

PEOPLE PRODUCTS PLACES



Bonnie Gokson further satisfies our cake cravings; Better Than Sex is a must



SUGAR RUSH

What? Inspired by the popular desserts at **Sevva**, style icon **Bonnie Gokson** has opened **Ms B Cakery** with an irresistible selection of new concoctions.

Highlights All the cakes are made with the freshest ingredients sourced from around the world and taste as amazing as they look. **Rainbow Connection** is a chiffon cake layered with fresh fruits and cream, topped with an arch of rainbow marshmallow; **Better Than Sex** is a dark and moist chocolate fudge cake with chocolate-coated caramel crunch and salted toffee; **Ebony and Ivory** is a black sesame and white coconut butter cake covered with fine coconut shreds. Also available are gluten- and sugar-free cakes, and celebration cakes for weddings and special occasions.

Where? Ms B Cakery, 39 Gough Street, Central, tel: 2815 8303, website: www.msbscakery.hk

PURPLE PAMPERING

What? **Purple Prose**, a 1,200-square-foot spa located in the heart of Central, offers a selection of body and facial treatments using natural ingredients and serves premium English tea in its relaxation lounge.

Why? "Purple is my favourite colour and the concept for Purple Prose Spa comes from our goal of providing luxurious, effective and personalised treatments in a private atmosphere, featuring an elegant European-inspired decor," says owner and founder **Kennis Tai**.

Highlights Tai recommends **Organic Vitality**, a facial treatment using natural ingredients for antioxidant and firming benefits; **Vela Shape** face and body slimming treatment designed to reduce cellulite, and **Thai Healing**, a massage that encourages energy flow within the body and relieves stress.

Where? Purple Prose Spa, Room 1001, 10/F, Century Square, 1-13 D'Aguilar Street, Central, tel: 2530 0208.



Girl about town Kennis Tai has opened Purple Prose Spa

MUSIC TO BANKERS' EARS

What? This Music Studio occupies an impressive 1,500-square-foot space in Central, equipped with a host of quality instruments and recording facilities.

Who? Jonathan Lee worked as a scriptwriter at Turner Broadcasting and ATV World prior to dedicating himself full time to his studio. "It started in 2006 when I needed a place to practise drums," he says. Over the next three years I slowly built it up, acquired more equipment and turned it from a practice room into a fully functional recording studio. "Music lessons are also provided.

Why? "Many of our clients are bankers who just want to let their guard down, loosen those ties and let some much needed music flow through their ears, and we offer that," says Lee.

Where? This Music Studio, 12/F, Chung Hing Commercial Building, 62-63 Connaught Road Central, tel: 9421 9604, website: www.thismusicstudio.com



This Music Studio, owned by Jonathan Lee (left)



Ski lodge in the Italian Alps designed by Hong Kong-based Lucie McCullough (right)



SUPERIOR INTERIORS

What? Lucie McCullough Interior Design provides renovation, refurbishment and home styling services, as well as bespoke furniture design for clients.

Who? Founder Lucie McCullough was born in New York, grew up in London and worked for Valentino in Rome, Ralph Lauren in Milan and Vogue in London prior to moving to Hong Kong with her husband in 2004.

Why? "My mother did interior design, so it is in my blood and something I always wanted to do," notes McCullough. "I am also passionate about antiques." Recalling her entry into the profession, she says: "Fashion and interiors are obviously closely related so the transition was easy. Two years after moving here, Quintessentially invited me to work on an interior project, and I started my portfolio with a fabulous 2,500-square-foot one-bedroom flat on the Peak."

Where? Visit www.luciemccullough.com

MODERN FRAME OF REFERENCE

What? Parrot, a Paris-based company specialising in wireless devices for mobile phones, has collaborated with Jean-Louis Frechin of NoDesign agency to create a digital photo frame. The device, called DIA, comes with a 10.4-inch high resolution transparent screen, uses the Google Android operating system to connect to the internet, and has USB ports for the convenient transfer of images from mobile phone and camera.

Why? It allows you to frame a digital image for home display. "It is close to a slide film, with the quality of transparency and the format of professional Ektachrome," says Frechin.

Where? Available from Lane Crawford and Kapok. For more information, see www.parrot.com or call 2247 9920.



DIA Parrot by NoDesign digital photo frame

JUNE-AUGUST MUST-TRIES



HOTEL ICON

The latest addition to the hospitality scene is **Hotel Icon**, the teaching and research hotel built for the **School of Hotel and Tourism Management** by the **Hong Kong Polytechnic University**. Hotel Icon is set to create a new landscape in the industry, with a refreshing and contemporary interior designed by **Terence Conran**, **Rocco Yim** and **William Lim**, as well as a host of other design talents. There is a vertical garden by **Patrick Blanc**, staff uniforms by **Barney Cheng** and a suite by **Vivienne Tam**. Eighty per cent of the 262 rooms offer spectacular views of Victoria harbour.

17 Science Museum Road, Tsimshatsui East, tel: 3400 1000,
www.hotel-icon.com



BISOUS NIGHTCLUB

Inspired by the glamorous burlesque and cabaret nightlife popular before the Second World War, private members' club **Bisous** boasts a 5,000-square-foot space decorated in deep purple, gold and black. It features nightly dance and stage performances, as well as a selection of modern and classic cocktails.

9/F, LKF Tower, 33 Wyndham Street, Central, tel: 8125 2584



BRAT POP-UP RESTAURANT

Since opening in Elgin Street last year, gourmet hotdog eatery **Brat** has been attracting foodies with artisanal and natural sausages with no added fat, meat byproducts, artificial flavour or colouring. Highlights include portobello and porcini mushroom, Gruyere cheese with garlic and vegetarian sausages. Fans will delight in its summer outpost at the **Landmark**, which serves new flavours such as chipotle and lemon chicken, and pickles from the New York-based **Brooklyn Brine Co**.

Shop B23, The Landmark, Central, until August 31
See www.brat.com.hk

JUNE-AUGUST HIGH FIVE COOL SUMMER ESSENTIALS

1 Veuve Clicquot's Rose

Fridge in candy pink is inspired by refrigerators from the 1950s and can keep a chilled bottle of champagne cool for two hours.

www.veuveclicquot.com



2 MO Bar's Taste of Life is a refreshing summer drink made with oranges, Pimms No. 1 and aperol, inspired by the preserved kumquat that resident award-winning mixologist **John Ng** has at home.

www.mandarinoriental.com/landmark

3 Try this seasonal **Chinese dessert** made of chilled Chinese herb jelly, fresh fruits, glutinous dumplings and vanilla bean ice cream. Available at **One Harbour Road, 8/F, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong**, tel: 2584 7722.



4 **Hermes' summer hats** in cotton poplin come in an array of colours including orange, blue and light green.
www.hermes.com



5 The palm-tree print on **Louis Vuitton's Ailleurs** (meaning 'elsewhere' or 'far away' in French) **beach towel** conjures up images of cooling breezes on deserted islands.
www.louisvuitton.com



HAPPENINGS

DESIGN FOR CHINA

What? Organised by the **Hong Kong Design Centre**, **Knowledge of Design Week** features a host of international design experts – the likes of **Eric Chan**, **Peter Heskett**, **Toshiyuki Kita**, **Ralph Weigmann** and **Michael Young** – with the aim that industrial designers, product development professionals and brand managers can share experiences and learn from them. There will be 12 interactive workshops and networking sessions with top design and business leaders, and two half-day conferences themed **Design for Asia** and **Design for China**.

When? June 20-24

Where? Hotel Icon, 17 Science Museum Road, Tsimshatsui East, tel: 3400 1000. See www.hkdesigncentre.org/kodw

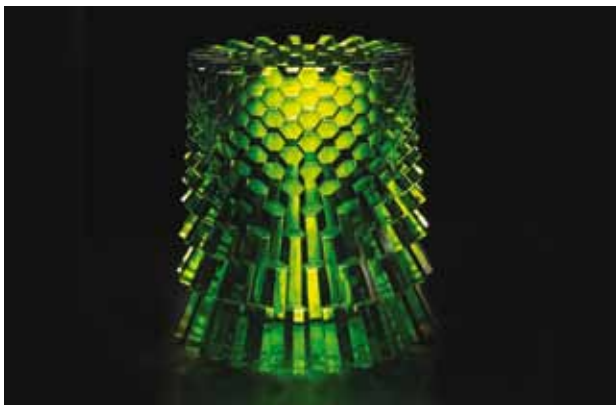
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Speakers: Toshiyuki Kita, Peter Heskett, Eric Chan, Michael Young, Ralph Weigmann, John Ng, Gordon Chung, Stephen Lee.

Other featured inspiring speakers from: The Royal College of Art, MIT, Seattle University, Illinois Institute of Technology, and more.

Be inspired at Knowledge of Design Week



Michael Young's cylinder vase for Tittot

INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

What? Michael Young Studio and the Cat Street Gallery present *Works in China – Part 1 Design Art*. The exhibition features more than 50 works by Hong Kong-based British designer **Michael Young**, spanning his 20-year industrial design career.

Highlights Young will launch a book, *Works in China*, and unveil a glass collection designed for **Tittot**. Check out, too, his limited-edition chairs and sculptures.

When? June 29 to July 17

Where? The Space, 210 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, tel: 2361 1210, website: www.thespace.hk

JUNE HOT DATES

16 THU

- *Bitter Sweet Symphony* opens at Zee Stone Gallery; exhibition runs until July 15
- Cocktail reception for opening of the *Post Modernism – Tibetan Art* exhibition at the China Club; runs until end of August at Galerie La Vong

17 FRI

- Piaget Heart to Heart party at Domani restaurant

20 MON

- Opening of Knowledge of Design Week at Hotel Icon; runs until June 24

23 THU

- Macallan Masters of Photography Albert Watson Edition exhibition at Club Lusitano

24 FRI

- Porsche exhibition at Pacific Place

25 SAT

- Spectrum Wine auction at the Ritz Carlton; also on the 26th

29 WED

- Montblanc Art Patronage Award dinner (venue to be confirmed at press time)
- Michael Young's *Works in China – Part 1 Design Art* exhibition opens at The Space; runs until July 17

JULY

15 FRI

- Mercedes Benz SLK party at the Convention and Exhibition Centre

AUGUST

19 FRI

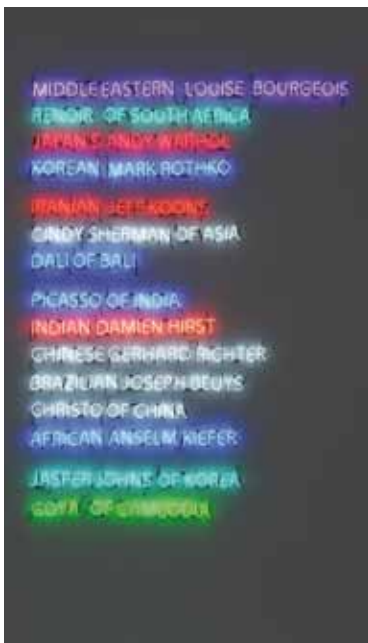
- Gucci autumn-winter fashion show and party at the Convention and Exhibition Centre

LIGHT FROM THE WORLD

What? *See the Light* is a group exhibition of 18 creations by 11 international artists. Presented by **Louis Vuitton**, participating artists **Stephen Antonakos, Alan Chan, James Clar, Tracey Emin, Jiang Pengyi, David LaChapelle, Map Office, Kingsley Ng, Leila Pazooki, Qiu Zhijie** and **Tsang Kin-wah** have created pieces reflecting their interpretation of light.

When? Until October

Where? Espace Louis Vuitton, Louis Vuitton Maison, 5 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui. See www.louisvuitton.com



Moments of Glory by Leila Pazooki at Louis Vuitton's *See the Light* exhibition

FROM VIETNAM TO TIBET

What? Galerie La Vong presents the works of 10 leading Tibetan artists to coincide with its anniversary. *Post Modernism – Tibetan Art* showcases such talents as **Tangse Dawa, Phurba Tsering, Ang Sang** and **Penba**. The exhibition also marks a new direction of embracing artists and artwork beyond Vietnam, for which the gallery has been known.

When? Opening cocktail on June 16 at the **China Club**; exhibition runs from June 16-17 at the China Club and continues at Galerie La Vong until the end of August.

Where? Galerie La Vong, 1 Lan Kwai Fong, Central, tel: 2869 6863



Apple Picking by Tibetan artist Tangse Dawa at Galerie La Vong