraham), and Hiccup must hatch a plan to fly Berk's dragons across the sea to safety. The protagonists end up on an epic journey to a hidden world that was thought to be a myth, revealing the true destinies of Hiccup and his winged counterpart, as dragon and rider fight together to protect everything they have grown to love and treasure.

WHAT'S NEW

Another Hustle



It's official: *Kung Fu Hustle 2* is next up on director Stephen Chow's to-do list. The mastermind behind *The Mermaid*, which brought in about RMB3 billion, first hinted at a sequel to the martial arts cult classic back in 2004. But aside from suggesting that the lead is likely to be female, little has been said about the project until last month, when Chow confirmed that the saga's next chapter is happening during an interview promoting his most recent project, *The New King of Comedy*.

HAO



The film adaptation for sci-fi writer Liu Cixin's novella *The Wandering Earth* hit theaters over Chinese New Year, and managed to rake in over RMB200 million in ticket sales as of Feb. 10. Directed by Frant Gwo, the film's success transcended international borders in what *The Hollywood Reporter* referred to as "China's first full-scale interstellar spectacular." While this isn't the PRC's first attempt at breaking into the genre, it's quantifiably its most successful, giving a new hope to local pioneers of the foyer into outer space and fictitious futures.

BU HAO



Famous actor Wu Xiubo and his former mistress, actress Chen Yulin, have come under fire after an open letter from Chen's parents was posted in January, detailing her arrest on "blackmail" and "violation of privacy" charges. The entire saga started after an anonymous WeChat post about an alleged 7-year affair between Wu and an unnamed woman, speculated to be penned by Chen herself, went viral. To stay out of the limelight, Chen left the country for some time, until reportedly returning to discuss settlement terms with Wu's legal team in Beijing, where she was immediately arrested upon landing. In the letter, Chen's parents say their daughter could face up to 10 years in jail for the WeChat post, reigniting a juicy sex scandal that has already seriously damaged the reputations of all parties involved.

THE PLAYLIST

'Come Down' (2015)
Wavves X Cloud Nothings

This collaborative track by the two US alternative rock bands is fuzzy lo-fi goodness.

'Day 1' (2018)
HONNE

The electro-soul duo sets the romantic mood with this contemporary R&B hit.

'Sabali' (2008)
Amadou & Mariam

Groove to the infectious rhythms of this Afro-pop tune from the Malian musical duo and couple.

'Don't Let Me Go' (2017)
Allman Brown

This hopeful folk-infused love song is from the British artist's debut album.

'Mademoiselle' (2016)
The Underground Youth

Mellow out to this laidback acoustic track by the garage rock project.

'Feeling My Heart Run Slow' (2017)
Paul Draper

The former frontman of UK rock band Mansun delivers a lively track bursting with frenetic energy.

Our favorite tracks from artists playing in Beijing this month. For full nightlife and gig listings, visit www.thatsmags.com

3/29	郑州	Fri	7LIVEHOUSE	4/5	沈阳	Fri	美帝奇音乐现场
3/30	北京	Sat	乐空间	4/6	大连	Sat	赫兹酒吧
3/31	天津	Sun	卓扬艺术空间	4/7	青岛	Sun	Downtown Bar
4/3	哈尔滨	Wed	SUB LIVE	4/10	济南	Wed	班卓
4/4	长春	Thur	音浪LIVEHOUSE	4/11	合肥	Thur	On The Way
				4/12	荆州	Fri	VOX LIVEHOUSE

GIG POSTER

Yue Space hosts indie rock quartet Chinese Football at the end of the month. The Wuhan-based rockers are touring in support of their latest release *The Game Continues*.

Sat Mar 30, 8.30pm; RMB80 (advance), RMB100 (door); Yue Space, 7 Banqiao Nanxiang, Dongcheng 东城区板桥南向7号

BIGGER, BOLDER, BETTER?

The Trials and Tribulations of Installing Large-Scale Artworks in Greater China

by Bryan Grogan



“I feel very passionately about... building the capacity for artists to take on a level of risk and experimentation in their practice”

In the immediate aftermath of the first Taipei Dangdai Art Festival, images of a massive installation titled ‘KAWS: HOLIDAY’ were beamed around the world, and many began to hypothesize about the potential for Taipei’s art market to develop in the same way that Hong Kong’s has. With the opening of H Queen’s in Hong Kong, the region has seen an influx of famed international galleries, but what’s really driven the development of the art market in the city is the presence of Asia’s largest art fair, Art Basel Hong Kong.

Followed by the establishment of subsequent fairs like Art Central in Hong Kong, West Bund Art and Design and Art021 in Shanghai, and JingArt in Beijing, China has in recent years become a necessary way station for collectors, art media and institutions alike. One facet in particular that tends to attract attention from locals and property developers is the integration of large-scale sculptures, paintings and installations. As Art Basel Hong Kong opens for its seventh edition later this month, we spoke with the folks behind the large-scale installations that are spotlighted in the main halls with *Encounters*, which includes 12 pieces across a 100-square-meter space.

This year, *Encounters* curator Alexie Glass-Kantor has put together works by a diverse range of artists and influences, including South Korean sculptor Lee Bul, Japanese in-

stallation artist Chiharu Shiota, Scandinavian duo Elmgreen & Dragset and Chinese artist Zhao Zhao. This sample set of four artists is wildly different, with Shiota’s yarn-based installations standing in stark contrast to Zhao’s floor work, which pays homage to the dead cats on the streets of Beijing.

This year’s theme is built upon the Maya Angelou poem ‘Still I Rise,’ an idea that occurred to Glass-Kantor after already having picked the pieces that will be included in the exhibition. The artists are ethnically diverse, represent a number of age groups and have starkly different approaches to how art should be made. ‘Still I Rise’ could reference nationality and political turbulence of some of the nations represented, the potential rise of the region itself or perhaps even the need to rise with changing tides and times.

Since Glass-Kantor took the helm, the number of pieces featured has dropped from 30 to just 12 pieces. That reduction accompanies her idea that those selected should be more focused and immersive, characteristics that have proven successful in the public art realm. It’s for this reason we’ve seen the expansion of K11 art mall projects, having recently opened their newest outpost in Guangzhou, and the success of public art manufacturing firms like Urban Art Projects in Shanghai. Combined with the growing interest at the local and international levels, one of the things that Art Basel *Encounters*

stresses when it comes to devising the makeup of their annual lineup is the inclusion of Chinese and Asian artists.

“I feel very passionately about the region, about advocating for collecting within the region and for building the capacity for artists to take on a level of risk and experimentation in their practice that can be supported by institutions and collections,” Glass-Kantor says. “Art Basel is a great opportunity to make space for artists to be able to produce ambitious works that can go into significant collections, which gives them support to invest back in their studios, in their local context, in order to keep producing and exploring the work that they’re making and the audience that they engage with.” Meanwhile, ArtReview Asia Xiàn Chǎng at the West Bund Art Fair, led by *ArtReview Asia* editor Aimee Lin and *ArtReview* editor-in-chief Mark Rappolt, has helped to bring large-scale installation pieces to Shanghai, while supporting Chinese artists looking to reach a larger audience. Lin stresses, “ArtReview Asia Xiàn Chǎng is not only about bringing international art to China. It also invites local artists to realize works at a specific location and to reach a different audience.”

This balance ensures that collectors, galleries and artists find Xiàn Chǎng’s setup mutually beneficial, while making the subsection and its installations a highlight of the largest art fair on the Chinese mainland.



Part of the reason why Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen haven't fully cemented their rightful place in the Asian art fair scene is partially due to the issues of customs duties, which have been well-documented. Lin also speaks to the difficulties of both transporting and setting up large-scale installations, and logistically managing the problems that come from working with older buildings and the physical absence of the artist. Non-Chinese galleries seeking to make an impact often wish to bring their best and most intricate works to be shown during *Xiàn Chǎng*, meaning Lin is sometimes tasked with communicating with artists via social media.

"Liam Gillick made a site-specific piece for the first edition, and we had to change the plan and material in order to install it. I worked with the artist via WhatsApp, and he had to trust me in terms of quality control. In the end, the artist and the fair team were all very happy."

Installing work is expensive and complicated, which only becomes increasingly true as they get larger and push further into three-dimensional formats. As the fairs and their capacity to exhibit large-scale works continue to grow, we're likely to see more installations crop up across China and on our WeChat Moments.

Art Basel Hong Kong runs from Mar 29-31.



DARK FUTURE PAST

Emo Undertones Mix with Maturing Anxiety in Post-Punk Band Cloud Nothings' New Album

by Sarah Forman

If you've ever been to a Cloud Nothings show, you'll know that frontman and founder Dylan Baldi has come a long way from recording the band's first singles alone in his parents' basement. Loud, frenetic and almost always playing to a room of shoulders ricocheting off each other, the indie-grunge rock group bares scant resemblance to their quiet beginnings of lo-fi, bubblegum emo punk. Nearly 10 years later, their most recent release *Last Building Burning* serves as another tug in the direction of a maturing, adult angst in an angry and energizing eight-track release that can be heard in live houses across China this month.

The band got their start when Baldi realized there was an audience hungry for the songs he was writing. Initially recording by himself, he and three others played live shows together, and after telling his parents he was dropping out of Case Western University to pursue a career in music, Cloud Nothings began to take off. In 2011, they released an upbeat self-titled album that sat somewhere between pop punk and alternative rock before turning towards a distinctly darker sound in 2012 with *Attack on Memory*, which earned them a whole suite of accolades from *Pitchfork*, *Rolling Stone* and *Stereogum*. Delving into post punk territory, the heaviness and discordant guitars would come to set them apart from other "technically talented guitar bands" and their energy a hallmark of albums to come.

After several releases in the same vein, their 2017 album *Life Without Sound* returned to their original, softer sound. With their newest one, however, the band pivoted in the opposite direction, giving new life to their fame-gaining frenetic energy, with an intense trajectory of anger and longing on *Last Building Burning*. "My opinions on everything are constantly shifting, so every time we make an album I'm trying to accomplish



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a different thing,” Baldi says. “I try to constantly learn new things and figure out new ways to approach stuff, so I think the music sounding different is just a side effect of that.”

The opening track is their most aggressive. It’s loud, fast, visceral and anxiety inducing, with guttural vocals that will get any crowd jostling, to say the least. It’s messier and more punk than anything they’ve previously released, toting familiar chord progressions dressed in a head-bang inducing call to let go. The outro mellows out, bringing a more standard sound for the band that fans will liken to what they loved about the earlier albums, but there’s definitely something different about *Last Building Burning* that speaks to a new and promising phase in the band’s development.

Their definitive albums all have one longer song like ‘No Future/No Past’ and ‘Pattern Walks,’ and they return true to form with ‘Dissolution.’ You find Baldi singing again, punctuated by strained vocals on the chorus, in a reminder of albums past. In form and sound, it’s easy to see the currents that make Cloud Nothings who they are. The album feels like it should end with the seventh track ‘So Right So Clean,’ but takes an angsty turn upwards, culminating in ‘Another Way of Life.’ On the page, the lyrics suggest anything but optimism with lines like “I gotta learn man, oh, how to be where I don’t want to, and how to drown out all the other ideas around you.” But the song itself defies the bleak nature of the lyrics, not lost in a tunnel but moving towards the light at the end of it. No screaming, no creepy ambient riffs, just an upbeat note that healing takes time and that’s ok. Despite the angry tone of the majority of the album, the sense of longing and attachment that was so present in *Attack on Memory* and *Here and Nowhere Else* remains a thorough line, a thread of consistency despite the aggressive facelift.

While their sound may have changed drastically over the last decade, in many ways they’re still the same band they’ve always been. Their lyrical style follows as it always has, not biographical but ambiguous vignettes attached to feelings that those carrying any amount of sadness or anxiety can easily latch onto. “I just kind of make impressionistic collections of words about things I see happening around me while we travel all over the place. I don’t know how to write a song that’s like a story or something,” Baldi explains. “All my stuff ends up being very vague whether I want it to or not.”

And in many ways, Baldi doesn’t seem all too distant from the dorky 19-year-old Case Western freshman studying audio recording in Cleveland, Ohio. It’s hard to match the boyishly charming, scruffy personality with the tonsil-inflaming vocals that rattle from his larynx. “Man, every interview is pretty hard for me,” Baldi says. “I don’t like talking about myself at all so it’s tough for me to do any interviews about the band... they really all blend together after a while.” There’s nothing intimidating or ill tempered about him. He doesn’t really drink, he’s a vegan, sleepy all the time and a little awkward, but endearing all the same. While it might be hard to align the man with the sound, when asked about *Last Building Burning*, Baldi excitedly responds with, “It’s my favorite album of ours!” Start to finish, at first glance it may seem a far cry from the band that won *Pitchfork’s* heart time and again, but take a listen and you’ll see that what this change in their sound really speaks to is the maturing angst of a post punk staple that’s well on their way into adulthood.

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POLKA-DOT PRINCESS

Contemporary Art Queen Yayoi Kusama on Seeing Circles and Copycat Works

by Sarah Forman



“When I create my work, I am not forcing the polka-dots into it”

Imagine a world where you are continuously confronted by shapes. Polka dots, to be precise. That’s how Japanese avant-garde artist Yayoi Kusama processes nearly everything, not by choice, but simply by design. “When I create my work, I am not forcing the polka-dots into it.” It’s just how she sees things.

The woman best-known for her black spotted pumpkins, Dippin’ Dot-patterned walls and reflective installations has lived in a psychiatric hospital in Tokyo since 1977, when she voluntarily checked herself in for experiencing nervous disorders and hallucinations. “Subconsciously, it always became polka dots. I’m not sure if it stems from my illness, or if I just wanted to do that because I’m completely absorbed in creating the works,” she explains. They’re just present. Perpetually.

The illness hasn’t kept the 89-year-old artist from creating. Kusama’s outspokenness about her state of mind has led her to embrace her condition, not parroting the

played out romanticism of the ‘creative genius stemming from mental instability’ narrative. With incredible attention to detail, intentionality has become a hallmark of her reputation, and it’s one that has played out well throughout her career. In a survey done by *The Art Newspaper* in 2014, they found her exhibitions were the best attended globally, with installations and retrospectives like her *A Dream I Dreamed* and *Infinite Obsession* attracting over 2 million people. The highly photographable, immersive nature of her pieces make them easily accessible, a characteristic that contemporary art is often criticized for not having enough of.

And it’s this same popularity and accessibility that led to a host of fake exhibitions across China, where Kusama was reported to be holding shows alongside Takashi Murakami, in a multi-city scam that culminated in lawsuits from both artists in 2018. “I was very disappointed that my creations, which I’ve devoted my entire life to, were

plagiarized and exposed to everyone in an improper form,” Kusama tells *That’s*. Artists of her caliber go through intense processes to ensure quality control, and works that aren’t up to snuff either never leave the studio or are destroyed. In addition to having her creative rights infringed upon, knock-off works damage the overall brand – especially as Kusama’s revolves around attention to detail.

Which is part of the reason why she’s setting the record straight with an exhibition at the Fosun Foundation in Shanghai this month. *All About Love Speaks Forever* will feature over 40 of the artist’s works, including her ‘Infinity Mirrored Room,’ paintings from her latest series *My Eternal Soul* and a few large-scale reflective installations designed specifically for the Fosun Foundation space. “I have always felt close to China since my childhood, and I enjoy Chinese poems and literature, carrying a deep respect for them,” Kusama says of the reason for choosing Shanghai as the home for her new show. “I have heard that the art scene in Shanghai is quite exciting now, and that the audiences are enthusiastic.”

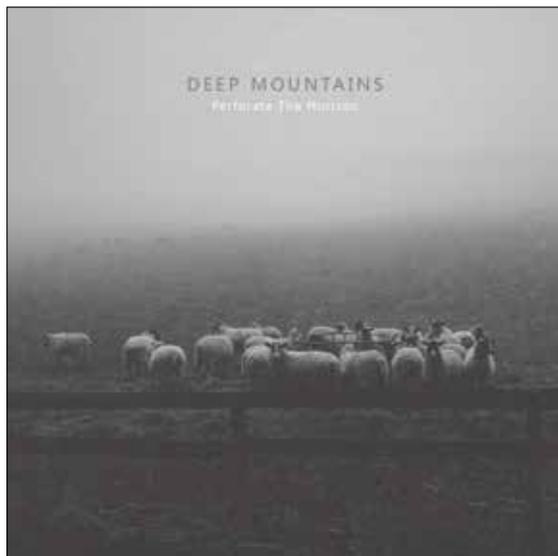
With works both inside and outside the museum, the expansive collection will give patrons and camera-happy snappers an opportunity to engage with her works as they’re meant to be experienced.

Yayoi Kusama’s works will be on display in Shanghai from Mar 7-Jun 9; RMB75 (advance), RMB150; Fosun Foundation, 600 Zhongshan Dong Er Lu, by Dongmen Lu 中山东二路600号, 近东门路

FOR THE RECORD

Three New Homegrown Albums on Our Radar This Month

by Sarah Forman



PERFORATE THE HORIZON by Deep Mountains

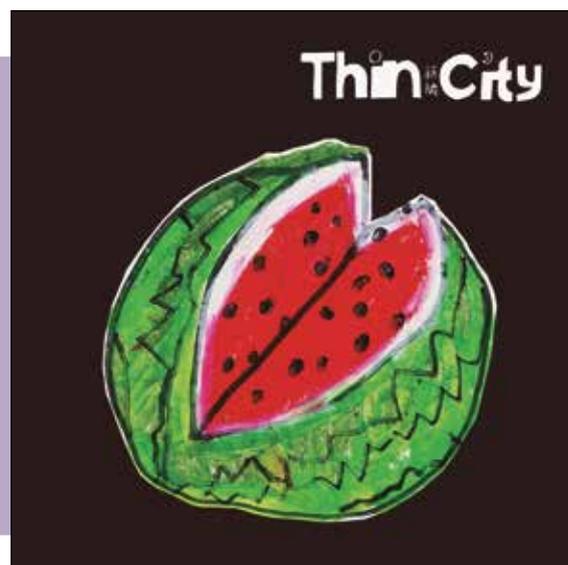
Celebrating their 10th anniversary, Deep Mountains have gifted the internet with an instrumental insight into the mountains of Tai'an, Shandong. The dark folk rock is meant to inspire a sense of inclusion and inspiration, in what frontman Leo Qiang categorizes as a call for "independent personality and brave love." The album itself is an emotional rollercoaster, covering everything from the gentility of 'Starlight' to the post-rock, quadruple-timed guitar into of the title track. Heavy and eerie, some tracks sport breathy lyrics while others leave the instruments to speak, but if you find their rich sound to be your cup of tea, you can catch Deep Mountains as they tour across China in the coming months.

Listen here: pestproductions.bandcamp.com/album/perforate-the-horizon

THIN CITY EP by Thin City

Shenzhen art-punk group Thin City have given us a second EP released on Boring Productions to satiate our cravings until their first full-length release, and it just about does the trick. Taking influence from bands like Fall, Pixies, Hedgehog and Life Without Buildings, their lyrics making fun of "seedy sex-pats" utilize the full range of Catherine Ai and Graham Wann's very different voices. With songs like 'So Far No Beach,' their laidback surf guitars make it easy to understand why they're holding off for a seasonal release. Shenzhen *ren* will appreciate the references to Coco Park, Pepper nightclub and other spots around town, in a DIY bilingual drop that's both punk and playful.

Listen here: thincity-shenzhen.bandcamp.com/album/ep



2030 by Lexie Liu

The 20-year-old made her first splash on *The Rap of China* last year when she finished in fourth place, and was subsequently scooped up by New York-based record label 88rising. Liu's comin' in hot for 2019 with the release of her second album *2030*. Singing in English and Chinese, the Changsha native's seductive mando-hip-hop follows in the footsteps of her reps, fusing Eastern and Western styles in eight tracks that have caught the attention of critics on both sides of the Pacific. While songs like 'Love and Run' and 'Outta Time' lean more in the direction of pop with a hint of Lana Del Rey compared to her rap-heavy hit 'Coco Made Me Do It,' all are fun, refreshing and ready to unite any and all choosing to fritter away their nights under the lights of the club.

Listen on Spotify.





**Doug Aitken,
Solo Exhibition**
Mar 23-Aug 4;
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Group Exhibition, 'The Lonely Spirit'
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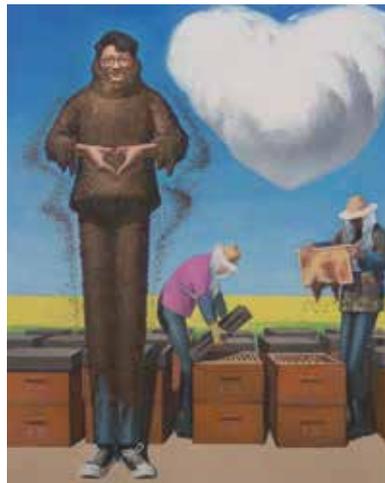
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Ko Sin Tung, 'Dust and Trivial Matters'
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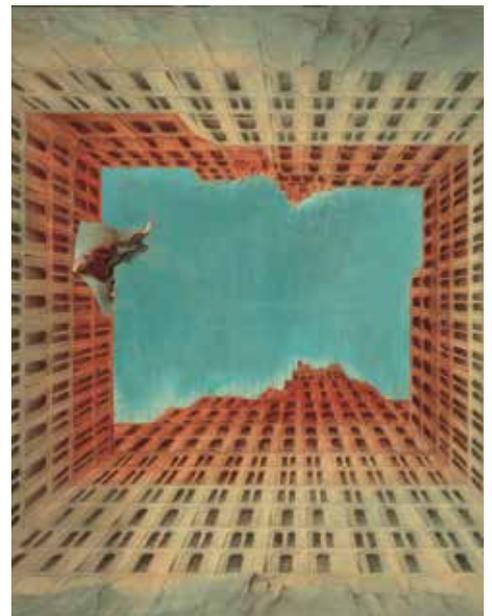


Yu Honglei, 'New Directions'
Through Apr 14; UCCA



**Wang Xingwei, 'The Code of
Physiognomy'**
Mar 21-May12; Galerie Urs Meile

Zhang Ben, 'Invisible Cities'
Through Apr 14; Amy Li Gallery



CITY SCENES



Oakwood Residence Damei Beijing hosted an afternoon tea featuring various Chinese and Western style desserts. Guests had the chance to try traditional calligraphy, as well as lantern drawing and a lucky draw.



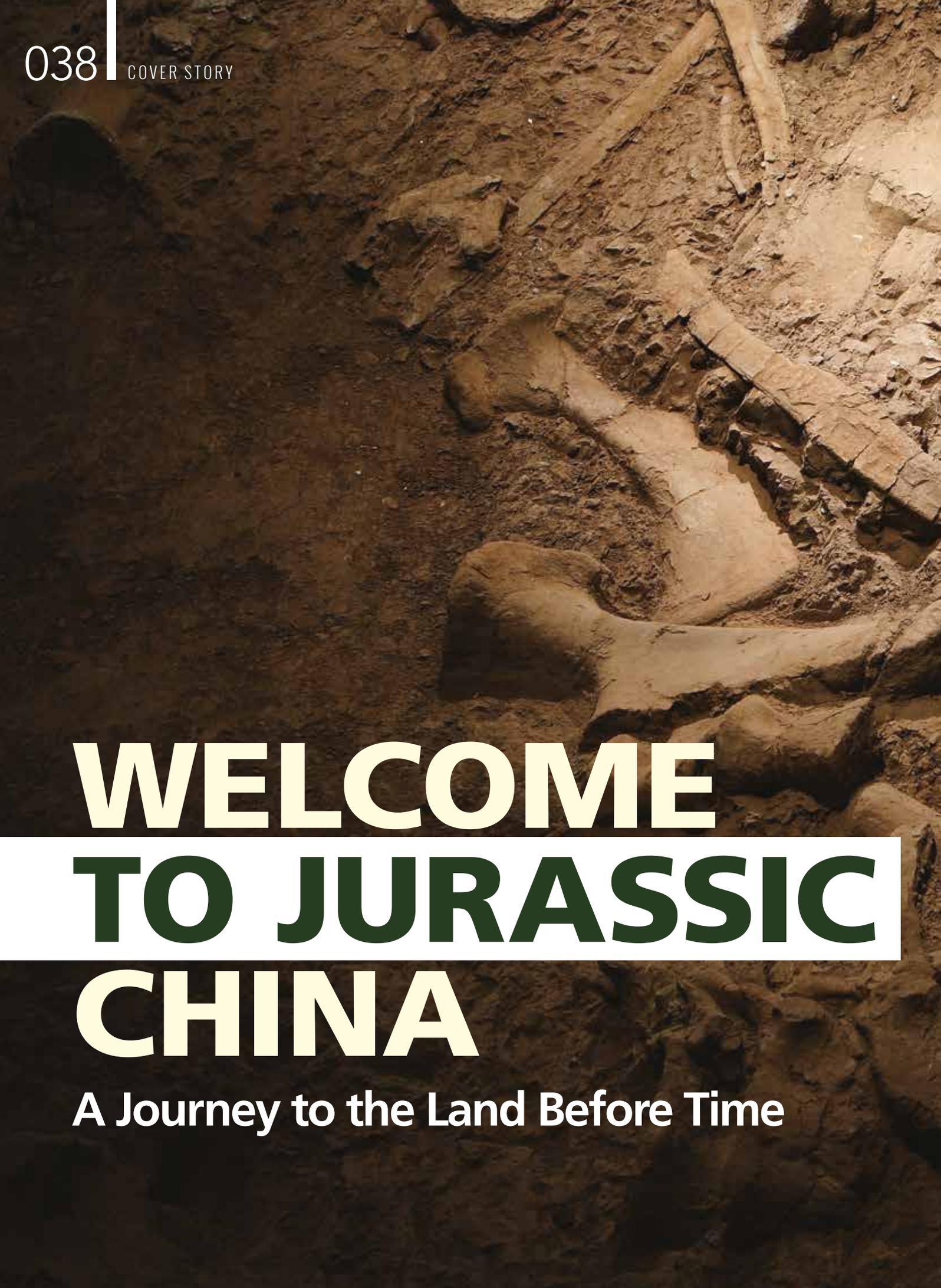
China World Summit Wing, Beijing released an innovative themed food and drink menu based on the 24 solar terms.



Beijing Mandarin School serves up the tea at their traditional ceremony.



Representatives of InterContinental Tianjin Yujiapu Hotel & Residences celebrated the 200th hotel opening of InterContinental.



WELCOME TO JURASSIC CHINA

A Journey to the Land Before Time



For this month's cover story, we're transporting you to a lost world, a primeval China that existed before the dawn of man. We'll introduce you to a new species of Tyrannosaur discovered in South China, chat with a renowned Chinese artist who specializes in recreating prehistoric creatures and examine the illegal fossil trade. Now, without further ado, we welcome you to Jurassic China.

Meet Pinocchio Rex

A Discovery in Jiangxi Adds a New Member to the Tyrannosaur Family

by Matthew Bossons



Image courtesy of Steve Brusatte and Lü Junchang

Let's take a trip, a journey through time if you will, and turn the clocks back a whopping 66 million years, to the time right before a massive asteroid slammed into Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and ended the reign of the dinosaurs.

Our region of focus: modern day Ganzhou in southern Jiangxi, near the boundaries with Fujian and Guangdong provinces. While the area enjoys summer highs in the low- to mid-30s and winter lows generally ranging from 4-6 degrees Celsius today, Ganzhou was a hot, wet and heavily forested environment inhabited by a wide array of ancient species at the end of the Cretaceous Period.

"The world was warmer back then, there were no ice caps at the time," American paleontologist Steve Brusatte tells *That's* during a phone call from the University of Edinburgh, where he serves as a chancellor's fellow in vertebrate paleontology at the School of Geosciences. "There is evidence in the rocks that [Ganzhou] was a warm and tropical place and there was a lot of life there: long-neck dinosaurs, duck-bill dinosaurs, lizards."

In his bestselling book *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World*, Brusatte notes that region would have been "sticky with humidity"

12 months a year and that the landscape would have been blanketed with ferns, conifers and pine trees.

Among the diverse array of organisms that called Cretaceous Ganzhou home was a carnivorous beast that has changed the way researchers view the iconic Tyrannosaur family: *Qianzhousaurus sinensis*, or more comically known as 'Pinocchio rex.'

Discovered in 2010 at a construction site in Ganzhou, *Qianzhousaurus* was revealed as a new member of the Tyrannosauridae family by Brusatte and celebrated Chinese professor and paleontologist Lü Junchang in 2014. Its name, which was bestowed by the duo, is a reference to Qianzhou, Ganzhou's name during the Tang Dynasty.

So, what makes this cousin of the iconic T-rex so special, and why on earth is it nicknamed Pinocchio rex? The answer to both these questions is the animal's long snout. According to a research paper composed by Professor Lü, Brusatte and their team and published by *Nature* in May 2014, "The vast majority of Tyrannosauroids are characterized



by deep skulls, thick teeth and large jaw muscles." Qianzhousaurus, by comparison, boasts thinner teeth and a long and slender snout that accounts for around 70 percent of the total length of the animal's skull.

To untrained eyes, the animal looks similar to a species of dinosaur that appeared in the most recent *Jurassic World* film: Baryonyx. A member of the Spinosauridae family and relative of the mighty Spinosaurus (a massive carnivorous dino that was also famously featured in a *Jurassic Park* film), Baryonyx also boasted a long, slender snout. But, despite this shared attribute, Qianzhousaurus and Baryonyx were two very different animals.

"I guess [Qianzhousaurus] looks a little bit like a Spinosaur, with the long snout, but Spinosaurus have big forearms and big claws and a sail," Brusatte tells us. "Qianzhousaurus is a very close relative of T-rex. If you took the skull of a T-rex and stretched it out, you'd have a Qianzhousaurus skull."

But skull shape isn't the only difference between Qianzhousaurus and Tyrannosaurus rex, as the former has a smaller body size and lighter skeleton than 'ol Rexy.

Image courtesy of Steve Brusatte and Lü Junchang



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This lighter frame and its extended snout possibly allowed the animal to hunt smaller and faster prey than the T-rex. According to Brusatte, the Qianzhousaurus was likely a land-based meat eater specialized in catching agile prey and, unlike big, bad Baryonyx, it probably didn't eat fish.

Evidence of a pescatarian diet isn't the only thing missing: Like many (if not most) dinosaurs, the fossilized Qianzhousaurus skeleton is largely incomplete. Recovered from the construction site in 2010 was a largely complete skull and a substantial portion of the lower-left jaw, along with a smattering of vertebrae, a complete right scapulocoracoid and a left femur and left tibia, among other fossilized bones. Also missing from the prehistoric remains: evidence that Qianzhousaurus had feathers. Although, in the case of feathers, a lack of evidence doesn't make it unlikely.

"I would guess that it did have feathers," says Brusatte. "It is very hard for soft bits like feathers to get preserved; but we know that its ancestors and close cousins had feathers, so the most reasonable hypothesis is that Qianzhousaurus also had primitive feathers."

With only one set of Pinocchio rex remains currently unearthed, many of these theories may have to wait a bit to be tested further – possibly until the next time a South China construction worker stumbles upon one.

> Brusatte's new book *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World* is available on Amazon.



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Crimes Against the Cretaceous

Uncovering China's Illegal Dinosaur Fossil Trade

by Ryan Gandolfo

As far back as 1930, China has had something in legal writing aimed at preserving relics and cultural objects, but the definition of what constitutes a 'relic' was up for interpretation. The 1930 Law on the Preservation of Ancient Objects dictated that the state would control any unexcavated relics within the country's borders and that any unauthorized digging for fossils was considered an act of theft.

The laws concerning artifacts continued to be better-defined throughout the years, with the 1982 Cultural Relics Protection Law and subsequent revisions in 1991, 2002 and 2007. Clear-cut fossil protection regulations, however, weren't enacted until 2011. A more comprehensive list of fossil material, as well as "any other specimens deemed as important," are now protected by the state.

Prior to these protections, thousands of dinosaur eggs and fossils were removed from China, ending up in the hands of private collectors, museum curators and auction houses, according to a research paper titled *Out of China: Dinosaur Eggs and the Law on 'Kong Long Dan'* by Jeff Liston. This exodus of prehistoric artifacts was the result of the poorly defined earlier legislation as well as corruption and bribery.



The agriculture sector was responsible for most of the excavation and sale of dinosaur-related materials in China at the time. Those involved were (and often still are) regularly on the frontlines of paleontological and archeological discoveries, and they quickly realized the demand for such relics in other parts of the world, especially the West.

In rural parts of China, this led to the country's very own 'fossil rush,' befittingly the successor of the 19th-century 'Great Dinosaur Rush' in western territories of the United States. Dinosaur discoveries during that period helped garner interest from wealthy Americans, which resulted in expeditions to China and Mongolia.

One notable explorer, Roy Chapman Andrews (rumored to be the inspiration for the character Indiana Jones), organized a series of trips to the Middle Kingdom called the Central Asiatic Expeditions in the 1930s, with the backing of New



York financiers John Pierpont Morgan and John D. Rockefeller, as well as the American Museum of Natural History. Andrews made many groundbreaking discoveries in Mongolia (most notably the Flaming Cliffs), excavating dinosaur eggs and bringing them back to the US.

Although Andrews told the Chinese government, which governed Mongolia at the time, that the dinosaur eggs did not hold any monetary value, the explorer ended up auctioning off the fossils in New York City to fund future expeditions. Needless to say, China was not impressed. As a result, Andrews delayed his next expedition for more than a year as he worked to assuage tensions with the Chinese government.

Since Andrews' discovery and subsequent sale of dinosaur eggs, people from all around the world have been combing through China's vast terrain to uncover anything deemed valuable. While the excitement of unearthing fossils that may reveal new dinosaur species was a motivator for some, many Chinese farmers who worked the land under which countless fossils lay beneath were only after financial reward. This led to many fossils being removed from the country and sold abroad in auctions.

But are such fossil sales legal? It turns out this merely depends on where a given fossil was discovered. In China, specially protected prehistoric relics belong to the state and cannot be sold to foreigners or foreign organizations. In the United States, however, property owners have the right to sell items and resources

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found on their property.

Auctions held in recent years have showcased prized dinosaur fossils of well-known species as well as potentially new species that haven't been properly examined by researchers. Perhaps the most notable of all dinosaur fossils found in the US, nicknamed 'Sue the Tyrannosaurus rex,' was auctioned off for USD8.36 million to the Field Museum of Natural History in 1997.

Back in Asia, an auction was held in Hong Kong in 2015 with one big-ticket item: a fossilized Triceratops skull discovered on private property in Montana, U.S. The price tag? Undisclosed. But with a minimum bid of USD1.8 million, the new owner paid likely paid an arm and a leg for the priceless relic from the Cretaceous Period. According to *Jing Daily*, the possibility of the skull being purchased by someone from Hong Kong

or the Chinese mainland was “highly likely,” as there is an increasing number of collectors participating in such auctions throughout the Greater China region.

Even though many fossil auctions are legal, paleontologists and researchers argue that the private sale of rare fossils hinders scientific research since experts often have limited to no access to the specimens. While some collectors will loan their prized possessions to museums and other institutions, it is entirely up to their discretion.

Not all fossils sales are legal, though. In 2012, a Florida man named Eric Prokopi pled guilty to smuggling the fossilized remains of a Tyrannosaurus bataar (or Tarbosaurus) skeleton out of Mongolia. Prokopi, a self-proclaimed “commercial paleontologist,” has been painted as both a passionate dinosaur enthusiast and a smuggler. In 2010,



Prokopi began a roundabout process of importing the Tarbosaurus into the US, first transporting the specimen to the UK to avoid being detected in customs. After restoring the dinosaur remains (a skill he had honed for well over a decade), the skeleton was sold in New York for over USD1 million in 2012.

After a Mongolian government official learned of the New York auction, she notified U.S. authorities who then opened a criminal case against Prokopi, which he lost in court. The U.S. government seized the fossilized remains and safely returned them back to Mongolia. Prokopi was jailed for three months for his crime. (Paige William's *The Dinosaur Artist: Obsession, Betrayal and the Quest for the Ultimate Trophy* goes into great detail about Prokopi's story.)

This US court ruling set a precedent



not only for prehistoric fossils imported into the U.S. but also for the government's role in cracking down on black market smuggling.

In 2015, a Canadian man named Jun Yang was arrested at a gem and mineral trade show in Arizona for trying to sell a fossilized Psittacosaurus and a number of Hadrosaurus eggs. At the time of his arrest, he told authorities that the fossils were somewhere between 100 and 130 million years old and were illegally exported from China.

"Mr. Yang stated that he illegally removed the fossils from China, put the fossils in containers with stone carvings, shipped them to the United States and didn't disclose that fossils were in the containers," said a 2016 article by the Canadian Broadcast Corporation (CBC). The same story quotes Matthew C. Allen

of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as stating that the "prehistoric treasures rightfully belong to the Chinese people."

That same year, actor Nicolas Cage agreed to hand over a rare dinosaur skull that also turned out to be stolen from Mongolia. According to the *Guardian*, Cage had reportedly outbid movie star Leonardo DiCaprio for the hot item, which cost Cage USD276,000. (It's important to note that Cage was not accused of any wrongdoing, especially after receiving a certificate of authenticity from the I.M. Chait Gallery, the auction house that sold him the item).

With persistent calls from the science community for private collectors to be more forthcoming with the fossil in their possession, particularly specimens that have yet to be correctly identified, some

collectors have complied. A French citizen who legally purchased an unknown dinosaur skeleton in Paris in 2018 for roughly USD2.3 million told the auction house that they would present the specimen to the public. The dinosaur remains, which were discovered in the US state of Wyoming, were said to be 150 million years old.

While it's hard to pinpoint which direction the fossil trade is heading, one thing that is certain is that smuggling fossils won't be getting any easier. Whether the tightened regulations will deter more people from excavating and exporting fossils is tough to say, but with authorities around the world monitoring the industry more closely, stolen prehistoric relics will hopefully find their way home.



The **Dinosaur** Man

Top Dino Artist Zhao Chuang Talks
About Bringing the Prehistoric
Creatures to Life

interview by Tristin Zhang and Matthew Bossons



When scientists and researchers specializing in ancient flora and fauna need an artistic recreation of an extinct creature, they turn to Zhao Chuang. The Beijing-based artist is famous for his enthralling paintings and sculptures of dinosaurs, extinct mammals and other long-gone lifeforms.

Zhao's big break came in 2006, when his artistic recreation of a prehistoric gliding mammal made the cover of *Nature*. Since then, his work has appeared in a number of influential publications, including *National Geographic*, and he's on a first name basis with the rock stars of the paleontological world. Zhao has also been profiled by CNN and worked with a number of notable research centers and museums, including the American Museum of Natural History for its *Dinosaurs Among Us* exhibit. We caught up with Zhao to talk about his fascinating work.

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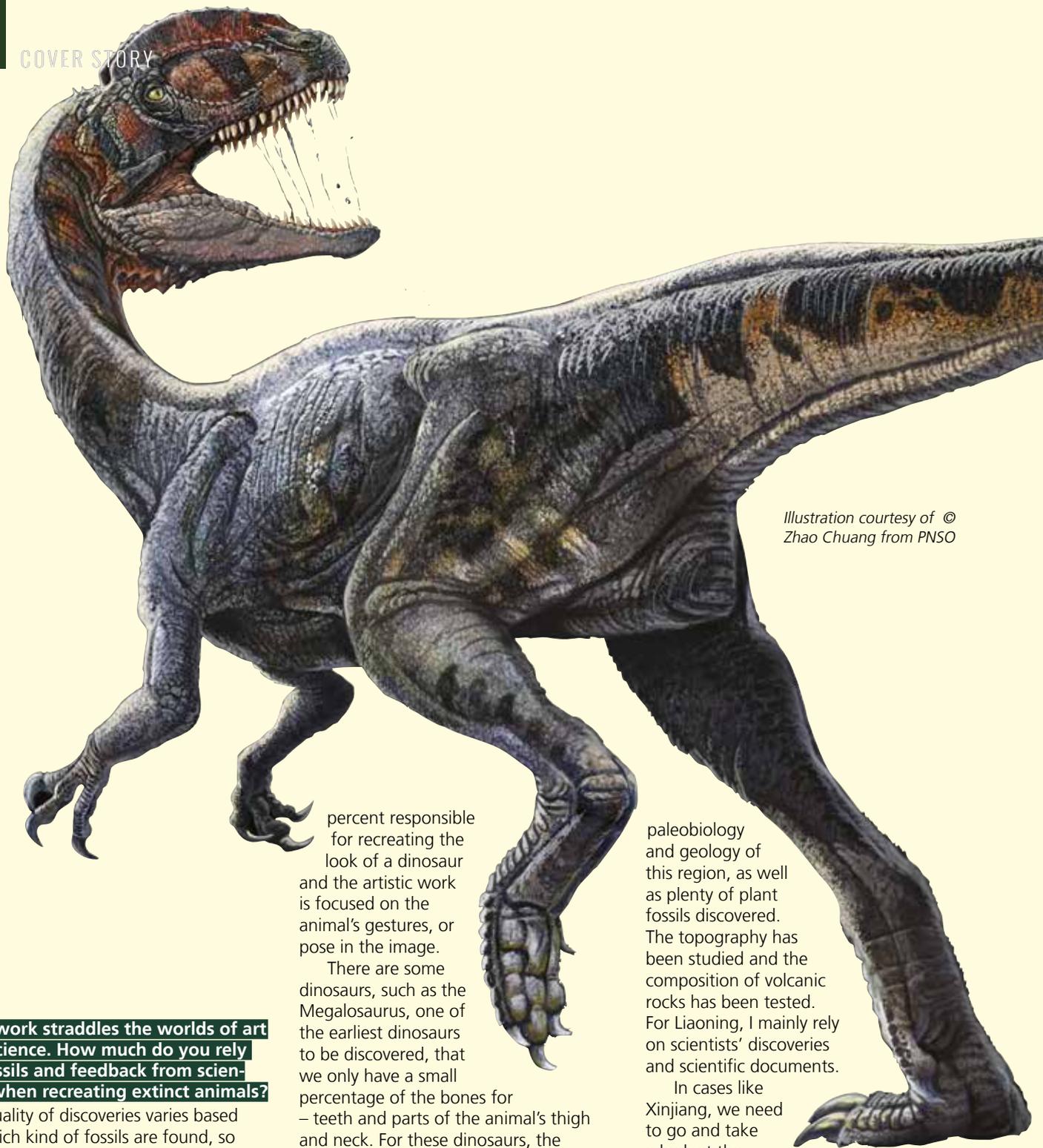


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Your work straddles the worlds of art and science. How much do you rely on fossils and feedback from scientists when recreating extinct animals?

The quality of discoveries varies based on which kind of fossils are found, so my paintings also vary accordingly. For example, *Sinosauropteryx* and *Anchiornis*, which were found in the western part of Liaoning province, are very rare discoveries. They died in a volcanic eruption and were wholly covered by very fine tephra that preserved their skeleton, feathers and pigment. So, in this situation, scientists did most of the work.

Today, scientists use scanning electron microscopes to find traces of melanin preserved in dinosaur feathers and compare them to modern birds to discover the color of the ancient feathers. In these cases, science is 90

percent responsible for recreating the look of a dinosaur and the artistic work is focused on the animal's gestures, or pose in the image.

There are some dinosaurs, such as the *Megalosaurus*, one of the earliest dinosaurs to be discovered, that we only have a small percentage of the bones for – teeth and parts of the animal's thigh and neck. For these dinosaurs, the artistic process is responsible for 70 to 90 percent of the final look of the creature. This practice occurs in most cases, as most dinosaur skeletons are very incomplete.

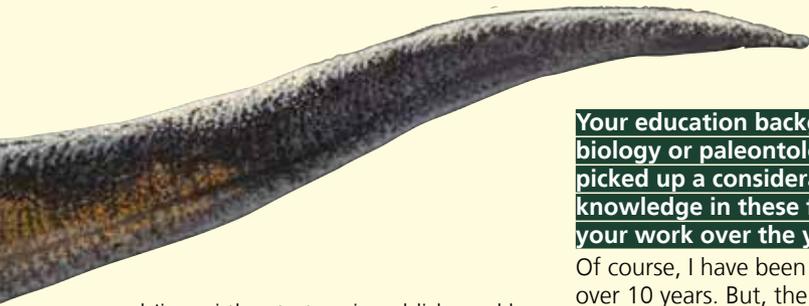
A lot of your paintings profile dinosaurs marauding through a prehistoric world. What kind of research goes into recreating a prehistoric landscape in, for example, Xinjiang or Inner Mongolia?

Take Liaoning, for example. We don't need to do a field study in this case. There have been many studies on the

paleobiology and geology of this region, as well as plenty of plant fossils discovered. The topography has been studied and the composition of volcanic rocks has been tested. For Liaoning, I mainly rely on scientists' discoveries and scientific documents.

In cases like Xinjiang, we need to go and take a look at the landscape and visit the dig sites. On one trip, I visited an area that scientists said was a big lake, although the exact size of the lake is unknown. So, we needed to do a field study to determine an estimated size by using measurements taken from different dig sites. It might have been bigger than Qinghai Lake and have been surrounded by fine sand, instead of sludge or rocks. Animals such as *Hamipterus* (an ancient species of flying reptile) would have nested and laid eggs here.

In other instances, we need to test the soil texture. For example, in Henan



and Jiangxi the stratum is reddish, and by coordinating with other study materials, we can say these regions were sultry in the ancient past and may have had lots of lakes and swamps.

How often do you visit dig sites and see fossils and other prehistoric relics as they are unearthed?

Very often. In recent years, I regularly visit sites in Zhucheng and Laiyang in Shandong province. Excavations in Laiyang are still ongoing and the scene there is stunning and very different from the norm. We used to think that dinosaurs were very dispersed and spread out, but in Laiyang, they lived together like wildebeests and zebras on the African savannah – many different species have been discovered together.

Your education background isn't in biology or paleontology. Have you picked up a considerable amount of knowledge in these fields through your work over the years?

Of course, I have been doing this for over 10 years. But, the more I draw, the more I realize the information on ancient animals is lacking. I study every single day, because you need to acquire new knowledge from different fields – such as 3D printing.

How long does it take to create one of your large life-size dino sculptures?

These take about one or two months, depending on how sophisticated they are. If the scale is big, it's easy – albeit delicate – work, but the preparation takes a long time. Generally, it takes about a dozen people to complete one sculpture.

In the past, we had to make a small handmade model first, which took about two or three weeks, and then enlarge it. Now, with advances in technology, large models can be built faster.

What's your personal favorite piece of art from your collection?

I think my work will only get better in the future, but if I had to pick one, it would be the one that has had the greatest impact on my life: the ancient gliding mammal that was used on the cover of *Nature*. After that image, many scientists approached me to work with them and that is when my career started.

What is your favorite prehistoric species to recreate? And, in what medium do you prefer to use to bring extinct animals back to life: paintings, sketches or sculptures?

Personally, I lean towards the T-rex because it was the first dinosaur I learned of when I was a child. I have always liked dinosaurs, and when I first heard about them, they seemed like monsters. T-rex was an actual monster on this planet and the species has had a great impact on me.

As for preferred mediums, my favorites are oil paintings and large-scale models. If I had to choose between them, I'd pick the latter because the only way to convey the authentic form of these gigantic animals is by bringing back life-size replicas of them.

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GETTING MODERATELY DEEP WITH...

A Convenience Shop Worker

interview by Yuka Hayashi

This month we meet Mr. Zhang, who is the father of a convenience shop owner (and a regular customer of his, a little boy named Xin).

What is your idea of the perfect day?

Z: For me, a perfect day starts off with some cleaning of the store and having customers come soon after the opening hour. I think of this as a sign of good sales that day. As a store manager, I think high sales can make a perfect day.

What's the first thing you thought when you woke up this morning?

X: Eat! I ate fried eggs today.

Who is your best customer?

X: Me! I hang out here every night!

Who is your worst customer?

Z; This little guy for sure... [laughs].

Which living person do you most admire?

Z: I admire myself, because I have created my own set of values.

How are you feeling today?

Z: I'm feeling happy today.

When and where were you happiest?

X: I will answer this one for you! Whenever and wherever I'm playing video games.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Z: I wish to have better communication skills. I don't necessarily mean being able to speak in many different languages, but being able to learn as much as possible from a simple conversation and conveying logic. I believe this will result in personal growth.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Z: My family.

If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?

Z: I wish I could live in my hometown, which is in Hebei. It's only an hour car-ride there, but still, living at home is different from a rented apartment.

What is your most treasured possession?

Z: My son and my family. I think a father will always treasure his family members.

What trait do you most value in a person?

Z: Morals.

What is it that you most dislike?

Z: People who can't be trusted – I cut them out of my life.

What is your motto?

Z: As long as you are alive, you should always strive for more. I believe effort is the most important element to growth as an individual.

What always makes you laugh?

Z: When I'm happy, which is anytime I'm around these fellas [points to his son and Xin, who are wrestling]. Also when I accomplish something challenging.

What's the most surprising thing that's happened to you?

Z: It hasn't happened to me yet, but if it were to happen, it would be achieving my dreams.

Which era of Beijing's history would you most like to have lived in?

Z: The early Qing dynasty – there were many people and it was very prosperous. I also feel like the Qing government administered the dynasty very well.

Who is your hero?

Z: My father is. He was a very ordinary man, but the things he accomplished and the way he approaches things make me think that he's very outstanding as an individual.

GRAPE VINE

SNACKS AND THE CITY

It's March already, huh? That means I've officially made it through my first Beijing winter. With the warmer weather almost in full swing, I'm already daydreaming of brunching on rooftops and drinking on terraces. And I'm not even an outdoor person.

Over on Xinyuanli, **Pachapapi** is ready for springtime too. The lively Peruvian restaurant is bringing you some solid spring specials every night of the week: Get all orders of ceviche with a free glass of wine on Wednesdays, RMB30 pisco sours for ladies on Thursdays and more.

But it's not all sunny. Sad news in Sanlitun: **Gertz Danish Bakery** in Taikooli enjoyed its final moments before shutting down last month. The smell of cinnamon pastries and freshly baked bread will only comfort us in our sweet, sweet dreams now. (Though rumor has it that they're relocating to 1949 The Hidden City this summer...) But don't worry – until then, you can load up on carbs at **The Daily Bagel** at their relocated cafe in Maizidian.

When one door opens, another... OK, you know the deal. That new spot is **Tease by Creatures** – a stylish restaurant specializing in modern Asian soul food and some killer cocktails to match. Stay tuned for our full review. **VO**

NEWS BITE

PULLED PORK

African swine fever has been haunting pork lovers in China for months. And, to prove that nothing is sacred the traditional dish of Chinese people, the hallowed dumpling has fallen victim to the virus. The influenza was first detected in the dumplings early last month by an animal epidemic prevention team in Hunan province in dumpling samples of nationally-renowned brand Sanquan Food. Later, dumplings from the same manufacturer also tested positive for swine fever in Gansu province. Following the scare, e-commerce platforms like T-mall and JD removed pork products from Sanquan. In response, Sanquan Food released an official statement, declaring that they had sealed affected batches of dumplings from every sales channel unhesitatingly and would coordinate with local governments to investigate the source of the infection, while intensifying their checks on their food suppliers. Although swine fever poses no known risk to human beings, it is still advised to boil pork-based food thoroughly before consumption. **YH**



OFF THE BEATEN PLATE



Having an open bottle of wine can sometimes be a hassle, especially if you can't re-seal it (for those of you that buy wine with actual corks). 7-Eleven comes to the rescue with to-go wine glasses. Similar in taste to boxed wine (something we're very well-versed in), this Cool Fish wine comes in generously poured glasses of red or white. It really takes the stress of choosing different types away by simplifying it to just which color we'd prefer. Boasting high alcohol percentages, these are ideal for those who are in a rush to catch up with their other wine-drunk pals. Sure, the name may not be appealing, but there's nothing too fishy here – just the taste of cheap church wine begging you to confess your sins before the last drop. **MG**

RMB55, 7-Eleven

MIFAN/MAFAN



Big Small (Beiluoguxiang)

Yes really – another Big Small cafe. (Man, those guys must be doing something right.) The third-wave coffee heroes have opened their fourth shop in a rather unexpected location: right off of Beiluoguxiang. (Wait... are places actually – dare we say it – migrating to Gulou?!) With a spacious courtyard out front – featuring some bright exercise bikes and benches – the new minimally designed spot is still going through a bit of construction but churning out brews already. And we don't just mean coffee – this Big Small also offers a compact selection of beers by Crafters on tap. That means we could enjoy our Geisha Latte (RMB25) with a Tiny Gangsta IPA (RMB30) all in one spot – but we don't, because, well, it's noon.

Daily, 8am-midnight; Puyu West Gate, 12 Qianfu Xiang, Dongcheng 东城区千福巷12号泊寓西门 杜风华



Chan Kong Kei

It was 2016 when the world's first street food stall earned a Michelin star in the Singapore edition of the world's premiere food guide. As a result, many modest eateries that received even just a mention in the guide were propelled to stardom – and Chan Kong Kei is one of those. The small Macau shop specializing in *siu mei*, the rice-and-roasted-duck combination of the Cantonese tradition, was inducted into the Macau-Hong Kong Michelin guide and expanded elsewhere in Asia, now reaching the Chinese capital. But while their original shop in Macau has a homely vibe, their newest shop in Sanlitun (you can find one in Shuangjing too) is nestled in the much-less picturesque basement of the Topwin Center. The understated interiors, with neon signs evoking the streets of Macau, do their best to create a feeling of authenticity, but can only achieve so much. Still, their spin-off roasted duck (RMB38-72) remains an outstanding meal – juicy, with a crunchy skin – especially among the surrounding Topwin bubble tea overkill.

Daily, 11am-9pm; B1/6, Topwin Center, 1 Nan Salitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路通盈中心B1/6

Ginger

Helmed by the owners of Sanlitun Soho's dive bar-institution Red Dog, Ginger plans to be even weirder and – if you can imagine it – divier. Where Red Dog has a print of a nude woman with the face of Mona Lisa, Ginger has an actual mannequin dressed in full drag with a lurid-green wig driving a second-hand *sanlunche*. Elsewhere, a recycled bunk bed makes for some kooky additional seating. While it might scare away the more conservative clientele, Ginger is refreshingly casual and, tucked away in a corner of an apartment block, almost acts as a refuge from the invasion of the fancy lounge bars around it. Drinks (all around RMB50!), with a special section dedicated to ginger-based cocktails, make for a very affordable night out (for Sanlitun, at least).

Daily, 6pm-2am; B/1F, Yishengge, Xindong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路逸盛阁B座1层



Panda Brew (CBD)

Much to our surprise, Panda Brew is multiplying. The Beixinqiao brewery has recently opened their second location in the busy CBD. Keeping it to one floor this time, the new Panda Brew (or Panda Bar, according to the napkins) offers a selection of beers and improved bar food. Beer flights come with two options: for him (dark beers) or for her (light beers) – ah, suds with a side of sexism. But we digress. A step up from the original spot, the new location is a simple hangout for standard bar food and brews after a long day at the office.

Daily, 10am-late; F/1, Zhongjun World City East, 6 Jinhui Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区金汇路6号世界城东区1层 (6592 2607)



THE VENDING MACHINE

Game On

words by Curtis Dunn, images by Andrew Braun

The Vending Machine is a new speak-easy-style bar (here we go again) and the latest buzzed-about spot in town – with good reason.

You come to expect a certain level of debauchery in Gongti establishments, most of which have a frattier, party-centric vibe going on. The Vending Machine subverts all those expectations. It's unassuming from the street – no flashy marquee announcing it – with just a small decal on a glass door. It slides open to reveal a small room with a few stools by the window and four vending machines awash in fluorescent light.

We first assume it's a kitschy no-staff "bar," offering gin, mixers, and snacks in vending machines – a DIY hangout spot to get a beer or two. Upon closer inspection, we find that one of the vending machine is not functional and contains only cocktail shak-

ers. Very suspicious. After playing around, we realize this is actually a door (a real speak-easy?!) that leads us into an hallway lit in a shade of red reminiscent of an 80s sci-fi film.

Once inside, the actual bar tries to continue the retro-futurism, to varying degrees of success. The decor is sleek and cool, though not revolutionary, and there is a separate room with four arcade games available to play. The seating is like any other dark and intimate cocktail lounge.

What sets this establishment apart, other than of course the novelty of the entrance, are the cocktails themselves. The Pina Colada 2.0 (RMB150) comes highly recommended, but beware – the price is exorbitant, and if you are expecting the typical tropical treat, you might be disappointed when the waitress places a lowball glass in front of you and pours a milky liquid into it from a flask

(a serving touch that feels somewhat unnecessary). The drink is an extremely boozy reinvention of the classic, containing only rum fat-washed with coconut oil, pineapple-infused tequila, agave syrup, and bitters. We have to admit – no matter how unconventional – it's delicious, and with quite a kick, this drink is sure to become the bar's signature.

If you're looking for a classy, hip escape from the typical thrum of Gongti, this is the place to impress all of your friends. You pay extra for the novelty, but the expertly made cocktails and low-key atmosphere make it a nice spot in a lively district for stylish pre-drinks with friends or a post-dinner nightcap with a date.

Daily, 7pm-late; 7, Gongti Xi Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体西路甲7号



RIVE GAUCHE

Go With the Flow

words and images by Mina Yan

Beijing's no stranger to frequent restaurant openings and it's always fun to welcome a new addition into the neighborhood. After about two years of pre-opening preparations, The Puxuan Hotel and Spa is finally open – sort of. While not all the guest rooms are available and not every venue is open yet, their French-fusion bistro Rive Gauche is already welcoming guests and building relationships with future regulars.

Stepping out of the elevator, the crisp white brick walls of Rive Gauche bistro trick us into thinking it's a casual dining establishment, but as we walk deeper into the restaurant, the vibe gets a bit more refined and, well, a whole lot fancier. Although the restaurant is new and the team is still getting into their rhythm, the kitchen is already in full swing. Their menu is simplistic and modern with creative hand-drawn illustrations by chef Ivan Miguez. Talk about being a man of many crafts.

For those looking for a quick bite to get a taste of what Rive Gauche has to offer, their lunch set menus are a great place to start. There are two choices available (RMB148 for two courses or RMB178 for three), each with a selection of their signature dishes. The a la carte menu offers many more options with

some slightly ambiguous names, so this one takes some extra time to skim through.

After careful consideration, we opt for the carrot soup with fennel foam and caraway seeds. Simply called Carrot (RMB98) on the menu, the small bowl of soup arrives in a beautiful Eiffel Tower three-layer bowl (no joke). It's definitely photo worthy, so snap before you snack. Main courses are aplenty – at just RMB148 each, you're pretty much bound to find something you're in the mood for, with the exception of the short ribs and cote de boeuf (both an additional RMB298) that's meant to be shared. Our tender venison (RMB148) is cooked to perfection with a chocolate raspberry sauce and smooth rich



grits, giving the dish a taste of Southern comfort. It's not quite what you'd expect from a French bistro, but we don't mind, as it's absolutely delicious.

It's clear this French bistro doesn't stick to classic recipes. They're more about updating old favorites with some fresh twists. Our favorite was the delightfully surprising Popcorn (RMB68) from their dessert menu. *What kind of restaurant sells popcorn for dessert?* we say to ourselves as we order. Unlike the name would suggest, it's actually a smooth chocolate mousse with salted caramel, subtle hints of Pop Rocks to keep your palette tingling and garnished with kettle corn, making it a fantastic end to the meal.

All in all, we can't wait to see what Rive Gauche will become in a few months when they've got a better hang of operations and service. In the meantime, go for the food and enjoy the tasty experimental dishes whipped up from the innovative mind of chef Ivan Miguez.

Daily, 6.30-10.30am, noon-2.30pm, 6-10pm;
2/F, The Puxuan Hotel and Spa, 1 Wangfujing Jie,
Dongcheng 东城区王府井大街1号璞瑣酒店2层 (5393
6688)



EMOTION HOUSE

Mixed Feelings

words and images by Andrew Braun

Four years ago, Beijing was a city known for its seedy bar street in Sanlitun and infamous Wangfujing night market (you know, the spot where you could eat anything and everything).

Set the clock to 2019 and everything has changed. The night markets are gone and swapped for luxury malls, and the bar street is now home to a high-end shopping center. This means bars now need to find more permanent homes – and a new niche to satisfy.

One such bar is Emotion House. Located right behind the rambunctious Heaven Supermarket location on Xindong Lu in Sanlitun, the lounge bar is essentially a reverse mullet: party in the front, all business in the back.

Upon entering the establishment, we're greeted with a simple yet smartly designed layout where classic craftsmanship is the main focus. The chairs are dangerously comfortable, inviting you to stay beyond that "I'm only getting one drink." The bar itself is a solid chunk of beautifully treated wood, with a bar back of bottles that'll definitely wet your whistle.

This is by no means a cheap bar – we're talking New York City prices, but in Beijing. (Hey, those Beijing billionaires need a place to drink too, we suppose.) We start with a Derby Fizz (RMB150) – expertly crafted, this sweet and sour drink made with Kentucky rye whiskey made us feel right at home. The Classic (RMB160), more sweet than sour, is light on its feet, though the combination of French brandy and Cointreau, shaken cold, provides a much-needed jolt. At this point, we're feeling warm enough to brave the frigid winter wind outside.

Emotion House is the perfect antithesis to the neighboring bars where the music is bumping, and good for those looking to take a break from their regular rotation of drinking joints. With an intimate atmosphere, soothing cocktails and even a decent selection of cigars, Emotion Bar is a welcomed addition.

Daily, 7pm-late, B1, Shoukai Bojun, 12 Xindong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路首开铂郡南区12号院B1



SCHRÖDINGER'S BOX

Out of the Box

by Edoardo Donati Fogliazza



Ah, it was all fun and games before the great brickings of 2017. Remember when you could have cheap booze anywhere on Sanlitun's notorious Dirty Bar Street or up and down the Dongcheng hutongs? At that time, Toy Box was the speak-easy bar of choice for sinners with some taste. Behind an anonymous door on the sixth floor, it overlooked the chaos on the streets below, while treating the inductees (that knew how to find it) with some of the best drinks in the capital.

Alas, the bulldozers came to tear the

street asunder, and Toy Box disappeared along with many of its neighbors. Up until now, that is. After a near two-year hiatus, news reached us that it was finally back. The rumors turned out to be true, though it's clear the time for games is over: The legendary cocktail bar in fact re-branded as Schrödinger's Box and moved in among the elders of Nali Patio.

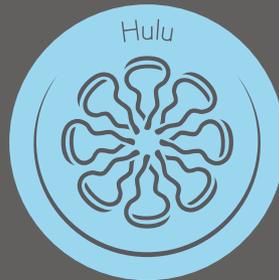
The speakeasy style is gone, but some of the original touches have survived (together with a good percentage of the original furniture): For one, the imposing wall of alcoholic goodies that emits a dim light and sets the mood. A corridor lined with neon arches instead makes it so the place is partially isolated from the exterior, to preserve the quiet atmosphere.

For them, a cocktail is in some way an unpredictable mixture, and just as it is impossible to know if the cat in Schrödinger's thought experiment is dead or alive until we open the box, only tasting the drinks will test the bar's success – or so we're told.

We don't mind the explanation (and we certainly don't need any encouragement to get to drinking). We soon find that the cocktail masters here are never afraid to experiment, as it was the case during the bar's previous life. Now the physics reference starts to make more sense. Asked if we would like to try some honey in our whisky sour (RMB80), we agree, though with some reticence. In the end, the result is quite outstanding. At Schrödinger's Box they might like to freestyle, but they know what they're doing – no dead cats here.

Toy Box might have lost its former appeal, but while it doesn't hide under a black door anymore, it still keeps its soul alive. It's still a quiet place to have superb craft drinks. And then, it strikes us – much like the good old times of Beijing nightlife, the new Box is in many ways a metaphor for the infamous cat, suspended in an uncanny state – not entirely dead, yet not entirely alive.

Daily, 6pm-2am; C405 Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beijie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北街81号那里花园C405



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SHUNPACHI AT HYATT REGENCY BEIJING WANGJING

For Goodness Sake

Devoted foodies certainly know the ultimate truth when it comes to any restaurant: There is much more to it than just the food. It's 2019, and modern customers are no longer satisfied with just a well-cooked meal anymore. A tender grilled steak with fries? Only if it's grass-fed, non-frozen certified Wagyu beef, thank you very much. In short, we want the experience that comes with the delicacies, that feeling we're not just feeding ourselves but part of a bigger story.

With this in mind, Hyatt Regency Beijing Wangjing's new Japanese restaurant came to impress. Shunpachi offers traditional Japanese food cooked by a professional Japanese chef inside a breathtaking Japanese-designed space. Talk about commitment to theme.

Shunpachi's interiors are the brainchild of the venerated Nao Taniyama & Associates architecture studio. Here, the theme of the

indoor bamboo forest still pervades the space, though it's made even more abstract in a 'Japan-meets-Bauhaus' kind of way, which means it's a minimal and slick take on the traditional izakaya (you can think of it as a 'Japanese pub').

The rules of architecture, though, do not always apply to food. What we mean is that, when it comes to a sushi menu, less is definitely not more. And Shunpachi's sushi menu is nothing less of an encyclopedia of raw fish delicacies: from alfonsino sashimi (RMB188) to blue fin tuna sushi and beef teriyaki maki (both RMB128), there's plenty for all tastes.

Where Shunpachi shines most, though, is in the meat department: the Yakibuta (seared pork belly, RMB78), chicken thigh (RMB68) and buta asupara skewer (pork belly with asparagus, RMB28) are all proof that this new spot doesn't take the choice of meat cuts lightly.

The Japanese restaurant also went beyond expectations in the drink department, throwing in one of the best sake lists in the capital for good measure. If you find yourself in a staring contest with the menu, just go for a sake set (three for RMB438) and call it a day. But if you want to dive deep into Japan, then grab a Sargarita – with added sake – or a Yuzu Mojito, made with sake and yuzu wine (RMB198), cocktails that add a little fun to an all-business menu.

Offering a full-immersion experience with Japanese design, culture and cuisine, Shunpachi will dazzle any Beijing foodie searching for a fresh perspective.

Mon-Sat, lunch 11.30am-2.30pm, dinner 5.30-10pm; Hyatt Regency Beijing Wangjing, Lei Shing Hong Center, 8 Guangshun Nandajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区广顺南大街8号院利星行中心



HUI HANG GU DAO

A Taste of Suburbia

The capital's Yizhuang district might be an off-the-beaten-path destination for most – and by that we mean a near one-hour subway ride away from the familiar Dongcheng district of Beijing. Yet, while geographically it qualifies as a Beijing backwater, Yizhuang is also a center of innovation, hosting hundreds of companies of all sizes and the International Corporate Culture Park, the huge green area refuge for high-tech workers and their families.

In short, Yizhuang can provide the money and the leisure – and it's about time it also equipped itself with some legit fine dining. That's why we're happy to announce that the area has now welcomed a brand-new state-of-the-art Anhui restaurant: enter, Hui Hang Gu Dao Yizhuang.

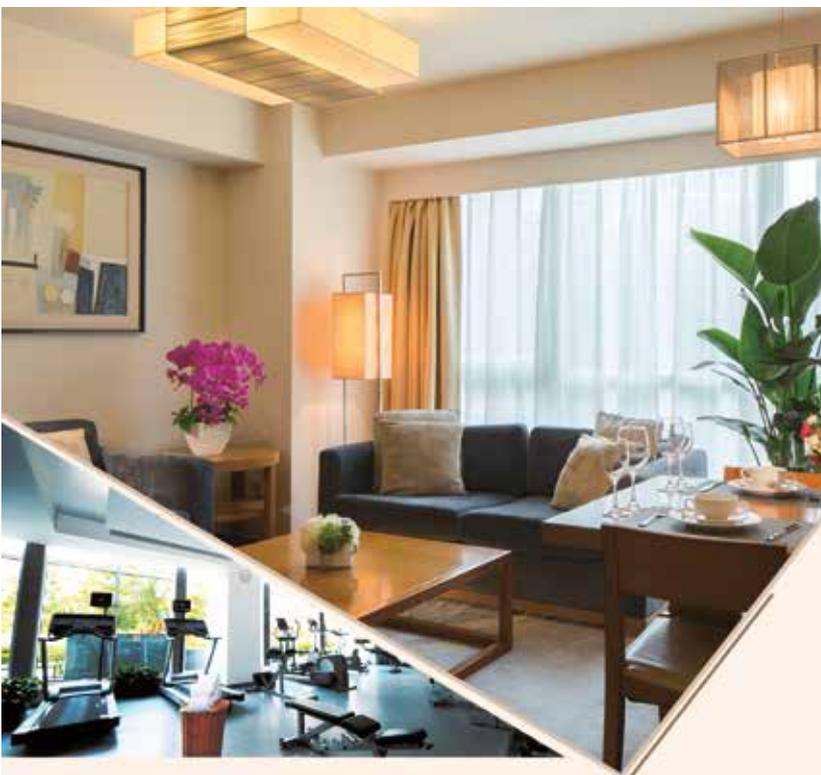
Nestled just a few steps away from Yizhuang Cultural Park, the latest location of the renowned chain brings Anhui cuisine with a twist that fits the soul of this up-and-coming district. Hui Hang Gu Dao took the traditional culinary mantra of “heavy oil,

heavy color” and, well, took some oil away for us sedentary office workers. The result is faithful, healthy and tasty Chinese grub. Whether it's pickled and braised Mandarin fish, served in cast-iron trays, the golden yellow Chengkan Mao tofu or the slightly spicy Hu Shi Yi Pin pot, presented in a beautifully engraved enamel pot, all delicacies retain the flavor and style of their original province, where the restaurant sources 70 percent of all their ingredients.

Spacious and intimate, Hui Hang Gu Dao is perfectly fit for family gatherings, with all their hearty portions meant to be shared. And with a special kids' menu, everybody will be satisfied.

So, suburban workers and families in search for spacious green areas, rejoice. Yizhuang has its own top-of-its-class Chinese fine-dining restaurant – and it's one not to miss.

Daily, 11am-2pm, 5-10pm; 3/3F, Yizhuang Creative Life Square, 6 Wenhua Dongjie, Yizhuang Cultural Park, Yizhuang 亦庄区文化园东路6号亦庄创意生活广场3楼3层 (6785 9189)



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● Allman Brown Gig

UK folk artist Allman Brown lands in Beijing early this month. The breakthrough artist garnered his best known for his hit 'Sweetest Thing,' which reached 15 million streams on Spotify by the end of last year. Since his debut album *1000 Songs* in 2017, Brown has also released an EP titled *Bury My Heart*.

Fri Mar 8, 7.30pm; RM80 (advance), RMB100 (door); Dusk Dawn Club (see Listings for details, tickets via 247tickets.com)

● HONNE Gig



Electro-soul duo HONNE is back for another China tour with a stop in the capital. The funk masters reinvent classic soul music, as you know it, distilling it with poppy synths and giving it a funky electronic edge. Don't miss them their second time around in Beijing in the middle of the month.

Mon Mar 18, 8pm; RMB320 (advance), RMB360 (door); Tango, 79 Hepingli Xijie (by South Gate of Ditan Park), Dongcheng 地址 东城区和平里西街79号 (近地坛公园南门) (tickets via 247tickets.com)

● Paul Draper Gig



Former frontman of iconic '90s band Mansun, Paul Draper will make his China debut with stops in Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai. He'll be performing an acoustic set, joined by guitarist Ben Sink.

Tue Mar 12, 8.30pm; RMB120 (advance), RMB150 (door); Omni Space, B103 Tianqiao Arts Center, Xiachen Square Xicheng 西城区 天桥艺术中心下沉广场 B103 (tickets via 247tickets.com)

● JMSN Music



American singer-songwriter and producer JMSN will hit the Beijing stage with his unique style of alternative R&B. Don't miss the Detroit native's striking and emotional performance at Yue Space.

Sat Mar 16, 8pm; RMB160; Yue Space, 7 Banqiao Nanxiang, Dongcheng 东城区 板桥南向7号 (tickets via 247tickets.com)

● The Underground Youth Gig



After selling out shows and rocking the stages of huge festivals across Europe, British psych-rock band The Underground Youth is bringing the noise to Beijing. Don't miss their rowdy gig at Omni Space in the middle of the month.

Sat Mar 16, 8.30pm; RMB120 (advance), RMB150 (door); Omni Space, B103 Tianqiao Arts Center, Xiachen Square Xicheng 西城区 天桥艺术中心下沉广场 B103 (tickets via 247tickets.com)

● Amadou & Mariam Music



International sensations Amadou and Mariam will bring their genre-blending Afro-blues music style to The blind Malian married couple has been creating music together for the past three decades, mixing traditional West African sounds with R&B, folk and pop.

Sun Mar 17, 8pm; RMB180 (advance), RMB220 (door); Tango, 79 Hepingli Xijie (by South Gate of Ditan Park), Dongcheng 地址 东城区和平里西街79号 (近地坛公园南门) (tickets via 247tickets.com)



● Republican Ladies & The Women of Dashilar Walking Tour

How have women in Dashilar changed throughout the Republican era of Beijing? Join this walking tour led by Beijing Postcards, as they take you through the old Beijing neighborhood – a former center of development with its modern shops, newspapers and more. As the capital slowly caught up with modern society, women experienced a newfound sense of freedom and opportunity with the crumbling patriarchal structures. The tour will take a little over two hours, including a post-walk exhibition.

Sat Mar 9, 2pm; RMB300; Beijing Postcards, 97 Yangmeizhu Byway 杨梅竹斜街97号 (for more info, visit bjpostcards.com)

● School of Rock Musical Theater



School of Rock, the latest work by Andrew Lloyd Webber, a living legend that brought you immortal masterpieces such as *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Cats*, will be shown in Beijing. Reimagined as a musical, *School of Rock* brings new joy and energy to the hit comedy film.

Fri Mar 22-Sun Apr 14, various times; RMB380-1180; Tianqiao Performing Arts Center, 9 Tianqiaonan Dajie, Xicheng 西城区天桥南大街9号 (tickets via 247tickets.com)

● NCPA Drama 'Look West to Chang'an' Theater

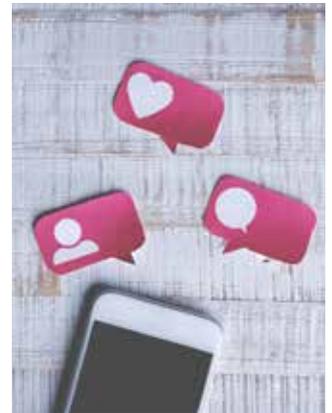


The five-act realistic comedy drama 'Look West to Chang'an' is based on the 1956 work 'The First Political Fraud Case of the New China.' Chinese writer Laoshe's unique and humorous direction makes the drama, full of absurdities and trickery, even more vivid.

Fri Mar 1-Sun Mar 10, 7.30pm; RMB180-380; National Center for the Performing Arts (NCPA), 2 Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng 西城区西长安街2号 (tickets via 247tickets.com)



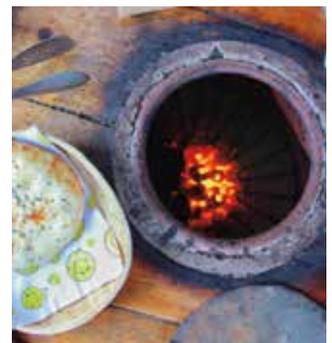
● Tantan's CEO on Their Secret to Success Talk



Since its launch in 2015, Chinese leading dating app TanTan reached 20 million active users. Always wanted to know the secret recipe of the app's enormous success? Don't miss out an opportunity to listen to Yu Wang, co-founder and CEO of Tantan at the end of the month.

Wed Mar 20, 6.30pm; RMB380; Swedish Chamber of Commerce in China, 313 Radisson SAS Hotel, A6 Beisanhuan Donglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区北三环东路甲6号北京皇家大饭店 313室 (for more info, visit swedcham.cn)

● Beijing Hutong Breakfast Tour



Early risers can get a taste of an authentic and traditional Beijing breakfast that goes back thousands of years in China's food history. Join UnTour Food Tours as they take you through the hutongs to enjoy over 10 delicious dishes with a group of your new foodie friends.

Wednesdays & Sundays, 8am; RMB 210-420; meeting point will be emailed after ticket purchase (tickets via 247tickets.com)



● Craft Beer Festival Drink

Great Leap Brewing is hosting the fifth installment of the Beijing Invitational Craft Beer Festival. The beer extravaganza is spread across five all-you-can-drink three- or four-hour sessions from Friday to Sunday. Tickets will give you access to over 80 unique beers per session with 40 different breweries in attendance, as well as all-you-can-eat canapés provided by TRB.

Fri Mar 29-Sun Mar 31, various times; RMB228/session; TRB Copper, 13 Nafu Hutong 地址 北京市东城区纳福胡同13号大院(tickets via 247tickets.com or GLB locations)

● Slow Boat Brewery Beer Tour Drink



Love Slow Boat brews? Discover how they're made inside their brewery: RMB150 gets you a tour, Q&A session, one hour of free-flow beer and more. Sat Mar 16, 2-4pm; RMB150; Slow Boat Brewpub, 6 Nansanlitun Lu Chaoyang District 朝阳区 南三里屯路6号

● Weekly Spring Specials @ Mosto Deals



In preparation for warmer days, Mosto has debuted weekly specials such as happy hour from Sunday to Thursday with RMB65 sharing plates, RMB30 oysters and RMB40 glasses of their house wine, a steak and wine night on Tuesdays, ladies night on Wednesdays and a special Sunday dinner deal on their roasted chicken.

Weekly; Mosto, 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 北京市朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层



● Italian Aperitivo @ Ponte Eat



Enjoy Saturdays in true Italian style with Ponte's 'Italian Aperitivo' special. For RMB120, indulge in imported cold cuts and cheese, along with free-flow wine and beer.

Saturdays, 6:30-9pm; RMB120/person; Ponte, 106/1, Bldg 15, 6 Dongsihuang Beilu, Chaoyang 地址 北京市朝阳区 4东四环北路6号 1区15号楼106 (6501 2934)

● Mardi Gras Drag Brunch Brunch



Home Plate is throwing a Mardi Gras-themed bash like no other, hosting a brunch and drag show featuring 12 performances by the Haus of Lily queens. Come for the stellar lineup of fabulous performers, stay for the brunch buffet and discounted pints of Slow Boat brews.

Sat Mar 9, 12-3pm; RMB250/person; Home Plate BBQ (Sanlitun), 1/F, Bldg 10, Electrical Research Institute, Nan Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 地址 北京市朝阳区南三里屯路北京机电院10号1楼(工体北路凯福大厦正南)



● Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo 'Cendrillon' Theater

The French choreographer and director of the Ballets de Monte-Carlo, Jean-Christophe Maillot, brings his interpretation of the beloved fairytale classic Cinderella to the NCPA stage. Don't miss the ballet *Cendrillon*, focused on the emotions and movement of the characters to tell a different story.

Thu Mar 14-Sat Mar 16, 7:30pm; RMB160-880; Opera House at the National Center for the Performing Arts (NCPA), 2 Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng 西城区西长安街2号 (tickets via 247tickets.com)

● Jim Gaffigan Comedy



Jim Gaffigan is a Grammy-nominated comedian, actor, *New York Times* best-selling author, top touring performer and multi-platinum-selling father of five. Known around the world for his unique brand of humor, which largely revolves around fatherhood and his observations on life and food, he has a whopping five comedy specials on Netflix and recently released his very own special "Noble Ape" direct to fans online. Basically, Jim Gaffigan is hilarious and this show is bound to be a good one.

Thu Mar 14, 8pm; RMB280-680; Super Theater, 5 Taiji Chang'er Tiao, Dongcheng 台基厂二条5号 D (tickets via thmart.com)

● 'Dancing Between Heaven and Earth' Dance



Having performed international audiences across the globe since its establishment in 1952, the Chinese National Song and Dance Ensemble will bring the songs and dances of China's ethnic minority groups to the NCPA stage. Watch the lively stage light up with diverse traditional dances such as Tibetan, Uyghur, Mongolian, Zhuang, Hui and Kazak.

Sat Mar 9-Sun Mar 10, 7:30pm; RMB80-960; Opera House at the National Center for the Performing Arts (NCPA), 2 Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng 西城区西长安街2号 (tickets via 247tickets.com)



● Little Women Theater



Growing up, falling in love and finding your voice – these are all at the heart of the coming-of-age story *Little Women*. The classic that instilled inspiration and had a tremendous impact for countless generations is coming to Beijing at the end of the month. Don't miss the chance to experience the intense movement and sound of the Chapterhouse Theater, as they bring the tale of the four sisters to life.

Thu Mar 21-Sat Mar 23, 7:30pm; RMB80-380; Nine Theatre, 17 Jin Tai Li, Chaoyang 金台里17号 (tickets via 247tickets.com)

● 'Beijing Fayuan Temple' Theater



The National Theatre of China brings you 'Beijing Fayuan Temple' in March. The production is scripted and directed by renowned director Tian Qinxin and the story is adapted from modern historian and writer Li Ao's first novel. Travel back to the times of the Qing Dynasty in this thought-provoking and emotional drama.

Wed Mar 6-Sun Mar 10, 7:30pm; RMB280-1080; National Center for the Performing Arts (NCPA), 2 Xi Chang'an Jie, Xicheng 西城区西长安街2号 (tickets via 247tickets.com)

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OPEN DOOR



CRU STEAKHOUSE AT JW MARRIOTT HOTEL BEIJING

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There's something about truffles that make us feel like we're nesting right in the lap of luxury. (That might have something to do with the wild price tag.) It seems CRU Steakhouse inside the JW Marriott Hotel Beijing shares our sentiments – they've concocted a five-course set menu featuring black truffles as the star of each dish.

The dinner starts with a scallop carpaccio – the tender scallops are subtle in flavor, juxtaposed with the bold flavors of pickled blueberries and black truffles. The parma ham appetizer is equally divine, with crunchy focaccia, rich parmesan cheese slivers, capers and truffles (of course), alongside an arugula salad and sundried tomatoes. Based with sour cream, the tomato soup is a warm and toasty treat before the main entrees, with fragrant hints of basil leaves, black olives and – you guessed it – more truffles. Choose between an impressive hunk of grilled Australian tenderloin, paired with the chef's special black truffle steak sauce and herb mayonnaise, or the grilled Atlantic cod fish, served with asparagus, baby carrots, horseradish sour cream and truffle sauce.

And it doesn't end there – yep, dessert also includes truffles: a blueberry coulis cheesecake enhanced with truffles. As the decadent treat arrives on our table, we brace ourselves for the unusual pairing. With one bite, we're pleasantly surprised. The rich and creamy cheesecake beautifully marries the sweet and juicy blueberry flavor with the sharp and savory notes of black truffles. Somehow, it just works.

For those looking for a luxurious dining experience, look no further than CRU Steakhouse's black truffle-themed menu, available throughout the month.

> Daily, 6pm-10pm; RMB988/person; CRU Steakhouse at JW Marriott Hotel Beijing, 83 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路83号 (5908 8530)

RESTAURANTS

The Hot One Hundred

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CHINESE

Contemporary & Mixed Cuisine

8 Qi Nian 祈年8号 (Cantonese/Sichuan)
The New World Hotel's flagship restaurant has classic Chinese cuisine in abundance, as well as some vitality-restoring medicinal soups. (Their decent wine list is just as effective.)

> Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:15pm, 5:30-9:30pm, Sat/Sun 12:24-5pm, 5:30-9:30pm; 2/F, New World Hotel, 8 Qianin Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区祈年大街8号新世界酒店2层 (5960 8822)

Din Tai Fung 鼎泰丰 ¥ (Taiwanese)

This Taipei-based franchise impressed Ken Hom enough to call it one of the best 10 eateries in the world, back in 1993. Famous for its dependably delicious *xiaolongbao* or little steam buns. Book ahead, there's always a long wait.

> Daily 11:30am-2:30pm, 5-10pm, weekends 11:30am-10pm; 24 Middle Street, Xinyuanxili, Chaoyang 朝阳区新源西里中街24号 (近渔阳饭店) (6462 4502) > Additional branches in Shin Kong Place; Parkview Green; Grand Pacific Mall Xidan; Modern Plaza Zhongguancun; see www.dintaifung.com.cn for details

Jing Yaa Tang 京雅堂 (Chinese, Peking Duck)

Resembling something between a nightclub and a theater, the Opposite House's basement restaurant proves to be more than just style over substance with their range of expertly prepared classic dishes.

> Daily 12-10:30pm, B1/F, The Opposite House, Sanlitun Bei Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路11号院1号楼瑜舍酒81楼 (6410 5230)

Huang Ting

Huang Ting celebrates the sophisticated flavours of fine Cantonese cuisine in an atmospheric setting that recreates a Beijing nobleman's courtyard home. A new Tea Lounge decorated with Ming Dynasty-era tables and parasols serves traditional Beijing snacks accompanied by more than 50 types of premium Chinese tea.

> Daily, Lunch 11:30am-2:30pm; Dinner 6-10:30pm, B2/F, The Peninsula, 8 Jinyu Hutong, Dongcheng District 金鱼胡同8号王府半岛酒店地下二层 (8516 2888 Ext 6707)

Peking Duck

The Horizon 海天阁 (Cantonese Beijing Duck) **

Kerry Hotel's Chinese restaurant has widened its predominantly Cantonese and Sichuan horizons to include dim sum, double-boiled soups and Peking duck – and the roast bird here really is fabulous.

> Daily 11:30am-2:30pm, 5:30pm-10pm 1/F, Beijing Kerry Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心1层 (8456 2188)

Country Kitchen

The name 'Country Kitchen' may sound like a diner, but a diner this is not. Rosewood Beijing's resplendent Northern Chinese restaurant serves elegant Hebei fare unlike you've ever had. Excellent Peking duck is on offer as well.

> Daily 11:30am-2:30pm and 5:30-10:30pm; 3F Rosewood Beijing, Jing Guang Centre, Huijialou, Chaoyang 朝阳区呼家楼一号京广中心北京瑰丽酒店3层 (6597 8888)

Da Dong 大董

Among the city's most famous haunts, Da Dong guarantees slick cuts of Beijing-style roast duck and delectable wrap fillings. The venue's a class act and the plum sauce is hard to follow.

> Daily 11am-10pm; 22 Dongshishitiao, Dongcheng 东城区东四十条甲22号 (5169 0328); see www.dadongdadong.com for more locations

Duck de Chine 全鸭季 ¥ *

Good duck is meant to show your guests how wonderful you are, as much as the food. Duck De Chine does that in spades, with fantastic presentation of its crispy, succulent duck (RMB188).

> Daily 11:30am-2:30pm, 6-10:30pm; Courtyard 4, 1949 The Hidden City, Gongti Bei Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院 (6501 8881); 98 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng 东城区金宝街98号 (6521 2221)

Xihe Village Restaurant and Bar

> Mon-Fri Lunch: 11am-2:30pm; Dinner: 5-9pm; Sun: 11am-9pm, 5-9:30, 3/F, South Area of Sanlitun Taikooli, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯太古里南区三层59-33(6417 6082)

Honglu 红炉



北京菜



Quality Peking duck on the cheap? Oh yes, it's possible – thanks to Honglu. The popular restaurant serves traditional Beijing food with a stylish twist (which is exactly why it's so crowded at lunchtime).

> Daily 11am-9:30pm, Sanlitun: Daily 11:00am-10:00pm, 60 Meters Of No. 6 Building Sanlitun South Road Chaoyang 三里屯店: 朝阳区三里屯南路6号楼南侧60米 (6595 9872; 6593 8970) Raffles: Daily 11:00am-10:00pm, 5 Floor Of Raffles shopping center Dongzhimen Dongcheng 来福士店: 东城区东直门来福士购物中心5层 (8409 8199; 8409 8234)

Shanghai

Shanghai Min 小南国

Many swear this chain has the best Shanghai-style *hongshaorou* north of the Yangtze. The jury's out, but its popularity remains.

> 0505, 5/F Raffles City Mall, 1 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门南大街1号来福士购物中心5楼0505号铺 (400 820 9777) > Additional branches in Financial Street; Jinbao Jie; Oriental Plaza; Sanlitun Soho; Xinyuan Nan Lu (see www.online.thatsmags.com for details)

Wang Jia Sha 王家沙

Modern Shanghai cuisine – popular with Hong Kong celebrities – famed for its crab-meat dumplings. Try the spicy-salt ribs (RMB62) for a bit of Adam action.

> Daily, 51-30a Taikoo Li Sanlitun (on the third floor of it shop) 朝阳区三里屯路19号院太古里1号楼3层51-30a号商铺 (6416 3469)

Sichuan/Hunan

Chuan Ban 川办 *

This bright, modestly decorated dining hall is frequently cited as Beijing's best Sichuan restaurant.

> Mon-Fri 7-9am, 10:50am-2pm, 4:50-9:30pm; Sat-Sun 7am-10pm; 5 Gongyuan Toutiao, Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区建国门内贡院头条5号 (6512 2277, ext. 6101)

Karaiya Spice House 辣屋 *

Bold and fiery Hunan cuisine in the most serene of restaurant interiors. Don't miss the dry roasted duck with a dozen spices and stir-fried bullfrog with shiso leaves and ginger. Peanut milk is there to soothe the palate: you'll need it.

> Daily 11:30am-2pm, 5:30-10pm; 3/F, Sanlitun Taikoo Li South, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯太古里19号院南区三层59-30 (6415 3535)

South Memory 望湘园

This restaurant chain is the Hunan staple in the capital. The trademark *shilixiang niurou* (fragrant beef), *duojiao shuangse yutou* (dual-colour spiced fish head) and meltingly tender frog dishes are among the favorites with locals.

> Daily 11am-10pm; 2/F, 230-232, Fenglian Plaza, 18

Chaoyangmen Wai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝外大街18号丰联广场2楼230-232号 (6588 1797); see www.southmemory.com for more locations

Yu Xin 渝信川菜

Open since 1993, Yu Xin's authentic Sichuan dishes have earned a loyal fanbase. Their *liangfen* – a jelly-like substance cut into chunky strips and dressed in an addictive spicy sauce – hits the spot. The rustic, intimate setting of bamboo cubicles and swift, friendly service complete the experience.

> Daily 11am-10pm; 5A Xingfu Yicun Xili, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福一村西里甲5号 see www.yuxin1997.com for other locations.

Yunnan

Dali Courtyard 大里院子 *

If you like authentic Yunnanese food, you'll have to trust the staff: there's no menu, it all just arrives in an intimate courtyard setting. The price (RMB120/person) matches the rustic ingredients.

> Daily 12-2pm, 6-10:30pm; Gulou Dong Dajie, 67 Xiaojingchang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街小经厂胡同67号 (8404 1430)

Lost Heaven 花马天堂 (Yunnan, SE Asian)

An emphasis on Yunnan characterizes this menu's fresh journey through the SE Asia passage, with a grandiose yet dark teak interior.

> Daily noon-2pm, 5pm-10:30 (bar open till 1am). Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng 东城区前门东大街23号 (8516 2698)

Middle 8 Restaurant 中8楼 *



An oasis at the top of Taikoo Li, Middle 8 is the go-to destination for fresh authentic Yunnan cuisine. The restaurant, stylish yet understated, has plenty of flavorful well-priced dishes and a killer view to boot.

> Sanlitun: Daily 11am-10pm, Taikoo Li Sanlitun South South Area F4, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯太古里南区4层(6415 8858); Indigo: Daily 11am-10pm, Jixianqiao Road No.20 Indigo F2, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路20号颐堤港2层(8420 0883); Zhongguancun: Daily 11am-10pm, Zhongguancun Plaza Pedestrian Street, No.17, Haidian海定区中关村广场步行街17号(5172 1728); Fenglan: Daily 11am-10pm, Xizhimen North Street No.32, Maples International Center Blok B, 1 Floor, Haidian海定区西直门大街32号枫蓝国际中心B座1层(6223 5583)

Youyun

> Daily, 10am-11pm, 63 Babaokeng Hutong, Beixinqiao, Dongcheng 东城区北新桥八宝坑胡同63号 6407 2050 / 185 1092 0709

Yun'er Small Town 云洱小镇

Folksy and affordable Yunnanese fare on Beiluoguxiang. Fragrant dishes including the jasmine bulbs with scrambled eggs, lemongrass shrimp and banana leaf wrapped bolete mushrooms will keep us crawling back.

> Daily 10am-11pm, 84 Beiluoguxiang, Dongcheng 东城区北锣鼓巷84号 (8404 2407)

Dumplings

Baoyuan Jiaoziwu 宝源饺子屋

Famous for their rainbow of dyed dumplings, Baoyuan have their *jiaozzi* (six, under RMB10) wrapped in a larger *yuانبao* silver-ingot shape, with creative vegetarian options and authentic Sichuan food.

> Daily 11am-10pm; north of 6 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang 朝阳区麦子店街6号楼北侧 (6586 4967)

Mr Shi's Dumplings 老石饺子馆

Since receiving a *Lonely Planet* recommendation the prices have risen and the walls are covered in backpackers' scribbles, but the fantastic dumplings – boiled and fried – are still fantastic.

> 74 Baochao Hutong, Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街宝钞胡同74号 (8405 0399, 131 6100 3826)

Regional

Crescent Moon (Xinjiang) *

Roast mutton enthusiasts go over the moon at this reputable Xinjiang Muslim restaurant. Eastern European and Central

Asian influences are evident throughout, with peppery and cumin-spiced dishes livening up traditional Chinese favorites.

> Daily 10am-11:30pm; 16 Dongsi Liutiao, Dongcheng 东四六条16号 (6400 5281)

Jia by NUO Hotel

Featuring modern Ming elements with inspired paintings from Xu Wei, a painter, calligrapher and food and wine connoisseur, the quintessentially authentic house of agriculture produces, Jia Chinese restaurant serves exquisite traditional Cantonese specialties in their purest form with chefs hailing from Hong Kong. Using the freshest ingredients from NUO's very own green farms, NUO Hotel Beijing provides an alternative green gourmet option in town.

> Mon-Fri: 11:30am-2pm, 5:30-10pm; Sat-Sun: 11am-2:30pm, 5:30-10pm; 1/F, NUO Hotel Beijing, 2A Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区将台路甲2号北京诺金酒店一层 (5926 8281)

Da Gui (Guizhou)

Guizhou's famed hot-and-sour cuisine nestled into a charming traditional alleyway. Munch happily into pickled greens and don't miss the salty-sweet deep-fried black sesame balls. They're sensational.

> Daily 10am-2pm, 5-10pm; 69 Daxing Hutong, Jiadaokou, Dongcheng 东城区交道口大兴胡同69号 (6407 1800)

Makye Ame (Tibetan)

Determined to prove that Tibetan cuisine consists of more than just yak-butter tea, the Beijing branch of this nationwide chain serves up nomadic classics such as curried potatoes and roast lamb.

> Daily 10-midnight; 11A Xishui Nanjie, Jianguomenwai, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外秀水南街甲11号 (6506 9616)

Xinjiang Red Rose (Xinjiang) *

One of Beijing's most famous Xinjiang restaurant, Red Rose serves some of the tenderest lamb skewers around, matched by enormous servings of classics like *dapanji* (a chicken, potato and pepper stew), *latiaozi* (noodles with a spicy tomato sauce) and *nang* (baked flatbread).

> Daily 10:30am-11pm; Inside 7 Xingfuyicun, opposite Workers' Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场北门对面幸福一村7巷内 (6415 5741)

WESTERN

Fine Dining

Barolo ¥¥ (Italian) *

Average Italian abounds in Beijing: not here, though. Quite the opposite, in fact, meaning Barolo is as well-regarded as the Piedmont wine it is named after.

> Mon-Sun 11:30am-2pm, 6pm-10pm. Ritz Carlton Hotel, China Central Place, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路甲83号华贸中心丽思卡尔顿酒店内 (5908 8151)

Maison Flo ¥¥ (French) *

Marble slabs, mosaic floors and brass fittings establish the Parisian bona fides; dishes like snails (RMB78), oysters (RMB48 each) and steak tartare (RMB158) confirm. The grandeur is matched only by the service, and the prices reflect the authenticity of the experience.

> Daily 11am-midnight; 18 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区霄云路18号 (6595 5135)

The Georg **

This hutong mansion has an elegant restaurant, leather-couched lounge area, sleek bar and sick location near Houhai. But most importantly, it has some of the most thoughtful, innovative cuisine in town. Go for a dinner you won't forget.

> 10:30am-midnight (dinner 6-10:30pm), closed Mondays; 45 Dongbuyuqiao Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区东不压桥胡同45号 (8408 5300)

Héritage ¥¥

A French country-style chateau in the heart of Beijing. A chef de cuisine with Michelin star restaurant experience and an extensive wine cellar make this Sofitel Hotel restaurant one of the best French dining experiences in town.

> 6F Sofitel Wanda Beijing, Tower C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座索菲特酒店6层 (8599 6666)

TRB Forbidden City TRB 紫禁城 ¥¥ **

> No.95 Donghuamen, Dongcheng District东城区东华门大街95号(故宫东华门东侧) (6401 6676)

TRB Hutong TRB 胡同店 ¥¥ **

> No.23 of Shatan Bejie, Dongcheng District东城区沙滩北街嵩祝寺23号 近五四大街/嵩祝寺及智珠寺 (8400 2232)

Mio ¥¥

Glitzy Italian fare at the Four Seasons, with a mobile Bellini cart, wheeled straight to your table. The Chef crafts a superb squash

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THE HORIZON AT KERRY HOTEL BEIJING PEKING PAST

The Horizon is one of the capital's most renowned dining spots serving traditional Chinese fare. Now, after the festivities, Kerry Hotel's Chinese restaurant is going back to its roots with a new menu featuring authentic Beijing dishes specially created by Chef Yuan Chaoying and Chef Peter Ma.

'Beijing Cuisine' evokes the old glamour of the city, bringing us back to a time when the city walls were still standing tall and life went by among quadrangular courtyards and interlacing hutongs. This is thanks to recipes like the Wok-Fried Shredded Duck Breast with Bean Sprouts, a popular dish at the Manchu and Han courts, yet so light and refreshing that it is still loved by Beijingers today. The shredded duck enchants with its distinct flavor, while the bean sprouts add a playful crunch. The Stir-Fried Diced Chicken and Walnut with Soybean Paste is also sure to impress, with its effortless combination of sweet and salty notes.

Condensed in 12 a la carte offerings, the 'Beijing Cuisine' menu embodies the soul of old Beijing, its legends and folklore with some of its most traditional recipes. Want to join in on this culinary tour? Make a reservation now to enjoy it with friends at one of the luxurious round tables at The Horizon.

> Daily, RMB48-398; The Horizon Chinese Restaurant at Kerry Hotel Beijing, 1/F, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心1层 (For reservations, call 8565 2188)

OPEN DOOR



BEERSMITH FEELIN' LUCKY LANTERNS

Established in May 2017, Beersmith inside the Hotel Jen Beijing prides itself on its skilled in-house brewery. Using only the finest local and imported ingredients for its craft brews and ciders, the lively and popular gastropub never disappoints when it comes to exciting seasonal releases.

The latest is the Lucky Lanterns beer, inspired by last month's Spring Festival celebrations. The tangy red ale is infused with the peel of tangerines, a token given out to friends and family during the New Year festivities to wish them luck, and delicate notes of Jasmine tea, a fragrant favorite also enjoyed over the holiday season.

The beer's deep-red color is a nod to the traditional color of Spring Festival, of course, attained by the use of purple rice and higher colored malts.

Stop by Beersmith throughout the month and raise your glasses of Lucky Lanterns to toast to the New Year a couple more times. A few sips and you'll be feeling pretty lucky – we guarantee it.

Daily, 11am-2am; Beersmith Gastropub, 1/F, Hotel Jen, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号

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tortellini by hand, and pampers diners with desserts like the deconstructed tiramisu.

>Daily lunch 11:30am - 2:30pm, dinner 5:30pm - 10:30pm, Four Seasons Hotel, 48 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang, 朝阳区亮马桥路48号北京四季酒店 (5695 8888)

Grange Grill **

Located in the Westin Beijing Chaoyang, Grange Grill serves up some of the city's best steak, seafood and grill offerings. The restaurant's welcoming decor provides a relaxing atmosphere to enjoy a cocktail or a glass of fine vintage from the extensive wine collection. Be sure to try the 'luxurious oyster feast,' where you can enjoy the delicacy raw, grilled or with cheese.

> Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-2:30pm, Sat and Sun 11:30am-3pm; Dinner: Daily 5:30-10:30pm; The Westin Beijing Chaoyang 7 North East Third Ring Road, Chaoyang 东三环北路7号 (5922 8888)

Contemporary Western

Bistrot B

Rosewood Beijing's exquisite French restaurant is the sort of place chefs like to eat. Expect lavish luxury.

> Daily, 11:30am-2:30pm and 5:30-10:30pm; 1F Rosewood Beijing, Jing Guang Centre, Huijialou, Chaoyang 朝阳区呼家楼一号京广中心北京瑰丽酒店 3层 (6536 0066)

Caribeño (Latin)

Heavy Cuban influence, but there are dishes from all over the Latin continent here. The Ropa Vieja (shredded beef on potato) is excellent – as are the Mojitos.

> Daily 11:30am-9:30pm, 1/F, China Overseas Plaza, 8 Guanghua Dongli, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华东路8号中海广场北楼4层 (5977 2789)

Chi (Organic, Fusion)

Hutong set-menu dining par-excellence, with organic ingredients all locally sourced. From the owners of neighboring Saffron.

> Daily, opens 10:30am, last order 9:30pm, 67 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区五道营胡同 67号 (6445 7076)

COMBAL 燕 by Tiago

>127-129, 1/F, Tower C, Cofco Plaza, 8 Jianguomen Neidajie, Dongcheng District 东城区建国门内大街8号中粮广场C座一层127-129单元 (6528 2280)

C Pearl (Oysters, Seafood) * *

This slick oyster restaurant imports fresh shells from Canada, South Africa, France, USA and more – and they are well worth the price. The fries are the best we've had in Beijing, beer and wine selection also excellent.

> Tue-Sun 5:30pm-2am; 14-2, Bldg 14, Shunyuanli, Xinyuan Jie, Yansha Qiao, Chaoyang 朝阳区燕莎桥新源街顺源里14号楼14-2号 (5724 5886)

Feast (Food by East)

Bustling café with a philosophy of 'Simple things, done well'. International favorites, using freshest ingredients, cooked on the spot.

>Daily 6am-10:30pm, 2/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店2层 8414 9820

George's Bar & Restaurant

George's Bar offers specially handcrafted cocktails featuring admirable art masterpieces blending with copperish elements. Afternoon tea set for two at CNY288 is available from 3-5pm daily. Gentlemen's Night every Saturday that men enjoy Buy 1 Get 1 on drinks. George's Restaurant presents creative world classic cuisine that revolves around local ingredients with exquisite touch that introduces an authentic yet distinctive palette. Daily special menu awaits you.

>Daily 11am-2:30pm; 5:30-10pm, Hotel éclat Beijing, 9 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东大桥路9号北京怡亨酒店L1 (8561 7758)

Grill 79 (Steak)

With views this good, Grill 79 would probably make it onto the list even if the food was terrible. It's something of a bonus then that the kitchen is superb, and supported by one of the most extensive wine lists in town.

> Daily 6:30-10:30am, noon-2pm, 6-10pm, 79/F, China World Trade Center Phase 3, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸大酒店79楼 (6505 2299 ext 6424)

Hulu Modern European Cuisine by TRB 琉祿 现代欧洲风格

> S4-32, Taikoo LI South, 19 Sanlitun Road, Chaoyang District 朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯太古里南区3层 S4-32 (6512 5701)

JF Royal Teahouse

>Daily 10am-9:30pm; B215 China World Trade Center Tower 3, Jintong East Road, Chaoyang Beijing 北京市朝阳区国贸商城区域3 地下二层B215 (8535 1625)

Jing

Jing Restaurant is a unique dining venue, celebrating contemporary French dining with Asian inspirations by Chef De Cuisine Julien Cadiou in a stylish setting evoking a mystical Chinese garden.

>Daily, Lunch 12am-2:30pm; Dinner 6-10:30pm, B1/F, The Peninsula, 8 Jinyu Hutong, Dongcheng District 金鱼胡同8号王府半岛酒店地下一层 (8516 2888 Ext 6714)

Lin's Dining Lounge

> Daily 11am-10pm, 2/F, New Grand Dynasty Hotel, 58 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang 朝阳区麦子店街58号新大京饭店二层 (6500 6766)

Mosto (European, South American) * *

A perpetually busy lunch and evening spot, thanks to chef Daniel Urdaneta's skill for modernising South American-style dishes like ceviche and risotto in his open kitchen.

> Sun-Thu noon-2:30pm, 6-10pm; Fri-Sat noon-2:30pm, 6-10:30pm. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层 (5208 6030)

The English Tearoom 英国茶房

>Daily 10am-9:30pm; 101, Bldg 10, North area of Xiangyun Town, 9 Antai Dajie, Shunyi 顺义区安泰大街9号院中粮祥云小镇北区10号楼101 (8047 9661 / 8047 9661); Daily 10am-7pm Creativity Garden, 1 Shunhuang Lu, Sunhe xiang, Chaoyang 朝阳区孙河乡顺黄路甲1号创意园内 (8459 4407)

TrEat Restaurant & Bar.

Situated on the fifth floor of Oakwood Residence Damei Beijing with high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, fine city views complement the delicious a mixture of traditional European food and Western comfort foods, as well as Asia dishes.

>5/F, Damei Center, Bldg 1, 7 Qingnian Lu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区青年路7号达美中心1号楼5层 (8514 2211)

Sizzler

Sizzler invented 'casual dining' in Australia when it introduced the first soup, salad, pasta and fresh fruit concept. Since those pioneering days, it has expanded its 'classic grill' to include, not only steak and seafood, but also delicious chicken dishes, BBQ ribs, combination meals and burgers. 'Variety' and 'freedom to choose' set Sizzler apart from other dining experiences. At Sizzler customers are free to control the volume, nutritional balance and variety of each meal by ordering from the grill and helping themselves to our famous soup, salad, pasta and fruits.

>All stores open daily, 10am-10pm: Wangfujing Oriental Plaza Store 王府井东方广场店 (8518 6315); Chongwenmen Glory Mall Store 崇文门国瑞购物中心店 (6714 0399); Wangjing Capital Mall 望京凯德购物中心店 (6471 3876); Waniu BHG 万柳华联商场店 (8258 9405) Wan Shoulu Crystal Capital Mall 万寿路凯德晶品店 (6826 086); Xizhimen Capital Mall 西直门凯德购物中心店 (5830 2199); Sanlitun Shimao Gongsan 三里屯世茂工三店 (8400 4014); Changyang Paradise Walk 常营龙湖天街店 (8539 0438); Tianjin Joy City 天津大悦城店 (8728 1620)

Tomacado

Tomacado is indeed a mash-up of 'tomato' and 'avocado' – and while you'll certainly find these ingredients on the menu, you can also expect pleasant drinks, light soups and heartier main courses from this charming café. Fowers are also available for sale.

> Daily 10am-10pm (Lunch start from 11am, Only afternoon tea served on Mon-Fri 2:30-5pm), No. 19/20, B1/F, Jia Ming Center, 27 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环北路27号嘉铭中心地下一层 19/20号 (6500 3354)

VIC

Not to be confused with the notorious nightclub of the same name, this VIC is the Sofitel Beijing's casual dining restaurant. All the major world cuisines are in attendance here – make sure you pay special attentions to the French-inspired breads and pastries – as is the customary Sunday champagne brunch.

> Sofitel Wanda Beijing, Tower C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座索菲特酒店6层 (8599 6666)

Yi House (Contemporary Western)

Nestled in the confines of 798, Yi's great tasting brunch is bettered only by their wide range of cocktails. Sundays offer jazz brunches with lobster and champagne.

> Daily 11am-3pm, 6pm-12am, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, 798 Yishu Qu, No.1 706 Houjie, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路2号院798艺术区706后街1号 (6436 1818)

Wood

>Daily 10:30am-11pm, Lakeside Gourmet Street, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾湖边湖畔美食街 近南边地面停车场 5726 8255

Stuff'd (Contemporary Western)

The concept of Stuff'd is to simply stuff one kind of food in another. From sausage

calzone pizzas (RMB68) to scotch eggs – it all works. On-site micro brewery a bonus.
> Wed-Mon, 11:30am-2:45pm, 6-10pm, 9 Jinchang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区新厂胡同9号 (6407 6308)

Café/Deli/Sandwich

Café Flatwhite



Hailing from New Zealand, Café Flatwhite uses fresh and healthy ingredients in its tasty selection of sandwiches, pizzas, salads and brunch options, all served alongside some of the best coffee in Beijing.

> Open Daily, Mon-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat-Sun 9am-9pm; 798 Dazhanzi Art District Store: D09-1, No.4, 798 Dazhanzi Art District, Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号 798艺术区D09-1 (5978 9067 / 13051771436); Jianguomenwai Media Center Store: No.13 Bldg, Jianguomenwai DRC, 1 Xiushui Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区秀水街1号建国门外外交公寓13号楼1层东北角 8532 2633; Jianguomenwai DRC Store: Building 7-1-11, 1 Silk Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区秀水街1号建国门外外交公寓7-1-11 (85322633/18701092189); FFCStore: 107/B1/F, Fortune Financial Center, 5 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区东三环中路5号财富金融中心1层107 (65969108); China Central Mall Store: L315, China Central Mall, Chaoyang District 朝阳区华贸中心写字楼三层L315单元 (8588 7978) www.cafeatflatwhite.com, cafeatflatwhite@hotmail.com, WeChat username: Cafe-Flatwhite

Café Zarah (Café) *

A smart new interior and menu for this longstanding cafe has propelled it from hipster hangout to Gulou institution. Large, airy and with a terrace for summer, the only downside is it's always packed.

> Daily 9:30am-midnight, 42 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街42号 (8403 9807)

Domain 域

A blend of café, business center and lounge, it has a gentle buzz all of its own. For privacy, Domain also provides workstations equipped with computers and ipads.
> Daily 7am-9pm, 2/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店2层 (8414 9830)

Ricci

Named after a 17th century Italian Jesuit (duh), this creative café has a funky, kooky-meets-organic vibe and serves up some of the best casual western food in town, and a great brunch at the Wudaokou location (Chaoyang branch closed weekends).

> 1/F, Building D, Tsinghua Science Park, 1 Zhongguancun Donglu, Haidian 海淀区中关村东路1号院清华科技园D座1楼 (8215 8826)

The Rug (Contemporary Western, Organic) *

With ingredients supplied by local organic farms like Dahe and De Run Wu, and an emphasis on sustainability, this café's wide ranging menu has something for everyone, especially green types, bored foreign moms and freelance Macbook types.

> Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30pm, Sat/Sun 9:30am-10:30pm; Bldg 4, Lishui Jiayuan, Chaoyang Gongyuan Nanlu (opposite Chaoyang Park South Gate), Chaoyang 朝阳区公园南路丽水嘉园4号楼(朝阳公园南门对面) (8550 2722) > Additional location in Sanlitun Nan Jie (see online.thatsmags.com for details)

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Salads, wraps and sandwiches, and noodle and grain bowls are as tasty as they are holistic, and there are more superfoods in one single dish than we even knew existed. Come hungry, leave basking in the warm glow that comes from knowing that you are eating well. Kombucha is the icing on the (organic, locally-sourced) cake.

> Daily 8am-10:30pm, 1/F, Building 3, China View Plaza, 2A Gongti Dong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体东路甲2号中国红砖大厦3号楼1层大入口南侧(85871899)

Wagas (Contemporary Western)

Quality eats with minimal pretension. This stylish, no-fuss Shanghai rival to Element Fresh offers some of the best and most affordable Western lunch options in town. The zesty carrot-and-zucchini cake is a crowd pleaser.

> Daily 8am-10pm; S8-33, 3/F, Bldg 8, Taikoo Li South, 19 South Sanlitun Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯

太古里南区三层 (6416 5829) > Additional locations in The Kerry Centre, Raffles Mall Dongzhimen (see www.thatsmags.com for details)

MOKA Bros (Contemporary Western) *

Power bowls, salads and wraps are the kind of fare on offer at this trendy Nali Patio space, which also has a great selection of cakes and pastries if you're feeling more indulgent.

> Sanlitun: Sun-Tue 11am-10:30pm, Fri/Sat 11am-11:30pm, B101B Nali Patio South, 81 Sanlitun Beilu Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号B101B南楼 (5208 6079); Solana: Solana Lakeside Dining Street, 6 Chaoyang Park Road, Chaoyang 朝阳区湖畔美食街 朝阳公园路6号院蓝色港湾 (5905 6259)

American/BBQ/Grill

Eudora Station 亿多瑞站

> (Near Lidu place) No 6, Fangyuanli Chaoyang 朝阳区 芳园西里6号(丽都广场对面)(6437 8331, 6437 8334)

Home Plate BBQ *

Scruffy looks and laid-back staff belie the popularity of this entry-level brick-smoker barbecue joint, that blossoms in the sunny months. Pulled-pork sandwiches are the favorites, followed by baby-back ribs. Beer and bourbons are taken care of, too.

> Daily 11am-10pm, 35 Xiaoyun Lu courtyard (20m north of Xiaoyun Lu intersection, first right), Chaoyang District 朝阳区霄云路35号院过霄云路路口, 往北走20米, 到第一个路口右拐(5128 5584)
> Additional location in Sanlitun Nan Jie (see www.thatsmags.com for details)

NOLA

N'Orleans finds a dark-wood home in the leafy embassy area, with a jazz soundtrack, shrimp and grits, gumbo, fried chicken, jambalaya and decent-enough po'boys – yes! M. Excellent Cajun snacks, craft beers and cocktails also make NOLA a popular watering hole.

> Mon-Fri 8am-11pm, Sat-Sun 10:30am-11pm, 11A Xiushui Nanjie, Chaoyang 朝阳区秀水南街11号 (8563 6215)

The Big Smoke *

Taking the Home Plate BBQ concept and upscaling was a gourmet masterstroke. Full menu evenings only (also delivers rotisserie chicken via Uncle Otis).

> Daily Mon-Sat 11am-midnight, Sun 11am-10pm. First Floor, Lee World Building (opposite Frost Nails), 57 Xingfucun Zhong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福村中路 57 号楼利世楼 (6416 5195, 6416 268, www.uncle-otis.com)

The Woods *

New York native-owned, Manhattan-style restaurant, tucked in amongst the skyscrapers of CBD: you can't get more Big Apple than that.

> Daily 12pm-10pm, Central Park Tower 1, Suite 101, No. 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际1号楼101 (6533 6380)

Burgers

Blue Frog

Blue Frog is pleased to introduce a creative new Drinks Menu. As the new year begins, this new menu will wake up everyone's taste buds with a bevy of specialty and original cocktails, mocktails, shots, beer, wine and healthy drinks inspired by popular ingredients.

> All open Daily 10am-late; S2-30, Level 3, 52 Tower, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯太古里南区三座S2-30 (6417 4030); No.167, 1/F, 18 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路18号1层167号 (8426 0017); No.125, 1/F, Bldg 1, Sanfeng(North), Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北里1号楼1层125号 (85612655); Unit 15-16, 1/F, Bldg AB, Ocean International Center, 10 Jintong Xilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区金桐西路10号远洋光华国际中心AB座一层15 16单元 (8590 3168)

W&T BAGELS

Salads, Sandwiches & Pizza, Super price Mojito, Daily fresh Handmade Bagels. Small Café & Bar from Jacky's.

> Daily 9am-midnight, 1/F, FX Hotel, 39 Maizidian Xijie, Chaoyang District 朝阳区麦子店西街39号富驿酒店一层 185 1119 5551

German

Drei Kronen 1308 *

Authentic (truly – when they say 1308 they mean it) displays of armour and brewing kits draw regular evening crowds for the superb pork knuckle and heavy-duty helles (pale lager), wheat and dark beer (brewed on-site).

> Daily 11am-2am, 1/F, Bldg 5, China View, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体东路中国红街5号楼1层(6503 5555)

Bodensee Kitchen

Bodensee Kitchen is a new German Restaurant in Beijing, located at the 2nd Floor at South German Bakery (Lucky Street). At Bodensee Kitchen, two Germans, and

one Austrian, aim to bring back authentic, traditional, home made German-Austrian-Swiss cuisine from around the beautiful Lake of Constance region. You will find top quality German-Austrian-Swiss cuisine and a large variety of German beer and wines. And all this in a traditional and comfortable German restaurant setting with friendly and warm service. Bodensee Kitchen also offers great Catering Packages and Offers – no matter whether you need a small or big Catering, Bodensee Kitchen can help you out!

> 2/F, South German Bakery, 27 Lucky Street, Chaoyang Park Road, Chaoyang District 朝阳区公园路好运街27号德南面包房二楼 (1314 685 2633)

Brotzeit German Bier Bar & Restaurant

博琛德国啤酒餐厅

Brotzeit offers its customers a unique experience with authentic German cuisine and world famous German beers in a casual environment. Coupled with its contemporary setting and unique brand appeal, Brotzeit is distinct from the traditional-style German restaurants still seen in Germany and other parts of the world.

> NL7006 Guomao Phase 3B, Building 17, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号17号楼国贸商城北区7层NL7006(65056068); F109, 1/F, Grand Summit, Building 5, 19 Dongfang Donglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东方东路19号外交公寓南区1层 F109 (8531 5166)

Hacker-Pschorr Brauhaus

If you're looking for authentic German fare and, most importantly, German-style beer, then you can't go wrong with Hacker-Pschorr Brauhaus. Made from centuries-old recipes – and in accordance with the 1516 German Beer Purity Law – the brews here are some of the finest in Beijing. Prost!

> Room 3, Building 3, No. 12, Xindonglu Chaoyang 朝阳区 新东路12号院3号楼3门(5323 3399)

Paulaner Brauhaus

The grand old man of Beijing brauhauses, Paulaner delivers the Teutonic goods in the hands of lederhosen-clad staff from the provinces. It can be pricey but is usually worthwhile, especially during Oktoberfest.
> Daily 11am-1am, Kempinski Hotel, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路50号凯宾斯基饭店 (6465 3388 ext. 5732)

Italian

Bocca Della Verita *

Good-value homestyle Italian is the order of the day at this little-known spot in Beixinqiao.

> Dinner: 5-10pm; Lunch: 10am-3pm; 3/F, 277 Dongzhimen Nei Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门内大街277号3楼 雍和宫大街和新桥头条交叉处的四层商业楼三层 (6455 3832, 1391 0969 240)

Annie's *

Now a certified Beijing institution, Annie's serves up the city's most reliable Italian fare. Delivery is free anywhere between Line 5 and the the Fifth Ring Road (call for delivery prices outside this area), and can be ordered in English between 10.30am and 10.30pm from www.annies.com.cn. Alternatively, drop in to your local branch.

> All open Daily, 10.30am-11pm; Beijing Riviera: opposite west gate of Lane Bridge Villa, Shunyi 朝阳区来广营东5号长岛澜桥别墅西2对面尚古城一樓 (8470 4768); Lido: Jiatai Lu, opposite United Family Hospital 朝阳区将台商业街4号楼2楼和和睦医院对面 (6436 3735); Wangjing: 2/F, beside the Daimler Tower, LSH Plaza, 2 Wangjing Jie 朝阳区利星行广场A座戴姆勒大厦裙楼2层近望京商业中心 (84760398); Chaoyang Park: West Gate of Chaoyang Park 朝阳区朝阳公园西门南侧 (6591 1931); Sanlitun: China View Building, opposite East Gate of Workers' Stadium 朝阳区工体东门对面中国红街一樓 (8587 1469); Ritan Park: Ritan High Life, 3/F, north of Ritan Park 朝阳区神路街39号日坛上街3-108号 (8569 3031); The Place: East of the Place, south of Central Park 朝阳区金桐西路10号远洋光华国际中心AB座1层 (8590 6428); Guomao: Ruisai Business Building (southeast of Guomao subway) 朝阳区东三环南路2号瑞赛大厦商务楼1层 (6568 5890); Sunshine 100: Guanghua Lu, opposite Sunshine 100 Building 朝阳区光华路阳光100公寓对面首经贸南门 (858 98366)

Assaggi *

This fine Italian spot in the leafy embassy district has one of Beijing's best terraces for summer dining. The tagliata steak is worth a return visit.

> Daily 11:30am-2:30pm, 6pm-11:30pm, 1 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北街1号 (8454 4508)

Bene *

Chef Ricci will have you singing like a soprano with his pork ravioli and prize-winning tiramisù. Excellent set menus (RMB588) and extensive wine selection.

> Daily 11am-2:30pm, 5:30-10:30pm, Sheraton Beijing Dongcheng, 36 Northeast Third Ring Road, Dongcheng District 东城区三环北路36号(5798 8995)

BK's Tavern

BK's Tavern shares your tiredness and serves you leisure with surprises. Good drink for an old friend of since.

> Daily, Mon-Sun 11am-10:30pm, 39 Maizidian Street by the side of Liang Ma River, Chaoyang District 朝阳区麦子店街39号亮马河南畔(8595 9609)

Cepe *

In a city inundated with Italian offerings, Cepe manages to stand out thanks to its attention to the smallest detail – everything from the vinaigrette to the Parma ham is import quality, and the wine is superb.

> Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm, The Ritz-Carlton Financial Street, 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng 西城区金城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店大堂 (6601 6666)

Daccapo Italian Restaurant

An irresistible warmth of traditional Italian hospitality combines with the best in contemporary Western cuisine to offer a versatile meeting and dining area for friends, family and business associates on the 2nd floor of our the Regent Beijing.

> Lunch: Mon-Fri, 11.30am-2pm; Dinner: Mon-Sun, 6-10pm, Regent Beijing, 99 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District 东城区金宝街99号北京丽晶酒店 (8522 1888)

Florentina 翡冷翠意大利餐厅

Florentina serves authentic Italian fare in low-key, yet elegant surrounds. Cuisine is high-end, the environment is relaxed. A beautiful outdoor terrace makes this place a goshend for Lido residents.

> Daily 11-late (Kitchen serves until 10pm), 1/F, Bldg 2, No. 6 Yang, Fangyuan Xilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区芳园西路6号院2号楼1层(8431 0027)

Mercante *

Old World family charm in an intimate walled setting. Time (and, occasionally, service) slows with a rustic menu from Bologna offering an assortment of homemade pastas and seasonal mains.

> Tue-Sun 6-10.30pm, 4 Fangzhuanchang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区方砖厂胡同4号 (8402 5098)

Tiago Home Kitchen

Even the most exacting palettes are delighted by TIAGO, whose team prepares globally sourced ingredients and sustainably grown produce. TIAGO's dining experience is distinctly Italian, but its menu also offers such classics as Australian steaks and Boston lobster – plus a wide selection of salads, pizza, pasta and desserts.

> Indigo: Daily 11.30am-10pm, Shop L173, Indigo Mall, 18 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路18号颐堤港购物中心L173商铺(64388772); Chaoyang Joy City: Daily 11am-10pm, 5/F50/6F, Chaoyang Joy City, 101 Chaoyang Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳北路101号朝阳大悦城5F50/6F(8558 382)

Opera Bombana *

Head chef Umberto Bombana boasts three Michelin stars to his name, earned at his wildly successful Hong Kong restaurant Otto e Mezzo. He's the only Italian chef to do so outside of his native land, and certainly the only to have opened a restaurant in Beijing.

> Daily, 12pm-10:30pm; LG2-21 Parkview Green Fangcaodi, 9 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东大桥路9号侨福芳草地地下2层21号 (5690 7177)

Ponte

A cozy and vintage ambient to enjoy a more high level take on Italian and European cuisine. Ponte Deli offers a rich choice of imported Italian cheese and cold cuts, but also freshly baked bread and viennoiserie. Italian aperitif every Friday and Saturday evening from 6:30pm till 8:00pm.

> Daily 6.30 am(for breakfasts in Ponte Deli) - 10:00pm, 1-06, 1/F, Bldg 15, Zone 1, 6 Dongshihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区东四环北路六号上东商业广场 滨河花园一区15号楼1层1-06 (6591 1931)

Pizza

La Pizza

Among the upper echelons of Beijing pizzerias is this Sanlitun goldfish bowl with a wood-fired oven and Neapolitan manners. Further branches in Solana and pasta/salad/mains-buffet restaurant in Sanlitun 3.3

> Sanlitun Branch: daily 10.30am-3pm, 6-11pm, 1/F, 3.3 Mall, 33 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路33号3.3服装大厦西北角底商(5136 5582); Solana Branch: SA-48, 1/F, Bldg 3, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Park Road, Chaoyang 朝阳公园西路6号蓝色港湾3号 SA-48 (5905 6206) > SOHU Shangdu Branch: SH1112, SOHU Shangdu, 8 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区东大桥路8号SOHO尚都SH1112号(5900 3112); La Pizza Buffet: 4F, Sanlitun 3.3 Mall, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯3.3服装大厦4层(5136 5990)

Tube Station

Nowhere does gigantic toppen-laden pizza quite like Beijing, and these guys claim to be the biggest in town.

> Sanlitun 3.3 Branch: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat/Sun

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10am-11pm, delivery Mon-Thu 11:30am-10:30pm, Fri-Sun 11:30am-11pm 3/F, 3.3 Building, No. 33 Sanlitun Beijing, Chaoyang 三里屯北街33号3.3服装大厦3层 3008号 (5136 5571, delivery 8989 177) > Additional branches in Gongti, Beida, Beitai, Yayancun, Solana and Weigongcun, see www.online.thatsmags.com for details)

Mexican/Tex Mex

The Mission

The Mission Mexican Grill is on, well, a mission – to bring quality grab-and-go burritos and tacos to the good people of Chaoyang. Stop by for tasty, fresh Mexican dishes using high-quality ingredients, and customize your order at their burrito bar.

> Daily 10am-10pm, China World Mall store: NL4020, L4 North Zone, China World Mall 朝阳区国贸商城北4层NL4020(8535 1191); Central Park Plaza store: 7-9, 1/F, Building 7, Central Park Plaza, 10 Chaoyang Park South 朝阳公园南路中央公园广场A-7-109 (6586 1180); Wangjing store opening soon: 206, 2/F, RADIANCE; 6 Wangjing Dongyuan, Chaoyang District 朝阳区望京东园6号楼金辉大厦2层206单元 (6478 8660)

Taco Bar

Rising from the ashes of its deceased hutong location, the new Taco Bar is hip, popular and able to produce some of the most authentic Mexican fare in town. Only RMB45 for three and great cocktails to complement.

> Tue-Thu 5:30pm-1am, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-2:30am, Sun 11am-1am; 1/F, Unit 10, Electrical Research Institute, Sanlitun Nan Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯南路机电研究院内10号1层 (6501 6026)

Q Mex Bar & Grill

> Sanlitun Courtyard (across from Salsa Caribe, nearby Bookworm), Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院机电研究院餐饮街内 6585 3828

Palms L.A. Kitchen and Bar * (Korean-Mexican fusion)

Tucked away near Gulou, this hip little hutong concept is truly one of a kind in Beijing. Quesadillas with kimchi and bibimbaps with melted cheese and hot sauce. Guess what? It works. Killer range of classic Cali cocktails, too.

> Daily 11:30am-midnight (closed Mondays); 14 Zhangwang Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区旧鼓楼大街张旺胡同14号 (6405 4352)

Steak

Char Dining Room & Lounge

Char is a Premium Steak house; a lifestyle concept, modern with live entertainment to fascinate customers with a hint of class and flair. Exceptional quality to truly reward guests and makes Char Dining Room & Lounge the place to be seen.

> Daily, Lunch: 11:30am-2:30pm; Dinner: 5:30-10pm; Bar: 10pm-1am; 3/F, InterContinental Beijing Sanlitun, 1 South Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区三里屯北路1号北京三里屯通盈中心洲际酒店三层 (8516 0065)

Morton's of Chicago (American) 叉 *

Meat so tender the knife falls through it; ritzy Morton's deserves the worldwide praise. Expensive, but where else are you going to get steak this good? (Try the RMB550 set menu if you want to save cash) > Mon-Sat 5:30-11pm, Sun 5:10-3:30pm; 2/F, Regent Hotel, 99 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng 东城区金宝街99号丽晶酒店二层 (6523 7777)

O'Steak

A well-cooked steak in Beijing isn't all that rare anymore, and here we have affordable but quality cuts. Don't be fooled by the Irish sounding name, it's an authentic French bistro – not a Guinness in sight.

> Daily midday-midnight, Xingfu: No.557 Xingfucun Zhonglu, opposite of April courmet, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福村中路557号杰大厦底商绿叶子超市斜对面 (8448 8250); Central Park: No.0103 building 20, Central Park, No.6 Chaowai Avenue, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际20号楼103 (6533 6599); Shunyi: No.11-102 Shine Hills, No.9 Antai Avenue, Shunyi 顺义区后沙峪安泰大街9号祥云小镇南门 11号楼102 (8048 5080)

29 Grill (Contemporary Western) *

Top-notch steak, along with just about every other cut of meat found in the barnyard in this well-priced meat-eaters' mecca.

> Mon-Fri lunch: 11:30am-2:30pm; Mon-Sat dinner: 6:10-3:00pm (closed Sundays); Conrad Beijing, 2/F, 29 North Dongsanhuang, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环北路9号2层 (6584 6270) Spanish

Agua 叉 *

Occupying the high end of Nali's Spanish invasion, Agua excels with reasonably priced classics like suckling pig, chorizo and jamon. Winner of the 2014 Golden Fork Editors' Pick for best restaurant.

> Daily Midday-2pm, 6pm-10pm, 4/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园 (5208 6188)

Casa Talia by Tiago

> Daily 11:30am-9pm, 01B, 4/F, Raffles City, 1 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门南大街1号来福士购物中心4层01B 8409 4009

Niajo 叉 *

With homely Mediterranean influences and a charming management, Niajo is prime Sanlitun smart-casual dining. Order the paella (their star dish) together with some tapas and be automatically transported to Spain (minus the constant sunshine).

> Daily noon-10:30pm. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层 (5208 6052)

Migas Mercado 叉 *

A place to dance and rowl, perhaps, rather than a drinks destination, TBAM, as on one calls it, focuses on upscale local DJs to get the party started. Good-echo cocktails are offered but mostly it's about the music, man

> Daily 11:30-3am, 7th Floor, North Zone, China World Mall, 1 Jianguomen Wai Dajie, Chaoyang District 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸商城三期北座7层(65007579)

Asian

Indian

Raj

Tucked away in dusty old building just underneath the drum tower, this curryhouse may look Chinese but everything on the menu is authentic Indian, especially the rather fine naan.

> Daily 11am-2pm, 5pm-11pm, 31 Gulou Xidajie Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼西大街31号 (6401 1675)

Ganges



We'll take the risk of making a bold statement: Ganges Indian Restaurant has one of the best menus in town. At Ganges, every dish comes with a story, taking diners on a culinary journey through the flavors of India with its original and authentic offerings. Sample the huge menu with their buffet lunch at the Sanlitun and CBD locations for just RMB60 per person.

> Daily 11am to 10:30pm; Dongzhimen Branch: 2/F, 28 Dongzhimen Wai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区东直门外大街28号2层 (6417 0900); Lidong store: 38 Fangyuan Xilu, Jiuxianqiao, Chaoyang District 朝阳区酒仙桥园西路38号 (5135 8353 / 8430 8700); CBD: 138A, B1/F, The Place, 9Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶1号楼 (6587 2999); Shimao Dept Store: Room 202, No.1 Shimao dept store, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区工人体育场北路十三号一层楼世茂工三二二层202(64160181); Haidian: 6-02-01 Wudako U Center, 28 Chengfu Lu, Haidian District 海淀区成府路28号优盛大厦6-02-01 (6262 7944)

Indian Kitchen

The go to curry house among Beijing's homesick Indian community, this ever popular no-nonsense restaurant has built up a solid reputation thanks to its wide range of quality dishes and particularly friendly service. Looking good after a recent renovation and very available on JinShiSong online delivery.

> Daily 11am-2:30pm, 5:30-11pm, 2/F 2 Sanlitun Beitiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北街2号楼2楼 (6642 7255) (The restaurant will be closed for renovation from December 25th and will be reopened in February 2019.)

The Lobby

The Lobby is the heart of every Peninsula hotel, and the restyled lounge at The Peninsula Beijing presents an impressive setting to share the celebrated Peninsula Afternoon Tea with family or friends accompanied by live music. The Lobby also serves an a la carte breakfast, plus an eclectic selection of international and Asian favorite dishes.

> Daily, 11am-11pm, After Tee 2pm-6pm 1/F, The Peninsula, 8 Jinyu Hutong, Dongcheng District 金鱼胡同8号王府半岛酒店一层 (8516 2888 Ext 6764)

Japanese

HAGAKI 叶书 *

Serves up a selection of signature maki rolls, as well as classics like tonkatsu,

tempura and udon, Hagaki specializes in Californian-inspired Japanese cuisine and has a lively sushi bar.

> Daily 11am-2:30pm, 1/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店1层 8414 9815

Hatsune 叉 * (California Japanese)

As much a California roll joint as true Japanese, Hatsune is now an old favorite among the sake-swilling, sushi-swallowing set, though less so among sashimi purists.

> Daily 11:30am-2pm, 5:30-10pm; 2/F, Heqiao Bldg C, 8A Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路甲8号和乔大厦C座2层 (6581 3939) > Additional locations in Sanlitun Tai Koo Li South; Kerry Centre Mall (see www.online.thatsmags.com for details)

Inagiku *

This Beijing branch of one of Tokyo's oldest and most celebrated restaurants is as near to perfection as you're likely to find. Deceptively simple yet finely crafted, the handmade Inaniwa udon (RMB80) is not to be missed.

> Daily 11am-3pm, 6-10:30pm; Rm 315, 3/F, Park Life, Yintai Centre, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街2号银泰中心悦生活3层315室 (8517 2838)

Sake Manzo *

The barman here are serious about their sake. Boasting one of the best stocked drinks cabinets in town with over 60 different sakes on offer, this super-cool little eatery is the perfect place to unwind after a hard day's toil. The sashimi is fresh to the cut, and the beer-marinated chicken is out of this world. One of the very best and least appreciated restaurants in town.

> Daily 6pm-midnight, 7A Tuanjiewu Beisiantiao, Chaoyang 朝阳区团结湖北三条甲7号(6436 1608)

Yotsuba **

It doesn't come cheap (tasting menu RMB1,000), but what would you expect from some of the best sushi in town? Buttery and meaty fatty tuna sashimi is a cut above.

> Dongcheng: Tue-Sun 11:30am-11pm. Sanlitun branch: 2 Sanlitun Bei Xiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北小街2号 (6464 2365); Lido branch: 2F, No.9-3, Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区将台西路9-3号2层 (8420 0998)

Sui Ka

Is this what after-work hangouts are like in Japan? We're not sure, but we hope so: This charming izakaya nails it when it comes to sake selection and fried delights to munch alongside it.

> Daily 5pm-1am, Ichibangai First Avenue Food Court, Zaoying Nansi, Maizidian, East 3rd Ring Road, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环农展馆北路宾苑东一层底商一番街内 (137 1692 7543)

Korean

Ai Jiang Shan

This upscale seafood restaurant proves that chargrill and composure can go together. Their RMB58 bibimbap lunch is an absolute bargain.

> Daily 11am-10pm, Sat and Sun until 9:30pm; 5/F, LG Twin Towers (East Tower), 12 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街乙12号双子座大厦东塔5层(51096036/6037) see www.thatsmags.com for other locations)

South-East Asian

Cafe Sambal (Malaysian)

When it comes to Malay-style food in a hutong, nowhere does it better. Admittedly, it's something of a niche category, but then so is the food on offer. The spicy Kapitan-style chicken is pricey, but worth it.

> Daily 11am-midnight, 43 Doufuchi Hutong (just east of Jiugulou Dajie), Xicheng 西城区豆腐池胡同43号旧鼓楼大街往东走(6400 4875)

4Corners (Vietnamese, Fusion)

The definitive hutong bar/restaurant? Chef Jun Trinh took a break from his celebrity TV work to host this part-Vietnamese venue, serving up steaming bowls of pho with zesty, fresh rolls, as well as a great bar, with frequent live indie performances.

> Tue-Sun 11am-2am, 27 Dashibei Hutong (near west end of Yandai Xiejie), Xicheng 西城区大石碑胡同27号袋袋斜街西口附近 (6401 7797)

Purple Haze (Thai)

Given Beijing's lack of white sand beaches and backpacker bars, Purple Haze has to make do for the best Thai experience in town. Has all the classics like veggie spring rolls (RMB40), papaya salad (RMB46) and curries (RMB44-180) – but our pick's the seafood pad Thai (RMB45).

> Daily 11am-11pm, 55 Xingfu Yicun, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福一村55号 (6413 0899)

Nyonya Kitchen (Malaysian, Nyonya)

This chain specializes in Nyonya style cooking – ostensibly Malaysian but with a mix of Chinese, South-East Asian and European influences resulting in lots of bold flavors and bright colors. The interiors are just as loud as the flavors – this place is colorful – and we love it. Nyonya goes beyond the requisite laksa and satay.

> NL5008, 5/F, North Phase, Bldg 17, China World Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District 朝阳区建国门外大街17号17号楼国贸商城北区五层 NL5008 (8415 863)

Malacca Legend

Malaysian food with a view, this spacious and airy restaurant sits on the banks of Shunyi's Roma Lake and at a new unit in the heart of the city at The Place, making a great spot for their beef rendang or green curry prawns.

> Daily 11am-10pm; 6 Roma Lake; 6 Luodong Lu, Luogezhuang Village, Hoshijay Town, Shunyi 顺义区后沙峪镇罗各庄罗马湖东北三路6号C院 (80498902); Signature: Shop L203, 2/F, The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶2层L203 (6587 1393)

Makan Kitchen

A unique restaurant offering varied Southeast Asian flavors and Chinese cuisines. Tuck into a buffet featuring regional Asian stations, a dedicated fresh juice bar and live stations to whet your appetite. With a beautiful private dining room for functions or meetings in comfort and style, Makan Kitchen is the perfect venue for a relaxing get-together or a delightful weekend brunch.

> Mon-Fri, Breakfast: 6-10am, Lunch: 11:30am-2:30pm, Dinner: 6-10pm; Sat-Sun, Breakfast: 6-11am, Lunch: 12-2:30pm, Dinner: 6-10pm, 2/F, Main Tower, Hilton Hotel, 1 Dongsi Lu, Dongsanhuang Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号北京希尔顿酒店2层 (5865 5020)

Singapore Seafood

> China World Shopping Mall Branch: Daily 11am-10pm, NL4010, North Area of China World Shopping Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸商城北区NL4010 (8595 0251/8595 0361); Parview Green Branch: Daily 11am-10:30pm, 1/F, Tower C, Parkview Green, 9 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东大桥路9号侨福芳草地购物中心C座1层(东大桥地铁站) (8518 8811)

Susu (Vietnamese)

The first step is finding it. Follow that up with a dreamlike renovated courtyard, extensive wine list and a listing of top-notch Vietnamese curries, banh mi sandwiches, stews, soups and la Vong fish.

> Tue-Sun 11:30am-11pm; 10 Qianlinhu Hutong Xixiang, Dongcheng 东城区钱粮胡同西巷10号 (8400 2699)

Vegetarian

Lotus 莲花空间

> China World Shopping Mall Branch: NL4006, North Area of China World Shopping Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸商城北区NL4006 (8527 4868); Financial Street Branch: Daily 11am-9pm, L220, 2/F, Seasons Place Mall, 2 Jinchengfang Jie, Xicheng 西城区金城坊街2号金融街购物中心2层东侧L220 (6622 0515)

Tianchu Maoxiang (Asian)

Like many arrivals to Beijing, this place started out in Wudaokou and it's since made a successful migration to Chaoyang. Great range of veggie fare, reasonably priced and they also offer cooking classes as well.

> Daily 10am-10pm; 19 Rm 0260, 2/F, Bldg D, Chaowai SOHO, 6B Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳门外大街乙6朝外SOHO座2层 0260 (59001288) (see www.online.thatsmags.com for details)

Veggie Table (Western, Asian) *

Proving that Beijing-style vegetarian cuisine is by no means the exclusive preserve of Buddhist monks and sappy Jack Johnson fans, this superbly honed eatery offers some of the very best sandwiches – vegetarian or otherwise – found anywhere in the city.

> Daily 10:30am-11:30pm (last order 10:30pm); 19 Wudaoying Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区五通胡同19号 (6446 2073)

BARS

TOP 40 BARS AND CLUBS

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Arrow Factory

The newest craft beer taproom on the

block, Arrow Factory is a rustic hideaway brimming with good Anglo-Scandinavian vibes (courtesy of the brew-masters) and the brand's distinctive Chinese brewed ales. A winning combination
> 38 Jianchang Hutong, Dongcheng District 东城区箭厂胡同38号(6407 6308)

8-Bit

Drinking alongside multiplayer retro gaming – why didn't anyone do this sooner? Megadrive, Super Nintendo, N64... some real gems make up an ever-growing collection. Draft Kirin goes for a reasonable RMB25 a glass.
> Daily 1pm-2am; 13 Beiluoguxiang, Dongcheng 东城区北锣鼓巷13号(159 1025 6538)

China Bar ¥¥

Top views from the 65th floor and flash drinks are the attractions on offer at this hip hotel bar.
> Sun-Thu 5pm-1am, Fri-Sat 5pm-2am. 65/F, Park Hyatt, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街2号柏悦酒店65层(8567 1838/40)

First Floor

First Floor is like that friend who's too popular to properly enjoy their company. At weekends, it gets aggressively full, with regulars and the passing tourist trade all baying at the bar. A good place to meet new friends, perhaps.
> Daily, 4pm-late, Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北小街(6413 0587, first.floor@beijing.com)

El Nido *

The first hutong hang-out to patent the fridge-full-of-cheap-imports formula, El Nido inspires a loyal following, particularly in summer. The roast leg of mutton placed next door is one of the best locally.
> Daily 6pm-late, 59 Fangjia Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区方家胡同50号(158 1038 2089)

> Daily 6pm-late, Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北小街(6413 0587, first.floor@beijing.com)

Great Leap Brewing 大跃啤酒 ¥ *

The bar that began the whole Beijing microbrewing frenzy (yes, frenzy) specializes in idiosyncratic, local-style brews (RMB25-40) with intriguing flavors – their Sichuan peppercorn ale was memorably good. Reservations used to be recommended for their original hutong brewhouse, but the opening of a wildly popular new pub on Xinzhong Lu has shifted most drinkers there instead.
> Gulou: 5pm-late, Tue-Fri, 2pm-late Sat-Sun 2-10pm, 6 Doujiao Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区豆角胡同6号(5717 1399); Sanlitun: Daily 11:30am-2pm; Sun-Thu 5pm-midnight, Fri / Sat 5pm-1am, B12 Xinzhong Street 新中街乙12号(6416 6887, www.greatleapbrewing.com)

> Daily 6pm-1am. Room 101, Bldg 8, CBD Apartments, Shuanghuyuan Nanti Erqu, Chaoyang 朝阳区双花园南里二区CBD公寓8号楼101层(8772 1613)

Heaven Supermarket

A purgatory of bottles, bottles and bedraggled English teachers, Heaven sells the cheapest alcoholic takeaways in town. You can also hang around and appreciate the afterlife (clientele) if you want. Caveat: the food is straight from Hell's own kitchen.
> Daily 11-4am. 14 Xindong Lu (next to The James Joyce), Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路14号(6415 6513)

Hidden Lounge *

Although frustrating to find, Hidden Lounge rewards the intrepid with good artwork and comfortable seating, suggesting a Kasbah, plus well-made drinks at great prices (wine from RMB100 a bottle, mix drinks from RMB25). You'll probably have to call them to find it, though.
> Daily 6pm-1am. Room 101, Bldg 8, CBD Apartments, Shuanghuyuan Nanti Erqu, Chaoyang 朝阳区双花园南里二区CBD公寓8号楼101层(8772 1613)

> Daily 8pm-2am, Courtyard 4 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院(6503 2757)

Jane's & Hooch ¥ *

Acclaimed by some foreign press as one of the best bars in the world (cough), this not-so-plain Jane has been at the vanguard of the South Sanlitun gentrification. It serves RMB60-80 measures of your favorite Prohibition-era hooches in a fantastic speakeasy atmosphere, with attentive staff and unimpeachable cocktails.
> Daily 8pm-2am, Courtyard 4 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院(6503 2757)

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Jing-A Brewpub **

In just a few years, these guys developed from shady guerrilla brewers to upstanding publicans with their own range of souvenir T-shirts. Their bar is a peach: a bricks-and-mortar brewpub, which is large, warm and sociable, and has up to 16 different beers on tap.
> 57 Xingfucun Zhong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区幸福村中路57号

Mao Mao Chong **

The cocktails at Mao's – such as their sublime 'Mala' Mule, a Sichuan peppercorn-infused vodka drink that's a long way from Moscow – are unique infusions using local ingredients and know-how. Grungey

without being grimey, Mao's eschews flash while still keeping it real. And those pizzas.
> 12 Banchang Hutong, Jiadaokou, Dongcheng 东城区交道口南大街板厂胡同12号(6405 5748, www.maomaochong@beijing.com)

Mesh ¥

Whether it's an early evening cocktail or a late-night infusion, Mesh's moody interior and underground soundtrack draws the bright young things (and on LGBT Thursdays, quite a few old things, too).
> Daily 5pm-1am. Building 1, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路11号院1号楼(6417 6688)

Maggie's ¥

A notorious sausage fest (we refer, of course, to the hot-dog stand outside), Maggie's has been providing its special comforts for so long, it's practically a time-honored Beijing brand – although it's also a bastion of Mongolian culture.
> Sun-Thu 8pm-4am, Fri-Sat 8pm-5am, Ritan Park South Gate, Chaoyang District 朝阳区日坛公园南门(8562 8142)

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Parlor

Learn a few quotes from *Gatsby* before heading to this 20s Shanghai-style speak-easy and you'll fit right in.
> Daily 6pm-2am, 39-8 Xingfucun, Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路幸福二村39-8(8444 4135)

Mai Bar *

Understated hutong hideaway with a long list of some of the best cocktails in town.
> Daily 5pm-late, 40 Beiluoguxiang, Dongcheng 东城区北锣鼓巷40号(6406 1871)

Revolution *

Sanlitun doesn't really do hipster bars but if it did, this cramped ode to Maamorabilia would be it. The East may be red but their cocktails (RMB45) are fit for a Chairman.
> Daily, 12pm-late, west of Yashow, Gongti Bei Lu, Chaoyang 区工体北路雅秀市场西侧(6415 8776)

The Brick

A Cheers-style atmosphere ensures you'll find this neighbourhood drinking hole-in-the-brick-wall faux dive bar either cliquey or inclusive. The heavy-duty cocktails (including the devastatingly boozy RMB80 Terminator) are probably needed for the bizarre Wednesday pub quiz.
> Daily 4pm-late. Unit 2-11, Bldg 2, Tianzhi Jiaozhi, 31 Guangqu Lu (northeast corner of Shuangjing Qiao), Chaoyang 朝阳区双井桥东北角广渠路31号院天之骄子2号楼底商2-11(134 2616 6677)

The Irish Volunteer

Everything – from the red-faced owner to the grub – is authentically Irish: tinged with alcoholism, doggerel and drunken regret. A good place to down a pint and a pizza before heading into town, then.
> Daily 9pm-2am. 311 Jianguai Lu (opposite Lido Hotel East Gate), Chaoyang 朝阳区将台路311号(6438 5581)

Slow Boat Sanlitun Brewpub **

This popular microbrewery is a Beijing classic (if you haven't tried the Zombie Pirate Pale Ale yet, then what are you doing?). Other things to love: quality ales that change each season, a massive three-story space, and some of the best burgers in town.
> Daily, 11am-late; 6 Nan Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区南三里屯路6号(6592 5388)

Glen ¥

Experiences can vary at Glen (we've endured poor service and drinks that are scandalous at the price), which is located in a decidedly downbeat compound. But whisky lovers have been known to swear by its selections and dark, intimate atmosphere. See for yourself.
> Daily 6.30pm-2am. 203, 2/F, Taiyue Suites Hotel Beijing, 16 Nansanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区南三里屯路16号泰悦豪庭2楼203室(6591 1191)

> Daily 6.30pm-2am. 203, 2/F, Taiyue Suites Hotel Beijing, 16 Nansanlitun Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区南三里屯路16号泰悦豪庭2楼203室(6591 1191)

Glen Classic ¥

Tucked away in the grounds of Face hotel, Glen Classic is a Japanese-owned whisky bar where discerning drinkers can sink into an arm-chair, glass in hand, and while away the hours. Huge range of whiskies and rums are personally selected by expert owner Daiki Kanetaka – let him recommend you something special.
> Mon-Sat, 7pm-2am, reservation required, minimum spend RMB200. Face Hotel Courtyard, 26 Dongcaoyuan, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体南路东草园26号(6551 6788)

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Trouble Bar

Beijing's leading venue for imported craft beers. Stocks a large draft selection and an even larger selection of bottles. Also does a nice line in creative cocktails, if brews aren't your thing. Conveniently located next to Gung-Ho, hosts a full-sized foos-ball table, darts, and plenty of TV's to

accommodate any event, meetings, and gatherings.

> 2-101, China View Building, 2B Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang (Next To Gung-Ho) 朝阳区工人体育场东路2-2号中国红街2-101叫板厂萨摩壁(8590 0390, trouble-bar@gmail.com, www.trouble-bar.com)

Yun Summer Lounge

The only open-air roof lounge in Wangfujing gets set for sunset with hand crafted cocktails paired with beautiful Beijing views, modern Mediterranean sharing plates and chilling DJ tunes.
> Mon-Thur, 5pm-midnight, Fri-Sat, 5pm-1am, 15/F, The Peninsula Beijing, 8 Jinyu Hutong, Dongcheng District 东城区金鱼胡同8号王府半岛酒店15层(8516 2888)

> Mon-Thur, 5pm-midnight, Fri-Sat, 5pm-1am, 15/F, The Peninsula Beijing, 8 Jinyu Hutong, Dongcheng District 东城区金鱼胡同8号王府半岛酒店15层(8516 2888)

10 Best Livehouses

Dusk Dawn Club (DDC) 黄昏黎明俱乐部

Great little livehouse near Meishuguan with a focus on jazz, folk and indie rock. Craft beer and whisky means you won't get bored of the drinks list quickly.
> Tue-Sun 1pm-2am; 14 Shanlao Hutong, Dongcheng 东城区美术馆后街山老胡同14号(6407 8969)

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School Bar 学校酒吧 *

Crap drinks and regular, unscheduled fights: no wonder the cool kids adore this alternative livehouse/ DJ bar, founded by Beijing and Shanghai rock n' rollers.
> Daily 8pm-late. 53 Wuodaoyang Hutong, Chaoyang 朝阳区五道营胡同53号(6402 8881, 6406 9947)

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Jianghu 江湖酒吧

This former Qing Dynasty courtyard home is exactly where you'd take that friend from out of town to prove you're cool. Its cozy atmosphere is also its downfall – any show with under 40 people and you're stuck looking through the windows. Hip and casually familiar, the jazz and folk bookings keep things low-key enough for the get-home-for-the-babysitter crowd.
> 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号(6401 5269, site.douban.com/jianghujubar, jincanzh@gmail.com)

> 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nan Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号(6401 5269, site.douban.com/jianghujubar, jincanzh@gmail.com)

Hot Cat Club 热力猫

A true stalwart of the Beijing scene, Hot Cat is the type of hard-working venue that helps cement a city's music scene.
> Daily 10am-late, 46 Fangjia Hutong (just south of Guozhijian Jie), Dongcheng 东城区方家胡同46号(6400 7868)

> Daily 10am-late, 46 Fangjia Hutong (just south of Guozhijian Jie), Dongcheng 东城区方家胡同46号(6400 7868)

The Post Mountain 后山

Built into a man-made hill in the center of the MOMA Complex, this new addition to Beijing's growing livehouse empire is The Hobbit meets Manhattan. With as much vibe as a sterile modern-art gallery. Its imported sound system and ramped floor makes for decent sound and sightlines.
> Bldg T8, MOMA, 1 Xiangheyuan Lu, Dongzhimenwai, Dongcheng (next to MOMA Cinemateque) 东城区东直门外香河园路1号当代MOMA园区T8楼北百老汇电影中心北侧(8400 4774)

> Bldg T8, MOMA, 1 Xiangheyuan Lu, Dongzhimenwai, Dongcheng (next to MOMA Cinemateque) 东城区东直门外香河园路1号当代MOMA园区T8楼北百老汇电影中心北侧(8400 4774)

Temple Bar *

Probably the manliest venue in town, this dimly lit and unventilated space is owned by rockers (Gao Xu, Gao Jian and Clement Burger) and known for late sets of hard rock, punk and ska, with weekend gigs and DJ sets every fortnight. It offers a long drinks menu, with plenty of cheap pastis and shooters, but you'll probably stick to the RMB15 draught.
> Daily, 7pm-late. Bldg B, 206 Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街206号B楼202(131 6107 0713)

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Yugong Yishan 愚公移山 *

We've lost more body weight than we'd care to remember in YY's mosh pit. Fortunately, almost all the acts – usually hip-hop DJs, emo rocks and obscure indie outfits from across the globe – were worth it. The upstairs bar area is a refuge from the sweat glands below.
> Daily 7pm-late. 3-2 Zhangzhizhong Lu (100m west of Zhangzhizhong Lu subway station), Dongcheng 东城区张自忠路3-2号(6404 2711)

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Hotel Bars

Atmosphere ¥¥

Beijing's highest bar, on the 80th floor of the 1,082-ft China World Tower, offers 300+ swanky cocktails from RMB65 with 360-degree views of the 700AQI PM2.5.
> Mon-Fri noon-2am, Sat, Sun noon-4am. 80/F, China World Summit Wing, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号北京国贸大酒店80(6505 2299 ext. 6433)

> Mon-Fri noon-2am, Sat, Sun noon-4am. 80/F, China World Summit Wing, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号北京国贸大酒店80(6505 2299 ext. 6433)

Centro ¥

Although it's no longer quite the go-to place for beautiful people it once was, Centro still draws a cute crowd with its nightly

jazz performances, spacious and recently renovated lounge areas and classic drinks like the blue-cheese martini.

> Open 24 hours. 1/F, Kerry Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华路1号北京凯里大酒店1层(6561 8833)

MEI

One of the livelier hotel bars in town, MEI has a nightly band, serves creatively delicious cocktails and overlooks the CCTV 'trousers.' Don't leave without trying the frightfully delicious Panjiayuan Bramble.
> Sun-Thur 6pm-2am, Thu-Sat 6pm-3am, Sun 5pm-midnight; 5F Rosewood Beijing, Jing Guang Center, Huijialou, Chaoyang District 朝阳区呼家楼一号京广中心北京瑰丽酒店3层(6536 0083)

> Sun-Thur 6pm-2am, Thu-Sat 6pm-3am, Sun 5pm-midnight; 5F Rosewood Beijing, Jing Guang Center, Huijialou, Chaoyang District 朝阳区呼家楼一号京广中心北京瑰丽酒店3层(6536 0083)

O'Bar

With both a fantastic cocktail menu and one of the finest terraces in the city, NUO Hotel's O'Bar is a sure bet for classy evening drinks in the city.
> Sun-Thur 6pm-1am; Fri-Sat 6pm-2am; 2 Jianguai Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区将台路甲2号(5926 8888)

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Xian 仙

Bold multi – element bar Xian on the ground floor mixes a pub, whiskey bar, live music venue and games room into one vibrant entertainment hotspot.
> Daily 5pm-2am, 1/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxiangqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店1层(8414 9810)

> Daily 5pm-2am, 1/F, EAST Beijing, 22 Jiuxiangqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号东隅酒店1层(8414 9810)

Nightclubs

Chocolate

It's impossible to discuss Chocolate without mentioning gold leaf, dwarves, cabaret dancers and oddly-friendly Russian women. Timed right, a visit can be raucous fun, with bottles of spirits from around RMB200, cocktails under RMB50 (including the absinthe-based Flaming Armageddon) and regular floor shows.
> Daily 7pm-6am. 19 Ritan Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区日坛北路19号(8561 3988)

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Dada *

It hasn't been on the Beijing scene for too long, but already Dada is the hippest hangout in town. Their cosy Gulou confines under rock house Temple offer an intimate place to nod along to an eclectic range of all things electro from the best names on the underground scene.
> Daily 9pm-late, Rm 101, Bldg B, 206 Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街206号B栋101室(183 1108 0818)

> Daily 9pm-late, Rm 101, Bldg B, 206 Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区鼓楼东大街206号B栋101室(183 1108 0818)

Lantern *

Founded by now-defunct Acupuncture Records, Lantern is a beacon of light in the strip of truly ghastly nightclubs and bars known as 'Gongti.' Serious about its music, it also makes good drinks and attracts international electronica DJs.
> Thurs-Sat 9pm-6.30am. 100m north of Worker's Stadium West Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场西门向北100米(139 119 77989)

MIX

A bit like a trip to the Forbidden City, Mix is one of those places in Beijing you have to experience before you leave. Not much is forbidden in this underground hip-hop disco palace and if you don't leave with hook-up in tow then you're doing something very wrong.
> Daily 8pm-6am, Inside Worker's Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场北门外(6506 9888, 6530 2889, 150 1138 2219, mixclub@sohu.com)

> Daily 8pm-6am, Inside Worker's Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场北门外(6506 9888, 6530 2889, 150 1138 2219, mixclub@sohu.com)

Vics

Separated at birth from its identical twin brother, Mix, this is the definition of Gongti sweatbox meat-market chic at its very finest. The Chinese love it – as do moody Russians and jailbait students – helping Vics to become one of the most infamous clubs in the capital.
> Daily 8.30pm late, Inside Worker's Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang 朝阳区工人体育场北门外(5293 0333)

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Sports Bars

The Local *

Formerly Brussels, this beery bar has come into its own, with large (yet strangely unobtrusive) screenings of sports and political events, a pub quiz, quality fare and a nice selection of draughts and cocktails. Try the Bourbon Street Ice Tea – you won't need another.
> Daily 11-2am. 4 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路4号院(6591 9525)

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Paddy O'Shea's *

An entire Irish-themed pub, which could easily be transported, untouched, from a back alley in Limerick and gently deposited in central Beijing. With plenty going on, including pub quiz and sports.
> Dongzhimen: Daily 10am-late, 28 Dongzhimenwai

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Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区东直门内大街28号 (6592 6290); Sanlitun: 2/F, Tongli Studio, Sanlitun Back Street 三里屯北路43号同里二层 (6415 0299)

V Sports

Spacious, comfortable, huge screens and no rowdy drunken cretins, V Sports makes a claim for the champion of Beijing sports bars.

> Daily 5:30pm-6am, Gongti North Gate East side, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北门内东侧 (5293 0333)

BEAUTY & FITNESS

Black Golden Tanning Studio

古铜日晒中心
Beijing is hardly the best place to pick up a natural tan. When it finally reaches the warm summer, the sun's rays struggle to penetrate the smog. Thankfully, Black Golden Tanning Studio is on hand to give you that golden glow with its quick, safe and effective technology. With a membership card, enjoy a 50-minute session for RMB400 and come away with natural, healthy-looking color.

> Sanlitun: 11am-9pm, 2/F, Bldg 3, Sanlitun SOHO, Gongti Bei Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路3里屯SoHo3号楼2层217 (5785 3711, jusonghao@hotmail.com); Wangjing: 11am-9pm, Rm 15, 3/F, BOTAI International Building, 36 Guangshun Bei Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区望京广顺北大街36号博泰国际商业广场3层T-5 (8472 2855)

Alona Pilates Studio

Pairing up traditional Pilates with an innovative, full-body workout, Alona Pilates offers classes designed to tone and whip you into shape fast. It also provides a personalized experience for all its students, regardless of fitness, strength and flexibility levels.

> Daily, 7:30, late, 5/F at Heavenly Spa by Westin, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang 朝阳区新源南路1号威斯汀酒店五层 (139 1029 0260, www.alonapilates.com)

Narcisse Beauty Brands Encompassed

One of a kind! A 600 m² brand-new concept of beauty salon—Narcisse, encompassed with professional brands on skincare, manicure and hair removal. Not only can we guarantee to give you the highest quality of products and treatments, but also an impressive one-stop beauty experience.

Brands inside Narcisse:

Youngfo: Facial Cleansing Center: Clean Out What's Deeply Buried In Your Skin;
10+10: Minimal-Design Nail: Chic Workaholic's Luv!;
Edelweiss: Laser Hair Removal: Latest Technology, Safe&Permanent

Deep Facial Cleaning —— 880rmb/once > 10:30am-10:30pm, Bldg. 1, No.6 West Fangyuan rd, Chaoyang (inside Narcisse Beauty Brands Encompassed) 朝阳区芳园西路6号院1号楼水仙美容品牌集合店内(5365 9418)

Daisy's Beauty Salon

Since 2001, Daisy's beauty salon has catered to thousands of Beijing expats and locals and is renowned for its premium waxing services and imported wax that smells like hot chocolate. If waxing isn't your thing, the salon also specializes in an array of other treatments including IPL Facial Rejuvenation and lifting, a 90-minute treatment that uses a laser to stimulate collagen production and soften lines. Laser and IPL permanent hair removal treatment is also proving popular and effective.

> Daily, 10am-8:30pm, Rm301, Building B, Sunshine100 International Apartment, Guanghua Donglu, Chaoyang 朝阳区光华东路2号阳光100国际公寓B座301室 (5100 0556 / 0557, www.daisysbeautysalon.com)

Beijing Hikers

Want to experience the wild, unrestored Great Wall, away from the tourist masses? Or do you just want to get out of the city for some exercise? Beijing Hikers offers hikes in the countryside of Beijing every week all year round. Hikes for all fitness levels! Regular hikes are priced from RMB380, with discounts for members. Cost includes hiking guide, transportation, tickets, food and water. We've also got adventures all over China.

> For more information, visit www.beijinghikers.com

Shang Xia

>L118 & 119, Li China World Mall, China World Trade Center 1, Jianguomen Waidajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国国际贸易中心国贸商城1楼L118 & 119 (6505 3446)

Lily Nails

A long-time favorite among locals and expats alike, Lily Nails is much more than a nail spa; they eyelash services, of pampering treatments and waxing too.

>U Town store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop 19B, 4/F, U town Plaza, Chaoyang 朝阳区悠唐购物中心一期4层19B号 8561 5875; Fulllink store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop 29/B1, Fullink Plaza,

Chaoyang 朝阳区丰联广场B1-29 6588 3633; Yansha store: Daily 10am-22pm, 09/B1, Ping An International Finance Centre, Chaoyang 朝阳区平安国际金融中心商业B1层9号 5601 9664; WDK store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop16/F4, WDK Shopping store, Haidian海淀区五道口购物中心4层4145号 6266 6070; Heshenghui store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop B1-19, Heshenghui Mall, Chaoyang 朝阳区合生汇B1层19号 5601 9664; Pingan store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop 09/B1, Ping An International Finance Centre, Chaoyang 朝阳区平安国际金融中心商业B1层9号 8444 2483; Taiyanggong store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop B1-09, CapitaMall Taiyanggong, Chaoyang 朝阳区太阳宫凯德购物中心B1-15A号 8443 0619; WeLife store: Daily 10am-22pm, WeLife store, Shop B1/F, WeLife Shopping store, Chaoyang 朝阳区远洋未来汇购物中心B1-116号 8588 6896; Wanliu store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop 19/F4, Wanliu BHG, Haidian海淀区华联万柳购物中心4层 8258 9517; Hongmei store: Daily 10am-22pm, Shop 3824-1, Shanghai 上海市长宁区老外滩虹梅路3824-1号 021-6215 5192

Zell Cosmetic Clinic

Founded by renowned dermatologist Dr. Shao Lin Hong, Zell uses recognized international cosmetology techniques to perform services including laser cosmetic surgery, minimally invasive cosmetic surgery, medical skincare and anti-aging.

> Room 2002, 1/F Building AB, Wantong Centre, 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区朝外大街甲6号万通中心1/F, 2002 (400-696-3390, www.zellbeauty.com)

Sport

Yihe 42° Hot Yoga

2 locations in Beijing: the best Yoga for Beginners! No previous experience necessary - and if your body is a bit stiff - that's okay! Yihe knows it can be a little intimidating to begin your journey into Yoga, so they are available to answer any questions you may have. It's a great workout for the body and calming for the mind. Call them today on (5905 6067, 8599 7395)

> Daily 10am-8pm, 3/F, No. 2 South Building, Blue Castle, Dawang Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区大望路蓝堡国际中心南写字楼2层3层 (8599 7395/96, www.yh42.com); 3/F, Bldg. 14, Solana, No. 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu Chaoyang 朝阳区朝阳公园西路6号, 蓝色港湾14号, 三层 (5905 6065/67, www.yh42.com)

Broadwell International Tennis Academy

Located inside Chaoyang Park's Tennis Center, this indoor club boasts a complete state-of-the-art air-supported structure for all-weather year-round indoor tennis, with an advanced lighting system and controlled climate. Ideal for peeps looking to perfect their service and batting a few balls.

> Nongzhan Nanlu, Chaoyang 朝阳区农南路1号 朝阳公园网球中心(400 6406 800/ 6595 8885, www.broadwell.cn)

California Fitness Beijing Club

California Fitness Beijing's Group X program is among the best in the region, and with membership you have access to over 150 weekly Group X classes and a team of professional personal trainers in Asia. Your membership also includes free towel usage and a fitness assessment.

>South Tower, L4, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang (4008 100-988, www.californiafitness.com)

Cycle China Inc. 北京非常之旅

Cycle China provides organized cycling and hiking tours in and around Beijing as well as longer tours throughout China. Some of their more popular tours take cyclists through the Olympic Green, Tian'anmen Square, and Beijing's traditional hutongs.

>12 Jingshan East Street, Dongcheng 东城区景山东街12号 (6402 5653, 139 1188 6524)

Heyrobics

"Sweat like a Swede!" they say with annoyingly smug grin and toned abs. The only fitness craze worth following in Beijing, Heyrobics is all about a punishing full-body workout set to pumping beats - not forgetting the fluorescent spandex. Differing classes for all abilities, check online for the full schedule.

> www.heyrobics.com, info@heyrobics.com

HAIR SALONS

Catherine de France

Awarded best expat salon in 2014/ 2015, with a trained team of international and local stylists, colorists and beauticians, this salon welcomes all ages and budgets in a modern and relaxed atmosphere for a wide range of hair and beauty treatments, include manicure, pedicure and waxing. Wella, SP, INOA, TIGI

Language: French, English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian.

> East Avenue BLD Ground Floor, No.10 Xindong Lu,

Chaoyang 朝阳区新东路10号逸盛阁首层(8442 5120, 135 2147 3492, eastavenue@catherinedefrance.com, Wechat: CDFSalon, www.catherinedefrance.com)

Blow+Bar

This salon is equipped with more than shampoo - the team here provides haircuts, dye, wig, hair treatments and more. With prices for almost everything listed under RMB1,000, Blow+ is a haven of reasonably priced good taste in Sanlitun's 3.3 Mall. They have champagne and a well-stocked bar, so bring your friends and make a night of it.

>3/F 3.3 Mall, 33 Sanlitun Lu, Sanlitun, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯路33号3.3层3/F (for appointments, call 5136 5432)

Laurent Falcon



As China's first REAL French hair salon we promise each and every one of our customers that we'll treat your hair like it's our own. We use only the finest imported products to guarantee that your experience with us is as relaxing and professional as possible. Come in and meet our specialist stylist and visit our facilities. Your hair deserves a true touch of French sophistication. Man cut 120RMB up; Women cut 180RMB up; Color 580RMB up; Highlight 680RMB up.

> SanLiTun salon: No.43 Building, SanLiTun Beijing South, Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯北街南43号楼 (6409 4243, 13501372971); GuoMaoSalon: CB1007, B1, Middle Zone, China World Shopping Mall, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸商城中地区下一层CB1007

HEALTH SERVICES

American-Sino OB/GYN/Pediatrics Services

北京美华妇儿医院
> 18 anyuan road, chaoyang district, Beijing 北京市朝阳区安苑路18号 (8443 9666, bj.americanoibgyn.com)

Amcare Women's & Children's Hospital

With a zero waiting-time policy, top-quality inpatient facilities, home visits, night services and transportation assistance, Amcare provides a trustworthy experience. English-speaking services include pediatrics, gynecology and obstetrics.

> 9 Fangyuan XiLu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区芳园西路9号 (6434 2399, 24hr hotline 800 610 6200, www.amcare.com.cn)

Beijing International Medical Center (IMC)

北京国际医疗中心
Established in 1993, the International Medical Center-Beijing counts on an expert team of foreign doctors, offering a wide range of medical services, including family medicine, psychological services, dental, ob/gyn, pediatrics and TCM. Drop-in services for travelers; x-rays and ultrasounds are also available. English, Farsi, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic and Russian spoken.

> 24hours. Room 1106/111 Luffhansa Center, 50 Liangmahe Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心写字楼1106 (6465 1561/2/3, 6465 1384/28, www.imcclinics.com)

Beijing United Family Hospital and Clinics 北京和睦家医院

> Wi-Fi internet. Lido, Emergency Room is open 24/7/365, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm; 2 Jianguomen Road, Chaoyang District, 朝阳区将台路2号 (5927 7000 / 5927 7120 Emergency Hotline); United Family CBD Clinic and 和睦家朝外分院 Mon-Sat, 9:30am-6:30pm, Suite 3017, Building AB, Vantone Centre, 6 Chaowai Street, Chaoyang, 朝阳区朝外大街6号万通中心B座2层3017室 (5907 1266); Jianguomen Health and Wellness Center and 和睦家建国门保健中心, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Sun 8:30am-5pm, 21 Jianguomen Dajie, B1, The St. Regis Residence, St. Regis Hotel 朝阳区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店 (8532 1221 / 8532 1678 Immigration Clinic); Shunyi Clinic and 和睦家顺义诊所, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-5:30pm, Sat and Sun, 9:30am-4:30pm, Pinnacle Plaza, Unit 806, Tian Zhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District, 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场806号 (8046 5432); Shunyi Dental Clinic 顺义牙科诊所, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Sat, 9:30am-7:30pm, Pinnacle Plaza, Unit 818, Tian Zhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场818号 (8046 1102); Liangma Clinic 亮马诊所, Wi-Fi internet, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm, 2nd Floor Grand Summit, 19 Dongfang East Road 朝阳区东方东路19号1号楼会所27号 外交人员公寓B区首层16号 (5927 7005 www.ufh.com.cn, patientservices@ufh.com.cn)

Raffles Medical

International SOS and Raffles Medical Group have formed a joint venture to enhance and expand the services of its China Clinics. From March 30 the International SOS clinics in China will be branded and operated by Raffles Medical with expanded services to all patients and privileged access for International SOS members. Patients of the clinic will continue to have access to the same doctors, the same facilities and same level of high quality care.

Raffles Medical Group is a leading medical provider in Singapore and has been operating for 40 years with over 100 clinics and hospitals in Asia. The joint venture is committed to maintain the high standard of quality with a focus on innovative and expanded clinical services and excellent patient care.

> Suite 105, Wing 1, Kunsha Building, No.16 Xinyuanli, Chaoyang 朝阳区新源路16号琨莎中心1座105室 (6462 9112 / 6462 9100, www.internationalsos.com)

OASIS International Hospital

OASIS International Hospital specializes in serving the expatriate community with the latest world-class technology and a broad range of services, all in a pristine facility designed to provide patients with the utmost comfort, care and privacy.

> Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:30pm; Sat-Sun, 8:30am-12:30pm; 24 Hour Emergency Bldg C1, 9 Jiuxianqiao Beilu Chaoyang 朝阳区酒仙桥北路9号C1栋 (400 876 2747, 5985 0333, www.oasishealth.cn)

Beijing HarMoniCare Women and Children's Hospital 北京和美妇儿医院

> Wi-Fi available. Chaoyang: 2 Xiaoguan Beili, Beiyuan Lu 北苑路小关北里甲2号 (6499 0000, contact@hmcare.org, en.hmcare.net)

Hongkong International Medical Clinic,

Beijing 北京港澳国际医疗诊所
> Dongshihitiao: 9/F, Office Tower, Hongkong Macau Center-Swiss Hotel, 2 Chaoyangmen Bei Dajie 朝阳门北大街2号 港澳中心瑞士酒店办公楼9层 (6553 9752, 6553 2288/2345/6/7; service@hkclinic.com, www.hkclinic.com)

DENTAL

Pu Jing Dental Clinic 浦东口腔门诊

Pu Jing dental clinic is located on the second floor of Nuo office building in Lido business district of Beijing. PJ dental has become one of the most trusted dental care providers for the embassies, international schools and foreign companies. PJ Dental has cooperated with many insurance companies to provide directly billing service.

We are committed to helping you achieve and maintain optimal oral health. >Rm. 201, 204, 2nd Floor, Office Building of Nuo Hotel, No. 2A, Jianguai Rd. Chaoyang District, Beijing 北京市朝阳区将台路2号 诺金酒店写字楼2层201 204室 64371326/64371286, 24hr hotline 4000650898www.pjdental.cn

Arrail Dental

Affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania, Arrail Dental has access to top-class equipment. Its well-trained staff, multiple locations across town and excellent facilities make it one of the best dental providers in Beijing. English-speaking staff. Dental services including examinations, whitening, root-canal treatment, orthodontics and implants.

>Rm 201, the Exchange-Beijing, 1188 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路2118号国贸桥东南角京汇大厦201室 (6567 5670); Rm 208, Tower A, CITIC Building, 19 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国门外大街19号国际大厦A座208室 (6500 6473); Rm 308, Tower

A, Raycom Info Tech Park 2 Xueyuan Nanlu, Haidian 海淀区中关村科学院南路2号融科资讯中心A座308室 (8286 1956); Rm 101, Bldg 16, China Central Place, 89 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区建国路89号华贸中心公寓16号楼101室 (8588 8550/60/70); 1/F, Somerset Fortune Garden, 46 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路46号燕莎东庭盛捷福苑16 (8440 1926)

Beijing Passion International Medical Center

This full-service international clinic provides 24-hr general medical care and a patient-centered attitude. Beijing Passion International Medical Center is equipped with the latest in medical technology and is designed to support the comfort, safety and privacy of patients.

> 24hours, 81/F, Borui Building, 26 Donganhuo Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区东三环北路26号博瑞大厦B1层 (6517 7667, www.passion-medical.com)

Joinway Dental

A reputable and trusted dental practice, Joinway Dental provides the perfect combination of cutting edge technology and comfortable treatment, while maintaining the strictest sanitary and sterilization processes. The clinic uses high-quality imported materials, and its professional, US-trained staff offers a personalized and private service.

> Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm; 11D, Building D, Oriental Kenzo Plaza (Ginza Mall), 48 Dongzhimen Wai Dajie, Dongcheng 东城区东直门外大街48号东方银座D座11D (8447 6092/93, mobile:1326 181 6708, joinway@dentalc.com, www.dentalc.com)

PrettySmile Dental

If you are looking for professional and comfortable dental care, PrettySmile Dental is highly recommended by many patients. The clinic is standing out because of the professional team, all doctors are from the dental hospital of Peking University and most of them got professional training in USA. The strictest sterilization processes and high-end imported equipment and materials all help guarantee the highest quality of all dental services.

> Mon-Fri, 9:30am-6pm (closed Thu); 5-105,1F, Bldg 5, Sanlitun SOHO Chaoyang 朝阳区三里屯SOHO 5号商场1层5-105/57853689/57853898, www.pretty-smile-dental.cn, psd3898@163.com)

United Family Shunyi Dental Clinic

The Beijing United Family Dental Clinic in Shunyi is a satellite of the main hospital in Lido (which has its own dental clinic onsite). A comprehensive range of services are at hand, including restorative dentistry and cosmetic dentistry. Call ahead for all appointments.

> 818 Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi 北京和睦家医院牙科诊所, 顺义区兰兰开发区荣祥广场818 (8046 1102)

Parkway Health Clinic

> Mon-Sat, 10am-7pm; CBD, 1-2/F, Vantone Center, 6 Chaowai Street 朝阳门外大街甲六号万通中心A座二层 (4000 662-882, 24hrs; enquiry@parkwayhealth.cn; www.parkwayhealth.cn); No.101-201, Beijing link, block2, No.6 Yuan, Jing Shun Dong Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区京顺东街6号院2号楼北京Link.101-201室

SDM Dental 瑞齿牙科

The full spectrum of dentistry. Services include teeth cleaning, root-canal treatment, porcelain crowns, dental implants, orthodontics, cosmetic dentistry, fillings, pediatric dentistry, extraction, teeth-whitening and veneers. Credit cards accepted.

> Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, N8210, B2/F, CBD, Guomao, China World Shopping Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie 建外大街1号国贸商城地下2层 (6505 9439/31/93, www.sdmdental.com); Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Olympic Area, F-0186B, Sunshine Plaza, 68 Anli Lu(east of Sunshine Plaza)亚运村安立路68号阳光广场东 (6497 2173, 6498 2173); Mon-Sun 10am-19pm, L807-08, Euro Plaza, No.99 YuXiang Road, Shunyi 北京顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆广场L807-08号 (80466084); Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, FC222, 21st Century Hotel, 40 Liang Maqiao Lu, Sanyuanqiao 亮马桥40号21世纪饭店2层 (64664814, 64612745); Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, 4076B, 4/F, New Yansha Mall, Yuanda Lu, Haidian 远大路金源燕莎购物中心Mall4层4076B (8859 6912/13); Mon-Sun, 10am-7pm, Rm 5, 3/F, North Tower, China Overseas Plaza, 8 Guanghua Dongli 北京朝阳区光华东路8号中海广场北楼3层05号 (59772488)

Vista Medical Center 维世达诊所

> 24hours, Wi-Fi Internet, 3/F Kerry Center, 1 Guanghua Lu 光华路1号嘉里中心商场3层 (8529 6618, vista@vista-china.net, www.vista-china.net)

Beijing New Century Harmony Pediatric Clinic

> Shunyi, K-01, Building No.19, Harmony Business Center, Liyuan Street, Tianzhu Town 天竺镇丽苑苑荣和商业中心19号楼K-01 (6456 2599; harmonyped@ncich.com.cn, www.ncich.com.cn)

IDC Dental

> Daily: 9am-6pm, Room 209, Bldg 7, Richmond Park Clubhouse, Fanguyan Nanli, Chaoyang 朝阳区芳园南里丽都水岸会所209 (6538 8111, info@idcdental.com)

EDUCATION

Mandarin Schools

The Frontiers School

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> 3/F, Bldg 30, Dongzhongjie, Dongzhimenwai, Dongcheng 东城区东直门外东中街30号三层 (6413 1547, www.frontiers.com.cn, frontiers@frontiers.com.cn)

Beijing Mandarin School

Established in 1998, Beijing Mandarin school is the city's top institute for teaching spoken and written Mandarin as a second language, more than 5,000 students from over 66 countries and more than 60 companies and embassies have successfully learned with us each year. Also recognized and recommended by BBC News as one of the most professional Chinese language school. Also awarded as the "the best Mandarin school in Beijing" by That's Beijing magazine.

> E-Tower School (Guomao Area): Room 904-905, 9/F E-tower building 数码大厦904-905 (65081026/1126); Guangming Hotel School (embassy area): Room 0709, 7/F, Guangming Hotel (near US embassy) 光明饭店7层0709室美国大使馆附近 (8441 8391, info@beijingmandarinschool.com, www.beijingmandarinschool.com, Skype ID: beijing-mandarinschool1998, Wechat: BIMS-Etower)

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Focusing on teaching Chinese, making sure your improvements, organizing task-based, practical activities and providing 180-day student visa.

> R202 East Building, No.78 Maizidian Street, Chaoyang 朝阳区麦子店街78号一幢二层202室 (6500 8201, WeChat:1381 186 4656, www.gloriachinese.com)

Hutong School

Learn Mandarin with Beijing's best Mandarin school, Hutong School. Our experienced teachers will customize your classes and help you learn in a fun environment.

> Room 1501, 15/F, Zhongyu Plaza, A6 Gongli Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区工体北路甲6号中宇大厦1501室

The Bridge School 北京市朝阳区桥汉语言培训学校

> The Bridge School Head office, Room 503, 5/F, Guangming Hotel, 42 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路42号光明饭店写字楼5层503室 (84517605)

Beijing Juncheng Language School

北京君诚语言学校
> Room 208, 1 Panjiapo Hutong, Chaoyangmenwai, Dongcheng District 东城区朝阳门外潘家坡胡同1号东城区职工大学208办公室 (6525 9932/6526 7539); 15 Gucheng Village, Huosha Lu, Houshayu Town, Shunyi District 顺义区后沙峪镇火沙路古城15号 (8049 0307)

International Schools

Canadian International School of Beijing 北京加拿大国际学校

Located in the Third Embassy Quarter of downtown Beijing, the Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB) opened its doors in September 2006. This world-class facility offers an internationally recognized Canadian & IB PYP, IB MYP and IB DP education. The Canadian International School of Beijing develops the whole child in an environmentally sensitive school within a kind, caring community to become a citizen of the world.

> 38 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区亮马桥路38号 (6465 7788, www.cisb.com.cn)

Springboard International Bilingual School 君诚国际双语学校

Springboard International Bilingual School is a place where children, staff and parents work in partnership to enable all their students to realize their full potential. They are offering a stimulating and full international curriculum as well as an exciting after school program, which will include Kung Fu, calligraphy, health and fitness and football.

> 15 Gucheng Duan, Huosha Lu, Houshayu Town, Shunyi 顺义区后沙峪镇火沙路古城15号 (8049 2450; www.sibs.com.cn, office@sibs.com.cn)

The British School of Beijing 英国国际学校

The British School of Beijing, established in 2003, has campuses in Shunyi (primary & secondary) and Sanlitun (primary). BSB offers an enhanced English National Curriculum to 1,500 expatriate students, aged 1 to 18, beginning with Early Years Foundation Stage, Primary, Secondary, IGCSE exams in Year 10 and 11 and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme in Year 12 and 13. Admission & Fees: RMB102,993-246,057. Contact our Admissions team to

arrange a school tour.

> Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, South Side, 9 Anhua Jie, Shunyi 顺义区安华街9号南侧 (8047 3558, www.britisshschool.org.cn, admissions@britishschool.org.cn)

Western Academy of Beijing

The Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) is a creative and innovative IB World School built upon a solid foundation of core values and our mission to Connect, Inspire, Challenge, Make a Difference. Our students exemplify these values through their awareness of the world around them, service to others, can-do spirit and commitment to excellence. WAB graduates are accepted into world-class colleges and universities across the globe.

> 10 Lai Guang Ying Dong Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区来广营东路10号 (5986 5588)

Beijing City International School

北京乐成国际学校
Located in Beijing's Central Business District, Beijing City International School (BCIS) lives by its motto: "Empowering and Inspiring through Challenge and Compassion." This non-profit, independent co-educational day school offers an international curriculum under the International Baccalaureate (IB) World School system and is authorized to teach all three IB programs (Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programme).

> 77 Baizhuan Nan'er Lu, Chaoyang 朝阳区百子湾南二路77号 (8771 7171, www.bciscn.com)

Beijing BISS International School

北京BISS国际学校
> Building 17, Area 4, Anzhen Xili Chaoyang 朝阳区安贞西里4区17楼 (6443 3151 www.biss.com.cn)

3e International 北京3e国际学校

Since its founding in August 2005, 3e has grown into one of the leading bilingual international schools in Beijing with students from Nursery through Grade 6. Tuition: RMB 162,800-185,500/year.

> Kindergarten Campus: 9-1 Jiangtai Xilu, Lido, Chaoyang District 朝阳区将台西路9-1号; Elementary Campus: 3 Xinjin Lu, Chaoyang District 朝阳区新锦路3号 (6437 3344 ext. 100, admissions@3einternational.com, www.3einternational.com)

The International Montessori School of Beijing 北京蒙台梭利国际学校

Founded in 1990, MSB is Beijing's first fully registered international Montessori school. The school also boasts an unsurpassed dual Mandarin/English program geared towards helping students achieve fluency in either language from an early age. Curriculum aside, MSB boasts spacious classrooms, a high teacher-student ratio and impressive staff longevity. Tuition: RMB98,000 - RMB177,000/year.

> Bldg 8, 2/A, Xiangjing Beilu, Chaoyang 朝阳区香江北路甲2号院8号楼 (6432 8228 ext. 800, www.msb.edu.cn, admissions@msb.edu.cn)

Beijing World Youth Academy

北京世青国际学校
Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA) is an international school for students of all nationalities ages 6 to 18, offering programs on its campuses conveniently located in Wangjing and Lido. An IB World School since 2001, BWYA values holistic education and seeks to give students ample opportunity to develop as globally-aware critical thinkers. A wide variety of co-curricular activities are offered to further enrich student life. Graduates of BWYA have been accepted at prestigious universities around the world. Age range: 6-18. Tuition: RMB 100,000- 140,000/year.

> Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, 18 Huajiadi Beili, Wangjing, Chaoyang (Inside 94 Middle school) 朝阳区望京花地北里18号 (6461 7787 ext. 32, 8454 3478/0649, admissions@ibwya.net, www.ibwya.net)

Yew Chung International School

耀中国际学校
Located in downtown Honglingjin Park since 1995, Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing) offers a truly international curriculum for children of foreign nationals in China. The school follows the National Curriculum for England but also integrates an extensive Chinese language and culture program, allowing foreign nationals to get the best out of their time in China. YCIS Beijing is one of only five schools in China accredited by three separate accreditation organizations and has a 100 percent pass rate within the IGCSE and IB programs. In addition, YCIS Beijing is the only international school in China to receive the Cambridge Award for Excellence in Education from the University of Cambridge International Examinations.

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Tianjin reviews,
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● International Robot Exhibition / Exhibition



Thought robots were a thing of the future? Well, think again, because the Chinese service robot market size increased 44 percent last year to almost USD1.8 billion, not to mention the applications in the industrial sector. Many new and exciting innovations in the field will be present at the Tianjin International Robot Exhibition (CIRE 2019) this month, with more than 300 exhibitors. If you plan to invest in robotics or if you're just passionate about machines, check out this dedicated event.

Thu Mar 7-Sun Mar 10, 9am-6pm; Tianjin Meijiang Convention and Exhibition Center, 18 Youyi Nan Lu, Xiqing 西青区友谊南路18号 (to exhibit or to visit go to chinaexhibition.com)

● London Philharmonic Orchestra / Concert



The renowned ensemble from the British capital will perform for Tianjin audiences this month conducted by Vladimir Jurowski and feature the virtuoso performance of solo violinist Julia Fischer. Get your seat at the Tianjin Grand Theater to enjoy a repertoire including Mendelssohn's 'Violin Concerto in e minor' and masterpieces by Strauss and Bruckner.

Fri Mar 15, 7:30pm; RMB150-1080; Tianjin Grand Theater, 24 Youyi Lu, Hexi 河西区友谊路24号 (for tickets visit piao.damai.cn)

● 'Stop Angry' Recital / Theater



In this one-man vocal recital, entertainer Chen Xiaochun reflects on himself, his job and his role as a father, taking inspiration from a humorous quote by his son Jasper. Featuring dialogue and song, this stage performance debuts in Tianjin and makes for a night of entertainment for the whole family.

Sat Mar 23, 7:30pm; RMB380-1280; Tianjin Gymnasium, 9/D Binshui Xidao, Nankai 南开区宾水西道9号D厅 (for tickets visit piao.damai.cn)

● Little Women / Theater



The Chapterhouse Theatre Company brings this adaptation of the book from Louisa May Alcott that inspired generations, with faithful costumes and young performers that will bring the characters to life from the pages of this timeless classic.

Wed Mar 20, 7:30pm; RMB80-380; Jinwan Grand Theater, Bldg 4, Jiefang Bei Lu, Heping 和平区解放北路4号楼 (for tickets visit piao.damai.cn)

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Tue Mar 19, 7:30pm; RMB120-780; Tianjin Grand Theater, 24 Youyi Lu, Hexi 河西区友谊路24号 (for tickets visit piao.damai.cn)





GAME OF CONES

The Newly Constructed Tianjin Binhai Exploratorium

words by Valerie Osipov, photos by Kris Provoost

Project name: Tianjin Binhai Exploratorium

Location: Tianjin

Area: 33,000 sqm

Design company: Bernard Tschumi Architects

The brief: In partnership with Tianjin Urban Planning and Design Institute (TUPDI), Bernard Tschumi Architects recently finished constructing the Tianjin Binhai Exploratorium. Set to open later this year, the contemporary museum will host exhibitions of the coastal city's industrial history, among galleries, office space, events and more.

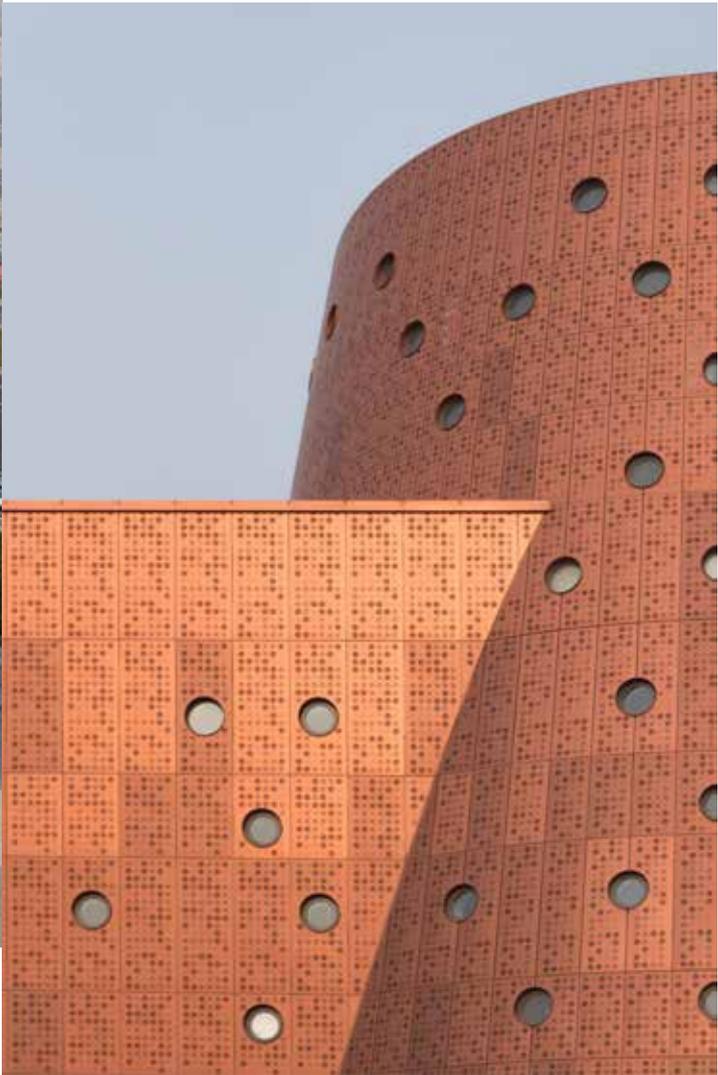
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A spiral ramp connecting the three-level building adds a modern element to the industrial design. Additionally, there is a rooftop where visitors can take in panoramic views of the city.



A series of large-scale cones connect the exhibition halls, with the biggest cone exceeding the height of the Guggenheim Museum in New York City.



The unique cone design and a series of circular windows dotting the immense structures provide a natural source of lighting.

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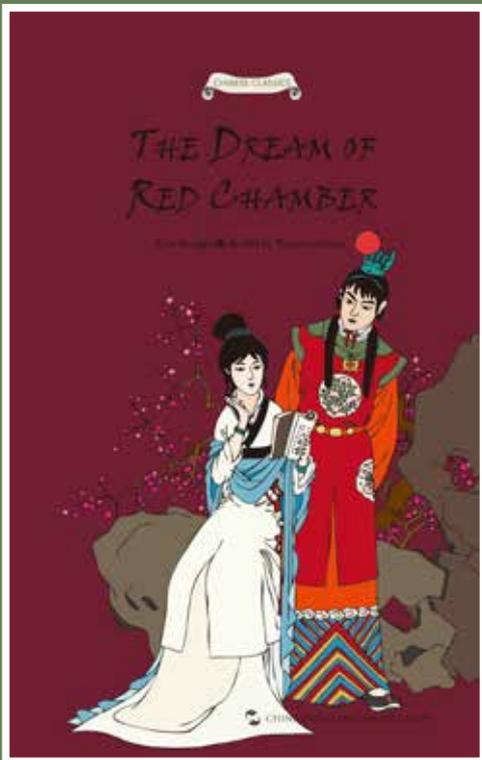
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Dive into the English Versions of Dream of the Red Chamber and Outlaws of the Marsh



Dream of the Red Chamber

Written by Cao Xueqin

Dream of the Red Chamber, or The Story of the Stone, is the greatest masterpiece of Chinese classical novels of the Ming and Qing dynasties and has a profound influence on later generations. The story focuses on the protagonist Jia Baoyu and his turbulent life that started with the decline of his noble family, which led to the development of a unique perception of life and the mortal world. The tragic love between Jia, Lin Daiyu and Xue Baochai is an integral part of the novel, and its portrayal of how love and life can be ruined is a reflection of the flaws of our feudal system and traditions.

*** Cao Xueqin was a novelist in Qing dynasty. He was born into a prominent family, but later lost their wealth. He spent 10 years writing Dream of the Red Chamber, which became one of the four literary masterpieces of W China. February 2012

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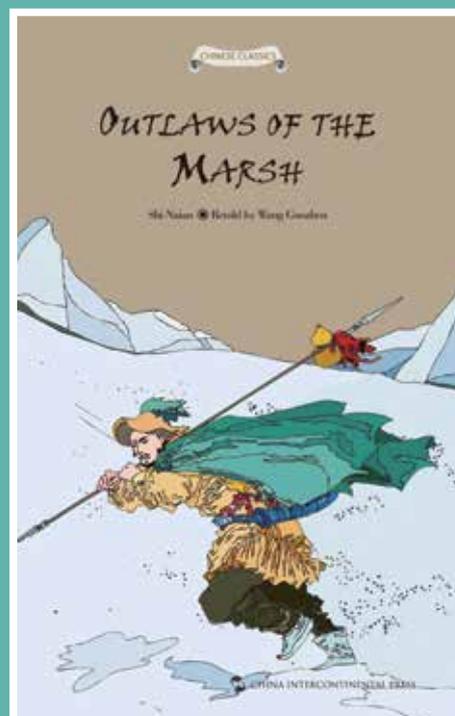
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Shi Nai'an

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Shi Nai'an was a writer in the late Yuan and early Ming dynasty.

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Horoscopes

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by Karen Toast



Pisces
2.20-3.20

It's your time to finally shine! With Mercury officially in your zone, your love life is about to turn around. Get back on Tantan and watch the likes pile up.



Aries
3.21-4.20

What's that? A new moon in Aries? Big changes are just around the corner and this is your month to take advantage of new opportunities. Be sure to hang a New Year pig on every available entryway.



Taurus
4.21-5.21

The prophecy from the stars does not augur well for you this month. While it might feel like you're trapped under a mountain of Mobikes (er, Meituan Bikes?) at work, there's always a light at the end of the tunnel... Maybe.



Gemini
5.22-6.21

Venus is on the move, or something like that, and your life (and VPN) may feel a bit unstable this month. Use your Beijing subway elbows to get back on top of everything.



Cancer
6.22-7.22

You had a great CNY, but now the office is a mess. Plenty of work for the persevering Cancer, wahoo! Now is definitely the time to have a chat with your laoban and ask for a raise. You might not get it but hey, at least you tried.



Leo
7.23-8.23

Some big changes in your life this month will lead to a newfound confidence and countless new friends. Go with it and make giant leaps - HSK 6 anyone?



Virgo
8.24-9.23

A decidedly non-dry February has left you weary. This is of course because Mercury is in retrograde and not at all your fault. Drink plenty of hot water and feel your March get healthier.



Libra
9.24-10.23

You are finally in for an anxiety-free month! To ensure this you should drink less tequila and drink more auspicious whiskey.



Scorpio
10.24-11.22

You must have been eating nothing but dumplings because your chart's full of luck! Disappearing Didi queues? Empty subway cars during rush hour? All in your future.



Sagittarius
11.23-12.21

After a month of travel and new experiences, you can at last breathe in that sweet smog. Now is the time to reconnect with old friends and try new things locally. Why not take a deserving pal or five to a swanky new speakeasy like The Vending Machine?



Capricorn
12.22-1.20

A period of transition is coming. It's time to take stock of your recent choices and make more wise decisions in this important time. I mean, did you really just tip the driver of that black cab?



Aquarius
1.21-2.19

If you can successfully avoid doing anything in groups of four this month, there's an interesting new person on their way into your life. Make a trip to Capital Spirits to try their baijiu flights. You'll probably meet them there.



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