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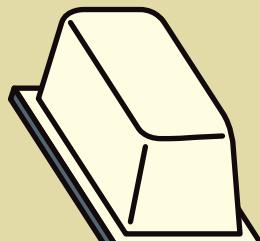
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## The Pollution Checklist

Air pollution has really ramped up in Hong Kong over the last few days, apparently due to the approach of Typhoon Megi. But you don't have to worry: We've put together a checklist that should help protect you from the nastiest of the effects.

### Have you...

- Donned a face mask?
- Installed a filter in your air-con unit?
- Refused to leave the house for the next two weeks?
- Wrapped your entire body in cling film to prevent contamination?
- Purchased a balloon full of air claiming to be from Bhutan?
- Scalped an iPhone 7, because they cure everything?
- Hermetically sealed off Lamma Island so it's even more remote than ever before?
- Used the hazy yellow air as an effect to boost the artiness of your Instagram feed?
- Sacrificed your first-born to the God of Small Particulates?
- Moved to Beijing to build up a natural resistance to pollution?
- Emailed Elon Musk to ask whether you can join his Mars mission?
- Put one of your lungs into cold storage?
- Decided not to have children, in case they emerge addicted to that sweet, sweet pollution?
- Purchased cheap brown-tinted glasses so the world looks dark and smoggy all the time anyway?
- Taken up smoking, because then at least you know where the emphysema is coming from?
- Blamed CY Leung for it, again?

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# HOME



## Mr. Know-It-All's Guide to Life

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

### Why are most of the taxis in Hong Kong the exact same model? — Cab BB

All hail the Toyota Crown Comfort, the humble vehicle that's hauled us all home from hundreds of late nights, or carted us hungover to work the next morning. The Toyota Crown Comfort, most regal chariot—unless you want to cross the harbor, of course.

In the old days, taxis were less tightly regulated and you'd see a wide range of colors and models on the streets. The government began regulating their appearance in 1974, decreeing the silver-and-red color scheme still in use today. In fact, there's no actual law stipulating the model of car used as a taxi—and indeed, you'll see the occasional Nissan, Ford Transit van or Prius taxi around town. But an extraordinary majority of all Hong Kong taxis are Crown Comforts.

It's an astonishingly successful model, in production since 1995—and recently updated in 2001 to a more environmentally friendly LPG version. Indeed, Toyota has had a pretty effective monopoly on the market ever since squeezing Nissan out of town a decade ago. Repeated attempts by other manufacturers to break in have all ended in failure.

So why are they so popular? A few reasons, all of which boil down to cost. Firstly, a new Toyota Crown Comfort costs around \$230,000—approximately \$20,000 less than the Ford Transits introduced last year.

Then there's the sheer number of Crown Comforts in Hong Kong's taxi ecosystem: If the vast majority of the 18,000 cabs in Hong Kong are Crown Comforts, then you're working with economies of scale. Any garage mechanic could service one blindfold, and would have plenty of spare parts on hand—all the more so because the same models are used as taxis in Japan, too. When Japanese taxis are retired, often they're broken apart and make their way to Hong Kong to be used in our cars.

So the next time you tumble out of a taxi after a night of revelry, take the time to thank the Crown Comfort for getting you home quickly, safely and cheaply. And for God's sake, throw up outside the vehicle. Spare parts may come cheap, but they don't come free.



The jewel in the Crown

Photo: SCMP



#### This week in My Perfect HK:

For the past 5 years Chan Cheuk-ming, aka "Ming Gor," has been **distributing free meal boxes** to the city's homeless, poor and disadvantaged. This is our final call for our **#FreeHKmeals** campaign, calling on all HK Magazine readers to visit Ming Gor (his meal sets are great) and pay it forward by sponsoring a meal voucher for someone less fortunate—for just \$24. Visit **Pei Ho Counterparts** at 278 Tai Nan St., Sham Shui Po, to do your bit—tag it **#FreeHKmeals** to spread the word.

## Letters

### "I totally read 'big butts'"

#### Perilous Rides

Last week's *Blowing Water* (Sep 23, Issue 1164) was "Red Peril": The terror of flagging down a red minibus because their drivers are drag racing maniacs and you don't know how to get off. Facebook readers agreed...

One ride on a minibus and I understood why the bus had seat belts.

**Marie Jost**

lol...exactly like me...i dont know how to get off!!

**Tinny Tien**

Try Mm goi, Yau Lok! Passable Cantonese for "excuse me, get off".  
**Walter Scheibner**

#### Rainbow Connections

Last week we interviewed Alex See of The Harmonics, an LGBTI and ally choir ("Upclose," Sep 23, Issue 1164). A Facebook reader flies the rainbow flag:

Alex is right when he said in this piece there is very little education about HK's LGBTI community here in this city. A semi-recent survey conducted by Barclays in 2012 revealed 80% of HK's population claim they don't know any

LGBTI people. The thing is... they do—they just don't know they are gay. 80%! No wonder this city is so far behind on equal rights and other issues that affect the LGBTI community. The status quo know virtually nothing about us—and it's 2016! This is why it's important social groups like The Harmonics exist. They can bridge the gap and help create a dialogue through the universal languages of music and love. Congrats Alex See and the other choir members—keep up the great work!

**Evan Steer**

#### What What in the Sutt

Facebook readers liked our article on the city's best bing sutt restaurants old and new ("What's Up, Bing Sutt?" Sep 16, Issue 1163): Although one reader had a bit of trouble.

Kam Kee Cafe (金記冰室) has a branch in Sharp St., Causeway Bay. Its decor deliberately resembles the old tram terminus and the Lee theatre that used to be there.

**Keith Yuen**

I totally read "big butts"  
**Wesley Fung**

## THE #LIVEPURE CHALLENGE 04

**Adam White** is going from fat to fit with a tailored wellness program with the Pure Group.

I have a lot of my new lifestyle under control. I'm beginning to enjoy the weights. The cardio, I'll tolerate. The diet? I have (mostly) become accustomed to a life of salads. But there's one more element to conquer: the yoga.

I'd never done a yoga class before. I've never been very flexible, and having back surgery six years ago didn't exactly help. I can't touch my toes: My hamstrings—the muscles running down the back of your upper leg—just won't let me do it. They won't even let me get close. So yoga sounds pretty ideal, doesn't it?

There are many different kinds of yoga, and Pure Yoga covers a wide range. I sign up for the entry-level "Vinyasa Gentle," confident I'll nail it. Sure, I'm not all that flexible, but I can hold a stretch. How hard could it be?

I might be the last person in the world to discover this, but yoga isn't just about hanging around in Downward Facing Dog and then going for a smoothie. Instead, it's—well, it's a workout. You SWEAT.

My first lesson is a blur. I try to follow the instructions. I repeatedly mistake my left hand for my right leg, while sweat drips from my forehead onto the yoga mat. Everyone around me is flawlessly holding Triangle Pose—including my Glamorous Fiancée, who is infinitely better at this than I am. Just when I manage to haul my limbs into place... I almost pass out, because

I forgot to keep breathing.

A few days later, I have a private lesson with Pure Yoga instructor Tryphena Chia, who assures me that yes—everyone forgets to breathe. They even mix up left and right. I am not alone.

Over the lesson I begin to develop an understanding: How poses flow into one another; how your breathing helps to increase the stretch to pull your body into greater mobility. Am I good at it? Not really. But Tryphena tells me that my balance is actually pretty good. Well, that's something.

Since then I've been to a range of different classes, from the flowing Vinyasa classes to the more static, deep-stretch Hatha classes, to the Yin Yang classes that combine them both.

And yes, it makes a difference. I'm already feeling more lithe, more fluid. Nope, I still can't touch my toes, but I'm getting there. Like the whole of this LivePure challenge—every time, I'm getting a little bit closer.



**Next time:  
Getting Nood**

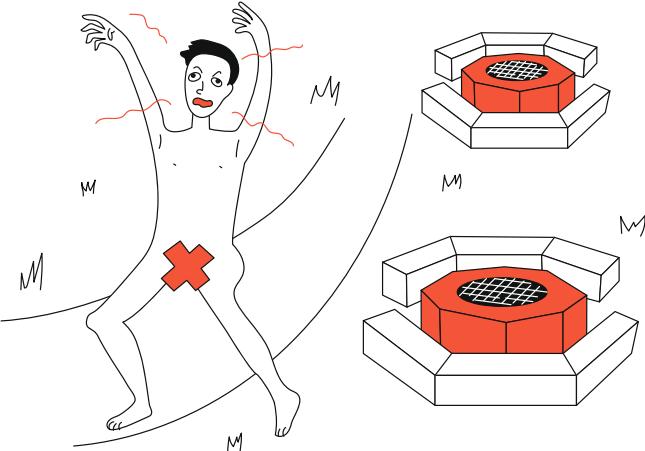
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## Last Week In Reality



SAT 17

**Naked Run** In the afternoon, a 22-year-old man strips down at a barbecue site in Sha Tin and goes for a run—in the buff. His behavior alarms passersby, and police are called to the scene. They find the man on Lion Rock Tunnel Road, but he makes a run for the hills. It takes the combined effort of several officers to bring the man under control. He is taken to hospital for assessment; police have classified the case as "loitering."

SUN 18

**Civil Disobedience** A 69-year-old man is arrested in the early morning on suspicion of criminal damage after he allegedly removed a surveillance camera outside the Kowloon City Magistracy. It is believed that the man, who had previously been arrested for gambling, removed the camera because he was unhappy with the court's "services."

MON 19

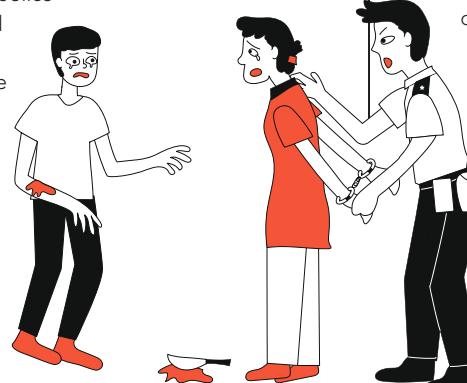
**Lovers' Tiff** An elderly couple in their 80s gets into a heated argument in their Kwai Chung flat after the wife refuses to attend hospital for treatment. The situation escalates when the husband threatens his wife at knifepoint. Their social worker calls the police, who find the door barred. After a two-hour negotiation with the man, officers force their way into the couple's home. The couple is sent to hospital for a check-up.

TUE 20

**What's Cooking, Pussycat?** A 40-year-old woman and a 53-year-old man appear at Tuen Mun Law Courts for allegedly attempting to "use" the flesh of a cat. Earlier this year, police officers on patrol in Yuen Long discovered the woman scorching a dead cat with a blowtorch while the man skinned it outside a village house. When questioned, the man claimed they didn't want to waste the body of their dead pet, and so had decided to feed it to their dog. The man has pleaded guilty to violating the Dogs and Cats Ordinance, while the woman pleaded not guilty, saying she had nothing to do with the death of the animal.

WED 21

**Tough Love** A 43-year-old woman appears at Fanling Law Courts for allegedly cutting her 15-year-old son's arm with a fruit knife when she found out he had skipped two days of school. The teen tells reporters that he called police hoping to get his wound treated, not expecting that his mother would be arrested, and adds that he intends to apologize to his mother. The boy has since returned to school.



FRI 23

**Life Lesson** An 18-year-old university student receives a call from a man claiming to be a policeman from Hangzhou. The man instructs her to hand over the details and password of her mainland bank account for "investigative purposes" and she obliges. She reports the incident to the police on Sunday after realizing her online banking details had been changed. On Monday, she discovers that \$1.2 million had been taken from her bank account. Investigations are underway.

THU 22

**Catnapper Found Legless** A python measuring 4 meters in length is found resting in a pile of garbage in a Shek O alley. Residents suspect that the snake had swallowed as many as 10 of the neighborhood's stray cats. It is captured with the help of a lifeguard and a police officer.



## Quote of the Week

"[You] cut already?"

The question Hong Kong immigration officials posed to two Thai transgender women who were denied entry to the city last weekend, according to the Transgender Resource Center. Officials allegedly wanted to know whether the women had undergone gender reassignment surgery, but the Immigration Department has said that they merely denied the tourists entry because they seemed "suspicious."

Illustration: Elaine Tang

## Talking Points

We read the news, so you don't have to.

### Lowest Earners' Allowance Axed

Social welfare groups have condemned a possible move to **end a one-off living allowance** that was first introduced in 2014 **for the city's lowest-income residents** who do not benefit from existing assistance schemes, in particular a rent waiver for public housing tenants that was discontinued this year. Shiu Ka-chun, a lawmaker-elect representing social workers, said that "**the living standard of low-income people should be protected.**" Sze Lai-shan, from the Society for Community Organization, pointed out that **individuals excluded from government welfare safety nets had "extra needs."** This year the allowance was worth about \$4,000 to single persons, up to \$14,000 for households of five. A total of **59,000 households benefited from the scheme this year**, amounting to \$512 million.

**Our take:** The Man giveth, and The Man taketh away.

### Nepalese Helpers: Exploited?

A survey by the Union of Nepalese Domestic Workers has found that among 106 respondents, **45 percent were underpaid**, with the lowest paid earning just \$1,700 a month. The legal minimum wage for foreign domestic workers is \$4,210 a month. The survey also found that more than half—**about 54 percent**—of respondents **did not get a full 24-hour rest day** per week as required by law. While foreign domestic workers are entitled to statutory holidays and a minimum of seven days' annual leave, **30 percent of respondents said their employers wouldn't allow leave**, while **51 percent said they weren't aware of their right to it**. The union is urging the government to enforce the law and to educate Nepalese workers on their legal rights.

**Our take:** How bad do things have to get for domestic workers before the government does something about it?





## Street Talk

There are just 13 Lego Certified Professionals (LCPs) in the world—hobbyists who have turned their passion for building and creating with Lego bricks into their profession. And we have one right here in Hong Kong: **Andy Hung**. He's built a miniature model of Mong Kok that's on display in the city's first official Lego store. He tells Stephanie Tsui about giving up a lucrative stockbroking career for a life of bricks.

**HK Magazine:** So, how did you become an LCP?

**Andy Hung:** I became a fan of Lego around 10 years ago, and through events and competitions I got acquainted with the Hong Kong Lego marketing team. Lego later saw a need for an LCP in the Greater China region, so they reached out to the marketing team and asked if they had anyone in mind. At first I was reluctant to apply, because I thought it would be impossible to become a Lego designer—I believed those jobs were typically reserved for foreigners. But with some encouragement, in 2013, I formed a company—Legend Creative Enterprise—dedicated to creating models with Lego bricks for projects and exhibitions, just so I could apply for certification.

**HK:** So is it all about selling the brand?

**AH:** The model of Mong Kok I did for the Lego store is unique; we made the whole thing from scratch. I wanted to show people how they can express their creativity using Lego bricks. I enjoy including eastern elements in my Lego creations, particularly since it's a western toy. My favorite model is one of the Forbidden City. It's a 3.5 x 2.7-meter replica of the three main structures; it's on display at the Macau Museum of Art.

**HK:** What was your first Lego set?

**AH:** My parents divorced when I was very young, so my maternal grandparents raised me. My mom had another family to take care of and my dad was also busy with work, so they tried to make it up to me by buying me Lego. I got my first set when I was 6—it was an airport box set. Lego was really popular back in the mid-80s and you could even get it from Mannings and Watsons.

**HK:** How did you first get into stockbroking?

**AH:** At 12, my grandpa fell ill and was hospitalized. He soon passed away because we were turned down by a public hospital for not having enough money for the fees. Some time later my grandma passed away too,

so I had to live with my mom. She worked really hard to support my younger sister and me. I saw how much our lives depended on money. As I grew up, stockbroking seemed like the most practical way I could earn big money quickly. I stopped playing with Lego during my teens but picked it up again in the early 2000s just to help me cope with the monotony of stockbroking.

**HK:** Has life changed since you became an LCP?

**AH:** For the first 10 years, stockbroking was enjoyable. Eventually I became an analyst—then it got tiring: I just couldn't keep up with the fluctuating market. Stockbroking is about making immediate decisions, but I was slowing down. Plus, it was too much of a gamble with a family to take care of. I de-stressed with Lego back then, but nowadays, I avoid Lego bricks when I get home.

**HK:** Are you feeling more chilled out now?

**AH:** I'm actually busier now than when I was a stockbroker. I sometimes have to stay up all night to meet a deadline. But at least I'm not worrying about losing my entire fortune at the press of a button—I've become much calmer. I have less to lose now, though I'm still a risk-taker. Stockbroking was a gamble, but so is running a business—I'm putting my future on the line with everything I do.



Photo: Legend Creative Enterprise Ltd.

Hung's replica of Mong Kok at the Lego store  
See more of Hung's creations on [facebook.com/AndyHungLegoPro](https://facebook.com/AndyHungLegoPro), or at Shop 01, L12, Langham Place, Mong Kok.

## Blowing Water

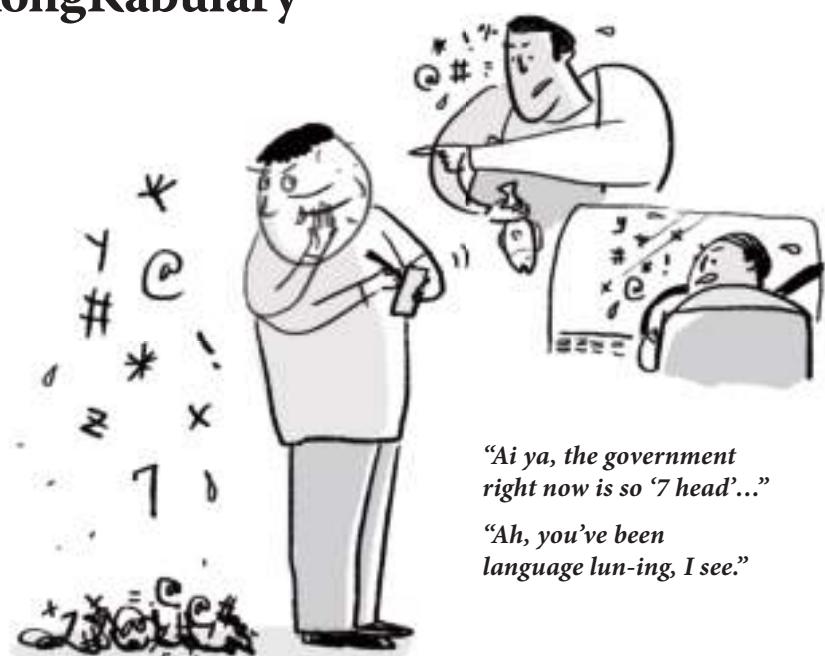
Cantonese slang: To chat, bullshit.

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Out Cat

**Definition:** Cheat on exams.

**Origin:** Possibly derives from a corruption of mo shan dou fat (茅山道法). Originally this meant "sorcery," but later came to mean "scam," or "cheat." Might alternatively derive from the English phrase "copycat."

## HongKabulary



"Ai ya, the government right now is so '7 head'..."

"Ah, you've been language lun-ing, I see."

## Language Lun-ing (længwɪdʒ lənɪŋ), n.

Learning Cantonese swear words from minibus drivers and market workers.

# THE PENNILESS

You're WEEKS from payday and your bank account is already down to the hundreds. Sure, you could stay in for the rest of the month and improve yourself... or you could hit the town with just a few bucks to your name. Here's how. By **Adam White** and **David Vetter**. Illustrations by **Joyce Kwok**

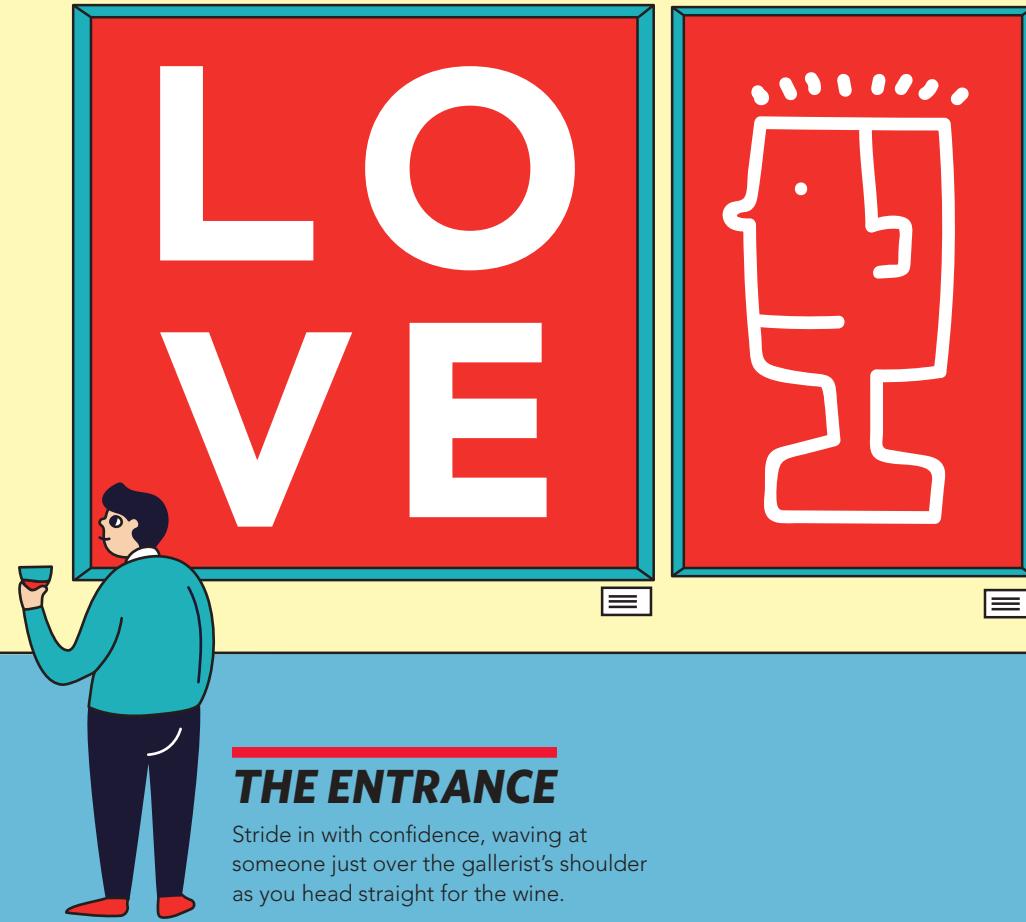
## Art Galleries

They're tranquil oases of peace and contemplation within the urban sprawl, but the galleries around SoHo are also great places to get sloshed on free wine—if you follow our sure-fire tips.



### 'EM ALL

You'll want to like all of the galleries you can find on Facebook, so you can catch their openings. Failing that, Thursday evening is usually a good bet.



### THE ENTRANCE

Stride in with confidence, waving at someone just over the gallerist's shoulder as you head straight for the wine.

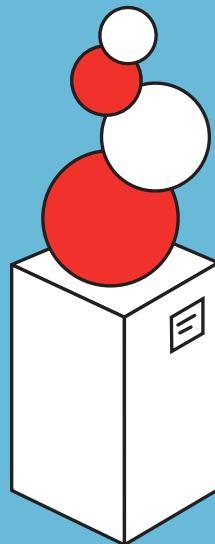
### DRESS TO IMPRESS

Don fake glasses and/or a hat. The style of the glasses doesn't really matter, but the hat should include some form of taxidermy. Do not wear socks. No one who goes to art galleries wears socks.



### APPRECIATE

Concentrate on one very small detail of the image or object in front of you. Inspect it from different angles. Look puzzled and occasionally slightly angry. Quaff liberally.



### TALK PROPER

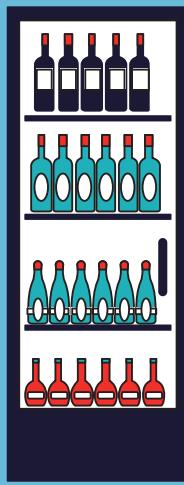
Put on a French accent—unless you're French, in which case put on a German accent. Say to no one in particular,

**"I think it's a little contrived."**

Most importantly, never, ever say that you like something.



# PARTIER



## GET HAPPY

Sadly, Stone Nullah Tavern's legendary Beat the Clock happy hour—in which drinks started at just \$1—has come to an end. Rumor has it staff were tired of cleaning puke out of the toilets. But there are still plenty of great happy hours in town. Here's three of our favorites:

**The Optimist** Cocktails from \$48. 239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai, 2433-3324.  
**The Pontiac** — Beers from \$30, wines, bourbon and gin \$40. 13 Old Bailey St., Central, 2521-3855.  
**Devil's Advocate** (48 Lockhart Rd., Wan Chai, 2865-7271) Classic Hong Kong happy hour—drinks are \$20 if you pay with a \$20 Standard Chartered note.

## DIVE IN

The city's dive and darts bars are way cheaper than your pricey cocktail joints—and they're hilarious fun, too. Buckets of beer are dirt cheap, as are umpteen rounds of electronic darts. Two of our favorites are **Forever Lounge** (176-178 Tung Lo Wan Rd., Tai Hang, 2887-6543) and the **White Horse** (25/F, Macau Yat Yuen Centre, 525 Hennessy Rd., Causeway Bay, 3426-4818).

No one wants to pay \$120 for a cocktail. Lucky for you, you don't have to.

## APERITIVO A-GO-GO

So you can't afford to both eat and drink in a single evening? No worries. Head to one of the bars around town which lay on lavish aperitivo spreads for those who are also drinking. Some of our favorites are:

**DiVino** (73 Wyndham St., Central, 2167-8883), 6-7:30pm.  
**8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana** (Shop 202, Landmark Alexandra, 18 Chater Rd., Central, 2537-8859), 5-8pm.  
**Pirata** (239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai, 2887-0270), 5-7pm.

## BEFRIEND A BARTENDER

The best way to get free drinks is to make fast friends with a bartender. Sadly, the best way to do that is to drink a lot at their bar first. But the initial outlay is worth the investment (most of the time).

## WINE TIME

Wine competitions and conventions can be fine, fine places for those with a nose for the plonk: for example there's the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition at Wan Chai's Convention Centre. A \$250 ticket gets you access to blind tastings, prizes, and at least 300 wines from around the world. [hkticketing.com.hk/events/WCTESTY1016](http://hkticketing.com.hk/events/WCTESTY1016)

## CLUB 7-ELEVEN

Now that the weather's turning, nothing beats an evening with friends: Even if you're just sitting on the steps outside a 7-Eleven watching the rest of the world go by. Take it in turns to buy rounds—go on, you can afford to be generous.

## GET DRUNK FOR CHEAP

So you don't care about quality. Which of these cheap, easily available drinks works for you?

I would describe myself as more of a...

Party Animal.



My preferred Instagram hashtag is...

#GoHardOrGoHome.



King Robert Vodka

Tasting notes: It's vodka, what do you expect it to taste like? In a pinch, can also be used to remove paint from surfaces.

#Blessed.



Smirnoff Ice

Tasting notes: A sweet, almost delicate fragrance giving way to a sugar high and inevitable crash and hangover.

Homebody.



My favorite Saturday night activity is...

Staying at home, drinking myself into a lonely stupor.



Carlsberg Special Brew

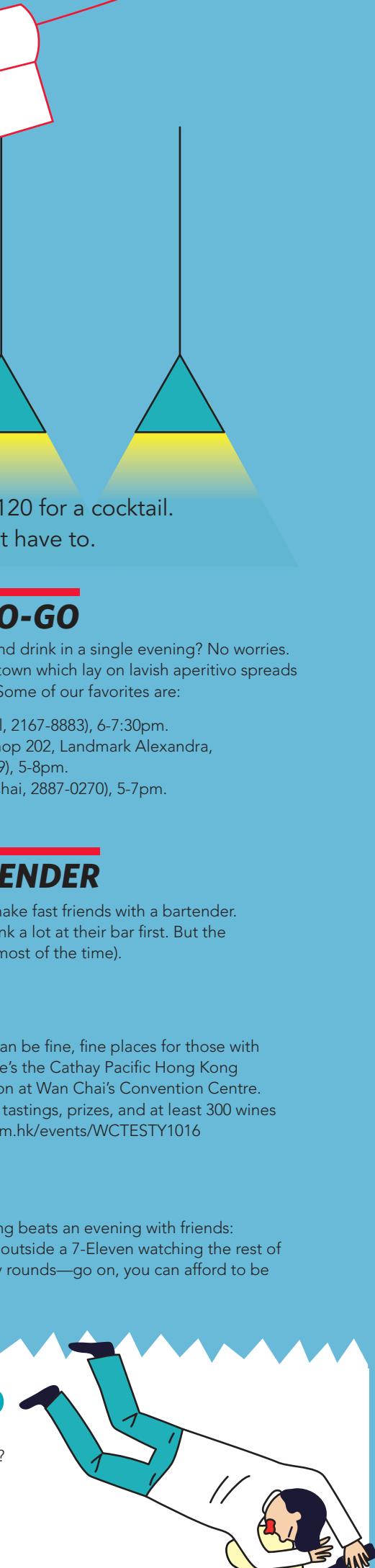
Tasting notes: Malty, noxious with a hint of rat's vomit. 9.0% ABV, ridiculously strong. If it helps, you can call it a craft brew.

Staying at home, watching self-improvement videos on YouTube.



Watson's water

Tasting notes: A gentle start gives way to a subtly-bodied mid-note, with a pure, distilled finish. Truly a king amongst waters.



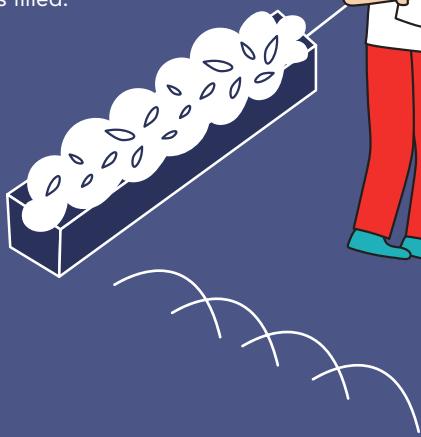
# IN DA CLUB

We all know that clubs are expensive and annoying. But these tips will have you raving on a budget.



## MEET THE OWNER

In any club there's always one table occupied by the owner. There'll be champagne, vodka and models all around it. All you have to do is dance in sufficient proximity, and hope to get your glass filled.



## BE A MODEL

You'll drink for free everywhere. Not hot enough to be a model? Try to seduce someone with bad eyesight.



## GO PUBLIC

The open-air terrace at Dragon-i is public space. This means that you can show up with a tinny beer and no one can stop you from standing in close proximity to the pretty people. All the vibes, none of the expense.



## GET COVERED

Many of the nicer joints in town—and even some of the crappy ones—have cover charges. These can often be avoided by turning up unfashionably early—meaning prior to 11pm. You'll have to hang around in an empty room for an hour or two, but on the flip side you also get an opportunity to befriend the bar staff. Later in the evening, the best way past the door guy/door bitch is to know them. Failing that, a little confidence goes a long way: Say you're on the owner's list and there's a good chance they'll let you breeze by. If they ask your name, pick something anonymous. "Alex" normally works.



# SOMEONE ELSE'S ROOFTOP

How to crash someone else's house party when you have no friends...



## PREP

You'll need a single bottle of cheap wine.

## BIDE YOUR TIME

Hang around at the bottom of a tong lau flat at about 9pm on a Saturday. Soon enough, you will see others carrying wine or booze. Follow them.

## ACT NATURAL

Follow them through the same door, saying "I guess we're going to the same party!"



## DITCH THE BOOZE

Leave your wine in the corner and grab something more expensive and potable.

## FAKE IT 'TIL YOU MAKE IT

Every time someone asks you "How do you know [host]?" just say that you're a friend of a friend, that you're only in town for a few days, and how great was it to get an invite.

## GHOST

Don't overstaying your welcome. If you and the hosts are the only people left, you're doing it wrong.

# IT'S BUSINESS TIME

So you've crashed an event and people are looking at you weird. The host is making their way over and you're about to get kicked out. No problem! You just have to impress them with a sufficiently flashy business card. We've prepped four unisex name cards for you, so you'll never be at a loose end on a night out. Simply cut them out and you're good to go!

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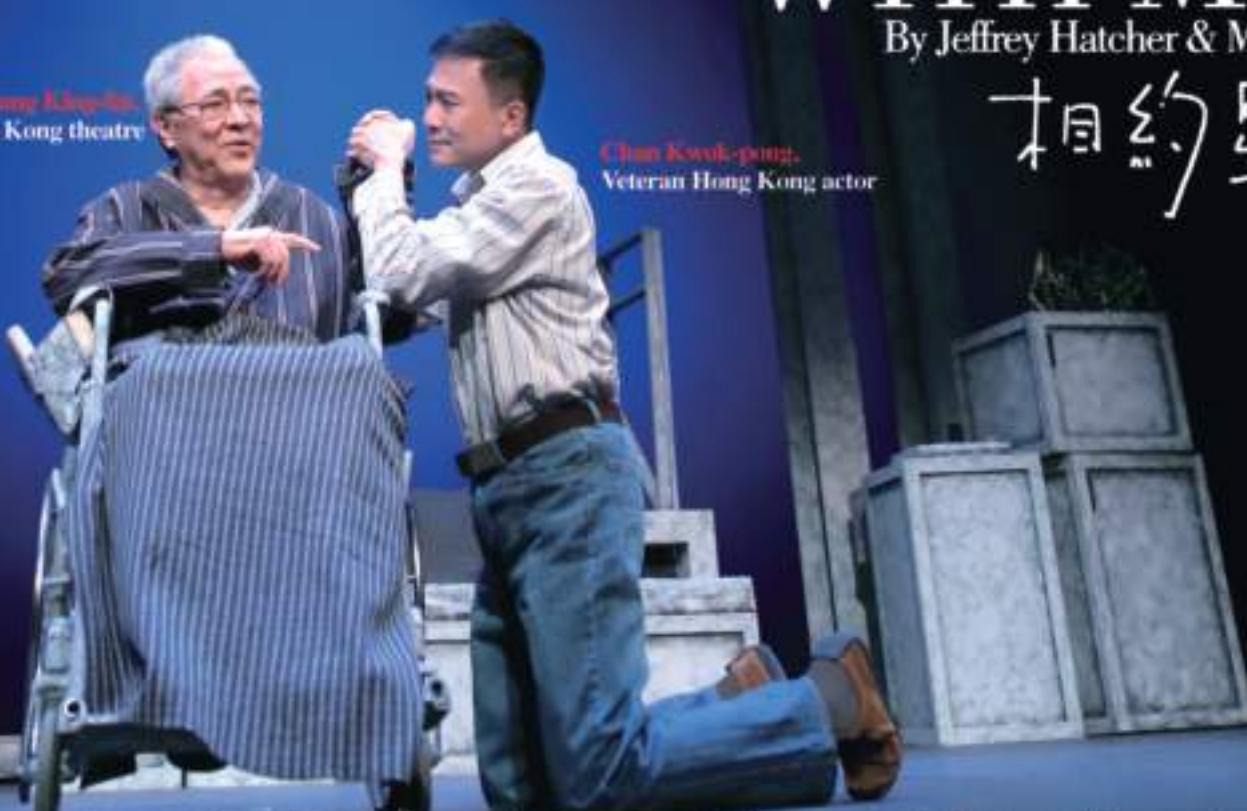
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#### The Future's Open Wide

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## GOOD LOOKS

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# Endless Summer

Summer may be coming to an end, but that doesn't mean you have to hide that tan you've been working on for months. Book yourself a weekend getaway instead. I've jetted off to Boracay in the Philippines, staying at the Nezima Beach Villa—the perfect spot to kick back. But what to wear?

### Lazy Sun Days

These cheerful and funky timeless unisex sunnies from **Classico** will shield your eyes from the sun... and of course, lend some extra style to your beach outfit.

E1 Amber Sunglasses, \$1,570 from Classico @ Kapok, 5 St Francis Yard, Wan Chai, 2549-9254, ka-pok.com

### Hat's the Way I Like It

Old-fashioned gentleman? Or just want to keep yourself looking sharp on holiday? **Shop local** and pick up a straw hat for the beach!

### Bracelet and necklace

Stay classy with this custom-made silver-plated bracelet from **Vitamine J**.

Harris Cuban Link Chain Bracelet, \$660 from joveiblink.com



### Flower Power

Feel the island vibes—pull out that Hawaiian shirt you've been wanting to wear for ages but could never find an appropriate occasion for. This one's from **H&M**.

Hawaiian shirt, \$179 from H&M, 30 Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 3521-1171.

### Bagged and Tagged

There's no need to bring a huge bag—remember, you're only going away for a weekend! This blue beach tote from **Mismo** is ideal for packing your daily beachwear—and it looks great, too.

Beach Tote, \$3,490 from Mismo @ Kapok, 5 St Francis Yard, Wan Chai, 2549-9254, ka-pok.com

### Looking Fresh

Stay fresh with a white pair of tailor-made linen pants from my brand **RCANO**, perfect for matching your look day and night.

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### If the Shoe Fits...

This is the perfect time to show off some leather sandals like this pair from **Zara**, which will keep you elegant, fresh and stylish.

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## ESCAPE ROUTES

# A Journey of a Thousand Miles

As the weather cools, it's time to strap on your hiking shoes and take to the trails—but not the well-trodden paths of Hong Kong. Plan your next holiday to one of these beautiful destinations before it gets too cold to make your way to the top. By Sophia Lam

Mount Rinjani

## Mount Rinjani, Indonesia

**Total Journey:** 3-5 days, from Senaru to Sembalun Lawang

**Difficulty:** ⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️

Looming over Lombok island, Mount Rinjani is Indonesia's second largest volcano—and it's still very much alive. Hire a local villager as your guide from the trekking centers at the Senaru entrance to keep you safe on the unfamiliar tracks. While the middle reaches of the mountain are lush with green canopies, the land grows more rocky and desolate the higher you go. When you reach the volcano's crater, climb to the rim and the turquoise lake is right below you, fringed by a chain of smoking mountains. Heading to the summit is optional, but do so and you'll be rewarded with a fun dash down the ash fields to the hot springs at Aiq Kalak for a massage under the crashing waterfall.

**Don't miss...** the pink beaches of Lombok, which get their color from crushed coral. You can find one at Tanjung Ringgit on the east side of the island.

\$17,440 entrance fee. Mount Rinjani, Sembalun Lawang, Sembalun, East Lombok Regency, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.



## Annapurna Circuit, Nepal

**Total Journey:** 17-21 days, from Besisahar to Nayapul

**Difficulty:** ⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️

Exploring the Himalayas is a rite of passage for die-hard hikers, and the formidable Annapurna Circuit is among the oldest and most beautiful trails of the range. The trek is famous not only for the diversity of its landscapes, from snow-capped peaks to the world's deepest canyon at Kali Gandaki Gorge, but also for its intimate connection with Nepalese culture. Look out for the lines of colorful prayer flags, believed by Buddhists to send good fortune to the world via the wind. The climax of the trek is the crossing of the Thorong La Pass, which leads you to the highest point of the journey, at 5,416 meters.

**Don't miss...** Nepalese dal bhat, consisting of lentil soup and steamed rice, for a mighty dose of carbs and protein to fuel your hike. As a local saying goes, "Dal bhat power, 24 hours."

**Start at** various entrance points in Besisahar, Nepal.

## Snowman Trek, Bhutan

**Total Journey:** 19-24 days, from Paro to Lunana

**Difficulty:** ⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️

Notorious for being the toughest high-altitude trek in Bhutan, the Snowman Trek isn't for rookies. For those up to the challenge, the trail, which weaves its way into the heart of the Himalayas, takes you past a handful of Buddhist monasteries and tiny villages. Expect to run into griffon vultures, Himalayan blue sheep (named for the sheen of their wool) and, if you're lucky, some very amiable villagers as you trudge through the pine forests and yak herders' encampments. You'll be walking among wisps of clouds for most of the journey, staying at an altitude of more than 4,000 meters for a large portion of the hike.

**Don't miss...** Taktsang Monastery, also known as Tiger's Nest, perched on a cliff side and considered to be the holiest site in Bhutan.

**Start at** Gunitsawa Village, Paro Valley, Bhutan.



## Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage, Japan

**Total Journey:** 1 day, from Takijiri-oji to Kumano Nachi Taisha

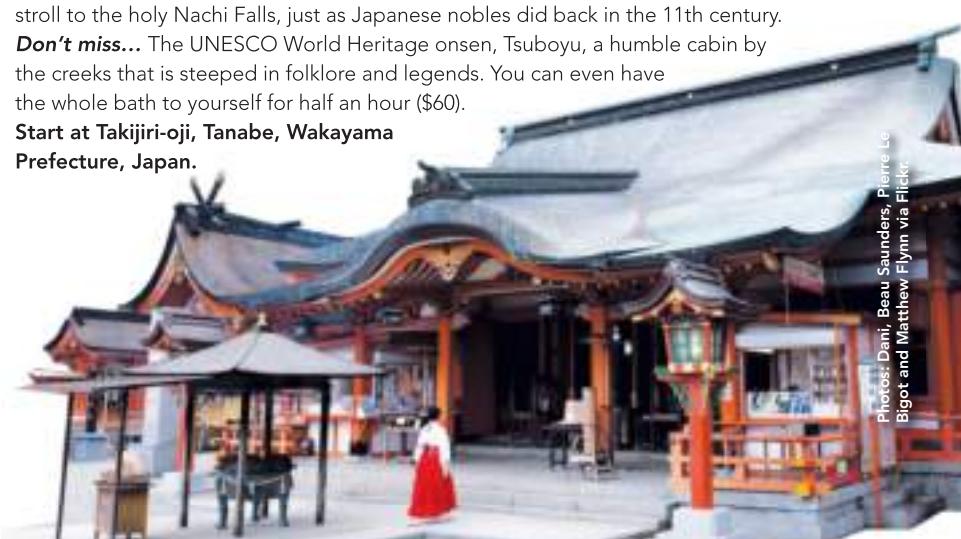
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The paths that crisscross the southern Kansai region, better known as the Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage, have been trodden by travelers scurrying between the area's three sacred Kumano shrines for over 1,000 years. There's no fear of getting lost here—English roads signs all over the well-beaten Nakahachi route will keep you on track. Pop into the Kumano Hongu Taisha grand shrine (8am-5pm daily, free) to ask for blessings, or simply to admire the traditional architecture. Walk another 30 minutes and you'll find yourself at the foot of Daimon Zaka, a bamboo-lined cobblestone staircase with a pair of root-entwined "husband and wife" cedar trees at the end. Rent a kimono at the Daimonzaka-chaya teahouse nearby (\$150-250 from 392-4 Nachisan, Nachi Katsuura, Higashimuro, Wakayama) and take a lazy stroll to the holy Nachi Falls, just as Japanese nobles did back in the 11th century.

**Don't miss...** The UNESCO World Heritage onsen, Tsuboyu, a humble cabin by the creeks that is steeped in folklore and legends. You can even have the whole bath to yourself for half an hour (\$60).

**Start at** Takijiri-oji, Tanabe, Wakayama

Prefecture, Japan.



# Smitten for Mittens

Hairy crab season is upon us, with the customary mad scramble to source the plumpest, most roe-heavy crustaceans from China's Taihu or Yangcheng Lakes. If you love these Shanghai "mitten crabs" (but hate working for your food), get a taste of the season's finest without having to crack a single claw. By **Leslie Yeh**



## ◀ Shellfish Desires

The Mandarin Oriental's **Man Wah** is collaborating this year with Cheng Long Hang Crab Palace Restaurant in Shanghai to bring the best of the ocean delicacy to Hong Kong dinner tables. Chef Chi-Kwong Hung of Man Wah has conceived a Shanghainese hairy crab feast with a total of 20 hairy crab dishes on the seasonal menu, while two chefs from Cheng Long Hang will be on hand to showcase the skillful and speedy de-shelling of whole crabs, in three minutes or less. Try the aromatic stir-fried king prawn with rice cake and crabmeat; the pan-fried scallop with shrimp paste and crabmeat; or the boneless chicken wing with, you guessed it, more crabmeat.

**Oct 28-Nov 30. 25/F, Mandarin Oriental, 5 Connaught Rd., Central, 2825-4003.**

## ▼ Braised and Baked

Chow down on a menu of exquisite Cantonese-style crab dishes at **Man Ho**, JW Marriott's signature Chinese restaurant. This season, executive chef Jayson Tang is serving up hairy crab with braised seafood; baked crab roe and meat served in the shell; and chicken wings stuffed with crab roe and meat. If you prefer the more casual setting of JW Café instead, head up to the fifth floor and dine on a number of steamed hairy crab dishes at the dinner buffet alongside other crab-inspired creations.

**Oct 3-30. JW Marriott, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, 2810-8366.**

## Infinite Crabs ▶

How many crabs can you eat in one sitting? You can find out at "Hairy Crabinfinity"—the ultimate all-you-can-eat hairy crab marathon which is back at **Tze Yuet Heen** this year. Stuff yourself with unlimited portions of hairy crab in five different preparations: chilled hairy crab with Chinese yellow wine; steamed crab with hairy crab cream and glutinous rice; steamed crab shell stuffed with bird's nest, hairy crab cream and egg white; steamed hairy crab; and stir-fried hairy crab with spicy garlic. Mix and match with three types of house-made vinegar dipping sauces, and wash it down with ginger and red date tea.

**Through Nov 30, 6:30-10pm. From \$418 per person. 2/F, Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East, 3 Tong Tak St., Tseung Kwan O, 3983-0660.**

## CRACK A CRAB

Want to avoid the mark-up of dining out and consume the furry crustaceans at home instead? Check out these reputed hairy crab sellers around town:

### Hung Fook

A stalwart of the seafood industry, Hung Fook has more than 50 years of experience breeding crabs in its own pollution-free breeding pools at Taihu, ensuring clean, top-quality crabs imported from China to Hong Kong. With crabs starting as low as \$25, you won't find a better deal in town.

**\$25-72 per crab; Shop D, 110 Nga Tsin Wai Rd., Kowloon City, 2718-0898.**

### Kwong Lung Hong

Located near Sheung Wan MTR station for easy pick-up, Kwong Lung Hong has been selling the real deal for decades, and proudly touts their "Quality Shop" 2015 certification from the Hong Kong Tourism Board. Pick out your catch, and receive a complimentary set of vinegar, sugar, perilla leaves and ginger to whip up dinner in no time.

**\$33-65 per crab; 119 Wing Lok St., Sheung Wan, 2851-6821.**

### Shing Lung Hong

This 50-year-old shop specializes in hairy crabs, running its own 50,000-sq.-ft. breeding pool at Taihu.

Along with individual crabs, they also sell their infamous "drunken crab" dish, made with raw crabs soaked in Chinese liquor and the chef's special seasonings.

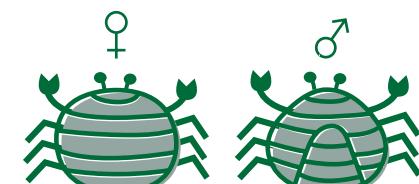
**\$28-68 per crab; 120 Wing Lok St., Sheung Wan, 2543-8735.**

Visit [groupon.hk](#) for hairy crab deals and discounts.



## SEXY CRUSTACEANS?

September is best for eating female crabs and October-November for male crabs, which develop their more creamy nectar in the later months. To distinguish between the two, take a look at the belly—females have a circular shape while males have a sharp triangular section.





#### ▲ Diplomatic Delicacies

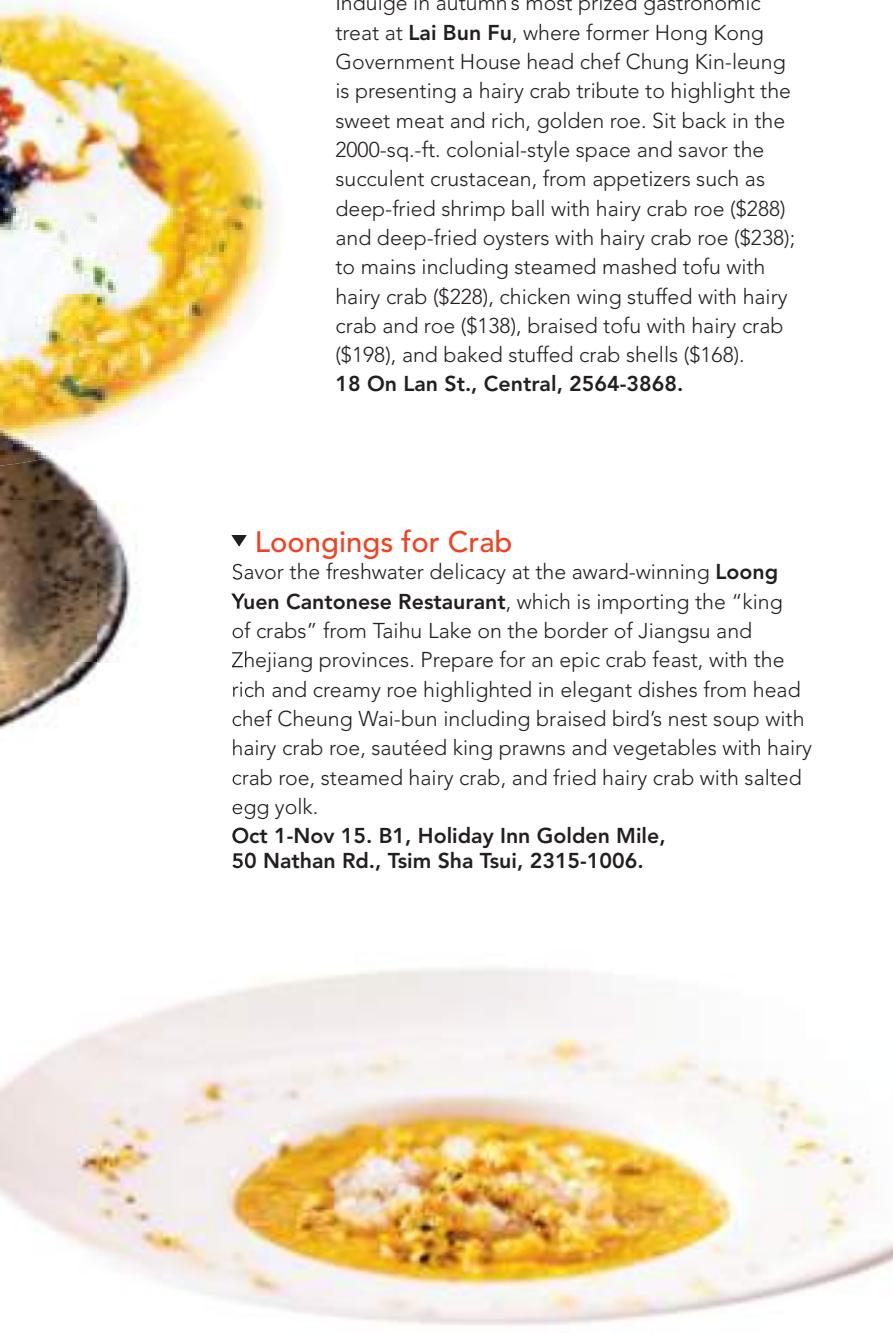
Indulge in autumn's most prized gastronomic treat at **Lai Bun Fu**, where former Hong Kong Government House head chef Chung Kin-leung is presenting a hairy crab tribute to highlight the sweet meat and rich, golden roe. Sit back in the 2000-sq.-ft. colonial-style space and savor the succulent crustacean, from appetizers such as deep-fried shrimp ball with hairy crab roe (\$288) and deep-fried oysters with hairy crab roe (\$238); to mains including steamed mashed tofu with hairy crab (\$228), chicken wing stuffed with hairy crab and roe (\$138), braised tofu with hairy crab (\$198), and baked stuffed crab shells (\$168).

**18 On Lan St., Central, 2564-3868.**

#### ▼ Longings for Crab

Savor the freshwater delicacy at the award-winning **Loong Yuen Cantonese Restaurant**, which is importing the "king of crabs" from Taihu Lake on the border of Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces. Prepare for an epic crab feast, with the rich and creamy roe highlighted in elegant dishes from head chef Cheung Wai-bun including braised bird's nest soup with hairy crab roe, sautéed king prawns and vegetables with hairy crab roe, steamed hairy crab, and fried hairy crab with salted egg yolk.

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## NEW AND NOTED



Slow-roasted chicken with Isaan-style chili sauce at My Tai Tai

### Tai Tai Life

Hot on the heels of his Italian eatery Ee Da Le, Harlan Goldstein has thrown open the doors to his Thai venture in the same building, **My Tai Tai** (2/F, 8 Lyndhurst Terrace, Central, 2896-6018). One floor down from the homey trattoria above, My Tai Tai whisks you away to a tropical paradise, thanks in no small part to an almost all-Thai staff and design details and patterns inspired by Thai-style tattoos created by AB Concepts by Ed & Terence. For this project, Harlan has re-enlisted the expertise of his former Thai chef from Aberdeen Marina Club and H One Restaurant in IFC Mall, Amphon Phoomphookieo, whose menu is potent, spicy and exciting in its exploration of native Thai ingredients. The wide offering spans the gamut from fresh papaya salads to roasted meats and skewers, and intense, complex curries bursting with fragrance and spice. We enjoyed the slow-cooked wagyu beef brisket drenched in a Panang curry sauce with a thick coconut milk base (\$198) and the steamed black cod fish with sour plum, Chinese celery, minced pork and coriander (\$268)—a popular dish due to its lighter nature and dose of healthy nutrients and fish oils.

## RESTAURANT REVIEWS

### Taisho-ken Maruichi ★★★★☆

Ramen. G1018, Sing Fai Terrace, Taikoo Shing Rd., Quarry Bay, 2562-3200.



The first overseas branch of this Tokyo-based ramen shop may be tucked away in a residential estate, but that hasn't stopped massive queues from forming on its doorstep.

■ **MISS** The pan-fried dumplings (\$30) were pretty unremarkable, as was the flabby karaage (\$38), Japanese fried chicken. The salt-cured squid (\$25) caught us totally off-guard: It was actually *ika no shiokara*—raw squid fermented with salt and its own innards. The menu gives no indication that it's raw squid, so if you're not the adventurous type, consider this your warning.

■ **HIT** We stopped by Taisho-ken to try their famous pork belly BBQ tsukemen (\$82), which we opted to have with the traditional chilled (room temperature) noodles. The two generous slabs of pork had a nice balance of fat and lean meat and the noodles were properly springy. The broth was flavorful without being salty or overly oily. We added a marinated egg (\$12) that was cooked just right, with an evenly seasoned

surface, solid whites, and an oozing sunset orange center. We also tried their "Special Ramen" (\$85) with seaweed, egg and BBQ pork. The seaweed was reasonably crisp and the pork was thick and lean. Flown straight in from Japan, the broth is a rich, aromatic concoction of pork, chicken and fish that won't leave you downing gallons of water after. Both bowls came with a generous amount of sweet and crunchy bamboo shoots.

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■ **BOTTOM LINE** A worthwhile wait (expect at least half an hour) for authentic value-for-money ramen.

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★ Don't go ★★ Disappointing ★★★ We'll be back ★★★★ We'll be back—with friends ★★★★★ You MUST go

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Discover umami in dessert form at Aqua

### Spot the Umami

Pinpoint the elusive fifth taste at **Aqua** (29-30/F, One Peking, 1 Peking Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 3427-2288) this fall with the **Discover Umami** menu: five dishes that highlight the "meaty" and "savory" nature of umami, using rare ingredients from Japan. The zucchini flower filled with scallop and prawn (\$198) is drizzled over with a fortified dashi stock for an instant burst of umami, with the clear broth lending savory notes to the delicate zucchini flower. Follow this with the seared scallop and eel Kabayaki over sesame purée (\$148), with the nutty aroma of the eel carrying the umami essence of the dish. Flavors get even more intense with the main event—the A5 Miyazaki Wagyu (\$888), boasting an umami-rich truffle miso and an almond butter soy glaze. Finally, cap off the exploration with a whiff of umami in a cocktail, thanks to parmesan-infused gin, blended with pineapple, rhubarb and marmalade.

### Go, Go Froyo

Summer may be winding down, but Hong Kong is still seeing record-high temps. Chill out and make a pit stop at **Llaollao** (pronounced "yao-yao," Shop B201, B2/F, Times Square, 1 Matheson St., Causeway Bay, 3702-1956), a Spanish frozen yogurt brand that's just opened its flagship store in Hong Kong. Llaollao brands itself as a healthy dessert, with all of its froyo made from skinned milk and boasting fresh toppings such as chopped fruits and crunchy granola. In addition, they claim that one tub of froyo will give you over half of your recommended calcium intake for the day (we'll have to take their word for it). To celebrate the opening, they're running a Facebook contest (Oct 6-Nov 6) with the prize being a six-month Froyo Pass for unlimited froyo any day, any time. Simply upload your combination of toppings and comment on when you usually crave froyo (all day, every day...).

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French. 41 Elgin St., Central, 2152-2872.



Generally known for their bold, well-defined concepts, Belon is an outlier in the Black Sheep Restaurants portfolio in both character (subtle and pared-back) and price (the most expensive yet).

**HIT** Glitzy gimmicks aside, Belon rests solely on the cooking chops of its chef—James Henry, previously of the renowned Bones in Paris. We whetted our appetite with the naturally leavened country-style bread (\$48)—a delicious dark and rugged loaf with a dense, crackling crust and complex flavor; slathered with Normandy butter, this was a great start to the meal. Belon's menu changes with the seasons and the pine

nut ravioli (\$248) was a delightful segue into autumn: flat-disked ravioli on a bed of braised kale, with a nutty filling of braised pine nuts and parmesan. The pièce de résistance was the organic whole roasted yellow chicken (\$538), with a layer of chicken livers, smoked ricotta and tarragon stuffed under the skin for maximum flavor.

**MISS** Bits of the chicken breast veered on the dry side, and we would have liked a saucer of jus versus the thin layer that coated the bottom of the pan. Our oyster tartare (\$128) was a clever combination of chopped Normandy oysters topped with an oyster foam, but we found the portion size meager. In fact, overall sizes seemed small for the prices we were paying.

**BOTTOM LINE** The value-for-money is not as evident as other Black Sheep establishments, but the food is honest, contemplative, and a treat for those looking for a refined French meal.

**Open Tue-Sun 6:30pm-late. \$\$\$\$**

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# CITY STROLL



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## Sai Kung

Once a humble fishing harbor, Sai Kung has developed into a hub of eclectic eateries and weekend markets, not to mention some of Hong Kong's most beautiful natural scenery. While the vibrant town has become a popular hangout for locals and tourists alike, "Hong Kong's back garden" still retains its charming village vibe and offers a quick getaway from bustling city life. By **Kate Lok**



### 13 Vintage HK

This second-hand store was founded by a group of photographers, architects, writers, DJs and designers. Browsing the jewelry, bags, clothes and furniture of this eclectic boutique makes you feel like you're going through your hip grandma's attic.

G/F, 10 Sai Kung Hoi Pong St., Sai Kung, 2792-0212.



### 15 Hebe One O One

This colonial-inspired seaside eatery in Hebe Haven is worth the 10-minute trip from Sai Kung town center. This beautiful waterfront restaurant has it all: alfresco dining, spectacular views, classic English fare and a lively bar. Make sure to try their Sunday roast, a firm favorite among the regulars.

112 Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung, 2335-5515.



### 17 AJ's Sri Lankan Cuisine

Priding itself as Hong Kong's only authentic Sri Lankan restaurant, AJ proves that Sri Lankan cuisine isn't just an Indian offshoot. Dig into specialties such as the aromatic black lamb curry and their signature *lamprais*, rice wrapped in banana leaf.

12-14 Sai Kung Hoi Pong St., Sai Kung, 2792-2555.



### 14 Lok Yuk Kindergarten

Built in the 1940s, these distinctive buildings have seen their fair share of history. During the Japanese occupation they were requisitioned by the infamous Kempeitai military police, who refused to surrender at the end of the war in 1945, fighting on against the allies before escaping under cover of darkness. The buildings were later a police station, then a seminary and church.

19E Po Tung Rd, Sai Kung.



### 16 Anthony's Ranch

This Texas-inspired smoke house serves some of the best American grub in the city. Expect heart attack-inducing crispy buffalo wings slathered in chili sauce, thick prime USDA steaks and devilish ice-cream sundaes. Pair it all with a mug of ice-cold San Miguel.

28 Yi Chun St., Sai Kung, 2791-6113.



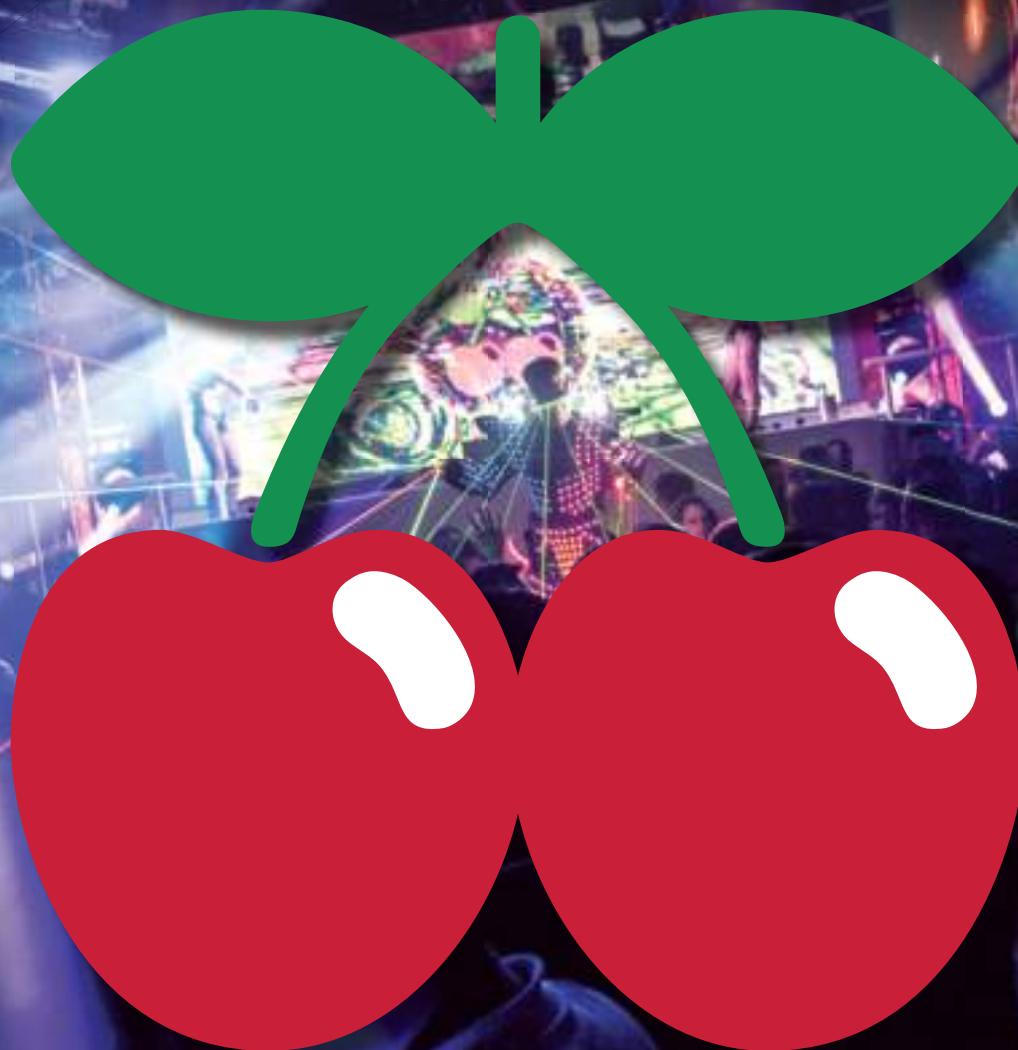
### 18 Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course

A 15-minute boat ride from Sai Kung, Kau Sai Chau has three courses covering 250 pristine hectares—so your stroke might be put off by the occasional barking deer. There are classes to suit all levels.

Kau Sai Chau, Sai Kung, 2791-3388, [kscgolf.org.hk](http://kscgolf.org.hk)



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## UPCLOSE: ANDREW AHN



Korean-American director **Andrew Ahn**'s first feature film is "Spa Night," a coming-of-age tale of the closeted son of Korean immigrants in Los Angeles. Ahead of the film's screening at Sundance Hong Kong, he tells Jessica Wei about his struggles getting his film completed, immigrant communities, and making art about unconventional lives.

**HK Magazine: "Spa Night" tackles heavy themes—family struggles, ethnic identity and sexual identity. Yet the film is restrained and slow-paced. Why?**

**Andrew Ahn:** For me, it all went back to this character. David is an introverted, quiet person. In order to really get a sense of his emotional journey and the struggles he's facing, we had to be really patient with him. David's struggle is also hard to pinpoint. You can say, "Oh, it's because he's gay," but there's a kind of swirling identity that is hard to make concrete. I didn't want these themes to be very obvious or to go for big drama, because that's not how we deal with those struggles in our own lives.

**HK: Did you intend for the film to be mostly in Korean?**

**AA:** We knew that there was going to be a lot of Korean in the film, but we didn't know how comfortable our lead actor would be speaking Korean. We cast Joe Seo in that role and he actually speaks quite a lot of Korean, so we decided to use it to our advantage. It really did tip the scale that made it a very Korean-language-heavy film. I find it very fascinating that a film that's 70 percent in Korean can still be considered an American movie, and an American story.

**HK: Are audiences ready for more diverse narratives?**

**AA:** I would love "Spa Night" to help in that process because I really think it's important that cinema reflects the diversity of the world that we live in today. It's important that American films not just talk about white people's stories.

**HK: You subvert a lot of Hollywood archetypes of queer and Asian characters. Did you feel any pressure to change some aspects of it to reach a wider audience?**

**AA:** The scariest moment for me was when we were trying to

find the financing: Somebody told me that I needed to write a role for a white actor, so we would be able to put in a big star. It just didn't make sense. I really wanted to focus on this Korean-American community and how Korean spas are a contained, pressure-filled bubble. I think it was very telling that someone was trying to change this aspect of this story that I felt was very important and made the film meaningful.

**HK: What advice do you have for anyone interested in making art about their experiences?**

**AA:** The most important lesson I learned was that even if what you're making is a personal story and unique to you, in order to bring it to life you have to find a community of people to support you. You want to find people who are interested in it, who can talk to you about it, because you're not making art in a vacuum. You want it to engage with the world.

**Catch the last screening of "Spa Night" at Sundance Hong Kong on Oct 1, 3:30pm at the Metroplex, G/F, E-Max, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay. \$90 from [hk.sundance.org](http://hk.sundance.org)**



Youn Ho Cho, Haerry Kim and Joe Seo in "Spa Night"

## Concerts



### The Platters

Dance the night away with the current incarnation of The Platters, joined by one of their original members, Sonny Turner. The legendary hit-makers behind such great American pop songs as "The Great Pretender," "Only You," and "Unchained Melody" were instrumental in putting doo-wop and rhythm and blues on the map. Oct 8, 8pm. Hall 5G, HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai. \$480-1,280 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com)

### Roy Hargrove Quintet, "Tribute to Miles"

Two-time Grammy-winning jazz trumpeter Roy Hargrove and his quintet of musicmakers make a stop in Hong Kong to pay their respects to the late, great Miles Davis. Discovered out of high school by Wynton Marsalis, Hargrove has played with everyone from former Miles collaborator Herbie Hancock to neo-soul libertine D'Angelo and certified goddess Erykah Badu. Oct 20, 8:15pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$280-580 from [urbitix.hk](http://urbitix.hk)

## Classical



### The Little Match Girl Passion

Hong Kong's favorite Renaissance choral group teams up with visiting conductor Christopher Watson for a performance of David Lang's "Little Match Girl Passion," a contemporary choral piece that sets Hans Christian Andersen's grim fable to the style of one of Bach's Passions. The ensemble will also perform two Renaissance-era classics, Bach's "St. John Passion" and Palestrina's "Stabat Mater." Oct 15, 7:30pm. St. Andrew's Church Kowloon, 138 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$250 from [tallisvocalis.com](http://tallisvocalis.com)



### Warren Mok & Friends

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of tenor and founder of Opera Hong Kong Warren Mok's musical career, the Hong Kong Sinfonietta are putting together a program comprised of opera hits sung by Mok's friends and colleagues from Opera Hong Kong. These include the overture from "Barber of Seville" by Rossini, Bizet's "Au Fond du Temple Saint," highlights from Puccini's "Madama Butterfly," and solos sung by the man of the hour, Warren Mok. Oct 16, 7:30pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$240-680 from [urbitix.hk](http://urbitix.hk)

## Dance

### Thriller Live

The Parisian Macau is finally open, and to inaugurate their beautiful new Parisian Theatre, they've brought in the King of Pop. Well, sort of. This dynamic show from London's West End is performed by a world-class cast of singers and dancers and has been seen by over four million people around the world. It takes audiences through Jacko's career, starting from his Jackson 5 years and pumping out all his iconic hits. Don't miss this chance to get close to the legend. Through Nov 13. The Parisian Theatre, The Parisian Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. 180-480MOP from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com)



### The Royal New Zealand Ballet's "Midsummer Night's Dream"

There's a play within a play, enchanted woods, a fairy queen running game on a literal asshead, and two mismatched couples, all orchestrated by a shrewd and knavish sprite—The RNZB's touring adaptation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is set to a score by Mendelssohn and performed by a world class assortment of dancers. Oct 7-8, 7:45pm; Oct 9, 3pm. Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Rd., Sha Tin. \$160-420 from [urbitix.hk](http://urbitix.hk)



## Theater

### Love Comedy on the Rocks

This new play by director and writer Matthias Woo finds a group of luminaries, including filmmakers Akira Kurosawa and Yasujiro Ozu, writers Haruki Murakami and WB Yeats, philosopher Nietzsche, and poet, songwriter and lover of women Leonard Cohen in a pub in Taipei. Oct 28-29, 8:15pm. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$180-480, reserve at 3761-6661. In Cantonese & Putonghua with Chinese surtitles.

## Musicals

### Curtis on Tour

In collaboration with the world-renowned Curtis Institute of Music, guitarist Jason Vieaux, violinist Nigel Armstrong, violist Roberto Diaz and cellist Jean Kim will be performing a selection of string music by Kodály, Piazzolla, Tian Zhou and Paganini. These stars that stud this performance have led orchestras and symphonies around the world, cut countless albums, collected at least one Grammy (Jason Vieaux in 2015 for Best Classical Instrumental Solo Recording), and now they pool their talents for an extra special performance in Hong Kong. Oct 7, 8pm. Concert Hall, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$180-280 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com)



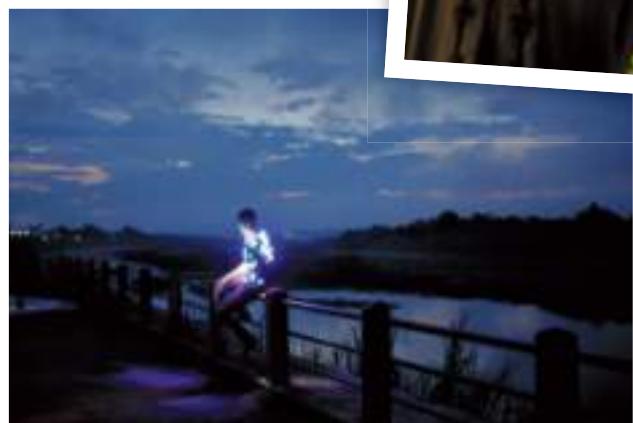
### Wicked

The international phenomenon "Wicked" follows the witches of Oz before Dorothy hits the scene, as they grow up together and eventually fall out, all while singing and dancing to songs by Oscar-winner Stephen Schwartz. This Hong Kong premier stars Carly Anderson as Galinda (who becomes Glinda the Good Witch) and Jacqueline Hughes as Elphaba (who becomes the Wicked Witch of the West). Dec 8-Jan 1. Lyric Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$445-1,295 from [hkticketing.com](http://hkticketing.com)



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## Exhibitions



### Apichatpong Weerasethakul: The Serenity of Madness

Thai filmmaker and contemporary artist Apichatpong Weerasethakul presents his first solo show in Hong Kong, with a selection of experimental short films, installations, photography, drawings and sketches which dive into the socio-political climate and history of Thailand. Through Nov 27. Para Site, 22/F, Wing Wah Industrial Building, 677 King's Rd., Quarry Bay, para-site.org.hk

### Voices: Cross Vision on French and Hong Kong Photography

A collaboration between Alliance Française de Hong Kong, the Hong Kong International Photo Festival and Les Photournales festival in France, "Voices" seeks to create a visual dialogue between six photographers from Hong Kong and seven from France. Along with this exhibition, several of the photographers will be granted month-long residencies in Hong Kong and France to continue the dialogue and document each others' landscapes. Through Oct 10. Comix Home Base, 7 Mallory St., Wan Chai, alliancefrancaise.org.hk



### Rhetorical Landscape

Two artists contemplate the natural landscapes that surround them: Vietnamese artist Ho Manh Thang turns his eye towards the water as an element of the philosophy of feng shui, and Taiwanese painter Shiu Sheng-hung, winner of two Kaohsiung Art Awards, considers the temporal nature of landscape as he reconstructs photographs onto canvas. Through Oct 21. Affinity for Art, 1/F, 1 Queen's Rd. West, Sheung Wan, affinityforart.com

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## OPEN BAR 1563 AT THE EAST

**The buzz:** We've long been whining about our city's drooping live music scene, and someone's heard our prayers. Enter 1563, the city's latest live house. The name derives from a go-to Cantopop chord progression, and the emphasis here is on Cantopop and Canto-indie, with live music every Tuesday-Sunday from 7pm. Music themes change every day of the week, from "Wild Wild West" on Wednesdays—dedicated to English songs—to "Who Don't Sing" on Thursdays and Fridays, when the audience is invited on stage to sing along.

**The décor:** The place is huge—it has a spacious dining area, a full stage, a handful of VIP rooms and an outdoor sitting area. Inside, the restaurant part oozes an old-school Hong Kong vibe, with blue and purple lights shining on the stage, and a small bar on the side. A booming sound system pumps out the tunes—although if you're eating dinner sometimes you have to scream over your food to make yourself heard. If you're looking for a chat and some fresh air, take the secluded passageway next to the bar to arrive at the terrace outside, where you can drink alfresco on the red couches looking out onto the neighboring rooftop bars across the road.



**The drinks:** With a slice of red apple perched on the rim of the glass, the Little Apple (\$108)—named for the crazily popular 2014 Chinese-Korean pop song—is great for a fruity starter, with a dash of elderflower syrup shining through the summery concoction of Gordon's gin, grapefruit and lime juice. The naughtily named Juicy Nipple (\$108) doesn't disappoint either: Two fresh raspberries (get it?) sit atop a pale pink pyramid of raspberry vodka and passionfruit slush, adding a cheek-puckering tang to the exotic fruitiness. Don't make light of the Chocoholic (\$118) just because it smells like chocolate milk—it's one of the stronger cocktails on the menu. The coffee bitterness of Kahlua counteracts the tart citrus taste of Grand Marnier, with a sprinkle of Godiva chocolate powder on top delivering a sweetness at the end.

**Why you'll be back:** Forget about wings or popcorn—1563 takes inspiration from dai pai dongs on its late-night menu, with the likes of Tai-O shrimp paste chicken wing lollipops (\$108) showered in a generous bath of toasted garlic bits, and spicy typhoon shelter-style fries (\$68) with a light mango-lime sauce. And with live tunes every night they're open, there's no reason not to swing back.  
6/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Rd. East, Wan Chai, 2323-2538.



## Gigs

### The Skatalites Live

Catch The Skatalites on their first full headline set in Hong Kong—also their only stop outside Japan on their Asia tour—next month at Hang Out. The band has been plugging Caribbean mento into American jazz and blues ever since their debut in Jamaica in 1964. Book a chance to see these forefathers of the rocksteady and reggae genre before tickets sell out—cos they're selling fast. Oct 4, 8pm. Hang Out, 1/F, Youth Outreach Jockey Club, 2 Holy Cross Path, Sai Wan Ho, hkfirst.com/the-skatalites. \$450 advance tickets from eventbrite.hk; \$520 at the door.

### Night Owls Hip-hop Night

Got an empty Friday night slot this month? Pablo el Diablo, LBD Soundsystem and Fun Bobby will be turning it up with tracks taking you from old skool anthems to more contemporary tunes. Sep 30, 9pm. Otto Lounge, 4/F, Grand Progress Building, 15-16 Lan Kwai Fong, Central, 6627-7499, ottolounge.com. Free of charge.

### Kurt Vile & The Violators

Singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist Kurt Vile is hitting town for one night this October. Catch the American singer-songwriter and his backing band The Violators at the hippie hub Hang Out, where he'll be showcasing his indie-folk tunes and (hopefully) flaunting his skills with some of his more unusual instruments—like the lap steel guitar, which resembles a Chinese zither. Oct 19, 8pm. Hang Out, 1/F, Youth Outreach Jockey Club, 2 Holy Cross Path, Sai Wan Ho, tiny.cc/facebook\_Hang-Out. \$470 advance from eventbrite.hk; \$520 at the door.



## Concerts

### YourMum Presents: Daniela Andrade

Down for some soothing acoustic tunes? Canadian singer-songwriter Daniela Andrade will be making her headline debut in Hong Kong in October. With a notable following on YouTube of over a million music geeks, you can bet she's got an extensive cover repertoire, ranging from Radiohead's "Creep" to a pared down, emotional take on Drake's "Hotline Bling." Oct 15, 8:30pm. Musiczone, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, \$330 from ticketflap.com/danielaandrade



### Zoukout Live Edition

Zoukout, Singapore's definitive dance festival, brings the party with their Live Edition at the inaugural 2016 Formula E Prix in Hong Kong. Get down with a night of high-energy EDM and chart-topping artists, including multiple Grammy winners Nelly and Ne-Yo, as well as Dutch DJ and producer Nicky Romero. Whoop it up with pumping tunes, premium bottle service, and intimate proximity to the headliners next to the starting line of the ePrix race course. Oct 7, 5:30-10:30pm. Central Harbourfront Event Space, 9 Lung Wo Rd., Central, zoukout.com/2016/zohk. \$1,380-1,780 from ticketflap.com/zoukouthk; VIP tables start from \$25,000, reserve by emailing jean.wan@gentinghk.com.

### ► Joyce Cheng's

### "Goddess Has a Problem" Concert

After her forays into selling soft-baked cookies and comedy acting over the past year, Hong Kong Canadian cantopop singer Joyce Cheng Yan-yeo will be performing her first solo concert this October. Many of her songs are concerned with social views of beauty and confidence, including her hits "Goddess" and "Are You Thin Enough?" Oct 21, 22, 8:15pm. Star Hall, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, \$280-580 from hkticketing.com

## Happy Hours

### Rosé All Day with Chez Patrick Deli

Catch the last chance to get a complimentary upgrade from a regular bottle of AIX 2015 Rosé (\$428) to a magnum bottle (pours 10 glasses) at Chez Patrick Deli. Relish the summery flavor of the pale peachy fizz from the 130-year-old Maison Saint AIX winery nestled in the south of France. Pair the pink sundowner with light eats like the deli's steak tartare on the terrace at their Star Street edition, or share with friends al fresco at the seaside branch in Stanley. Through Sep 30. Thu-Sun. Various locations, including Chez Patrick Deli, 3 Star St., Wan Chai, chezpatrick.hk



### Champagne River at Champagne Bar

Reminiscent of Paris in the 1920s (or at least, how we imagine it might have been), Grand Hyatt's Champagne Bar is the best place to cozy up with your bae on a Friday night. Their Champagne River features a free-flow experience of five different Champagnes. Set off on your odyssey along the bubbly river with a brut glass of Fleury Blanc de Noirs, then ride the Champagne tide with Jacquesson Cuvée n°737, Champagne Nicolas Deneux and Lancelot Royer, finally ending with a Alfred Gratiens Rose. Also new to the bar is award-winning vocalist Avis Ellis, who will be performing jazz tunes from 7:15-11:45pm. Mondays-Saturdays, 7:30-9:30pm. Grand Hyatt's Champagne Bar, Lobby, 1 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai, 2584-7722. \$438.

## Nightlife Events



### Bounce Spooky Super Session

Jump out of your skin as Halloween takes over Bounce trampoline park every Friday night in October, as well as the last three days of the month, with a three-hour Spooky Super Session. Watch out for costumed staffers ("Bounce Ghosts") jumping out of nowhere—and if you're brave enough, grab one for a selfie between flying leaps and hashtag #bounceinhkhalloween for a chance to win two free Bounce passes. There will also be a dodgeball tournament against zombified staffers—the last man (or woman) standing will be awarded a free pass. Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 6-9pm. Bounce Inc, G/F, E-MAX, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, 2556-9555, bounceinc.com.hk. \$220 for three hours. Dress Code: Halloween.

### Pink Season Launch Party

Hong Kong's largest LGBTI festival Pink Season is back in town for its seventh year. Kicking off this five-week celebration is the Pink Season Launch Party, held at newly opened LGBT-friendly bar Circo on the 22nd floor against the humming backdrop of Causeway Bay. Sip on a Pink Season Cocktail (included in the ticket price) and join the official opening ceremony at 9pm for a sneak peek at the program. Sep 30, 7-10pm. Circo, 22/F, Oliv, 15 Sharp St. East, Causeway Bay, pinkseason.hk. \$250 at the door. Dress Code: Pink.

### HandsOn Hong Kong Drink For Good

Hopefully this will take the sting out of footing that next \$500 bill for two cocktails: HandsOn Hong Kong's annual "Drink For Good" campaign is back for the fourth time. This year, more than 60 bars and restaurants across Central, Wan Chai, Quarry Bay and elsewhere will donate at least \$5 per drink to HandsOn Hong Kong in support of their programs addressing Hong Kong's social needs. Drinking has never felt so good. Oct 6, see full list of participating bars at drinkforgood.org

Grab your last chance at a free upgrade to a magnum bottle! Find out more below!

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#### LKF Monster Mash app launch

If you're done flicking virtual Pokéballs on your phone, how about chasing some zombies? But this time round you'll be rewarded with actual stuff for every successful catch on Lan Kwai Fong's LKF Monster Mash app, from buy-one-get-one-free drinks and dining vouchers, to a pair of Delta Air Lines roundtrip tickets to the US. Redeem your rewards before Nov 4 at participating bars around LKF, including Jinjjuu, Master House and Tokio Joe. Stay tuned for more details on [facebook.com/lankwaifunghongkong](http://facebook.com/lankwaifunghongkong). Early Oct-Oct 31. Lan Kwai Fong, Central.

#### Formula E ePrix

The fully electric racing series zips into town for the first time ever, taking place on a 2km harborfront track between Lung Wo Road and the Star Ferry. Oct 8-9. \$300-2,380 from [hkformulae.com](http://hkformulae.com)

## 60 SECONDS WITH... NE-YO

R&B singer-songwriter Ne-Yo tells Sophia Lam about his feelings towards our city, the secret side of Céline Dion and his worst stage slipup.

### HK Magazine: How would you sum up your impressions of Hong Kong?

**Ne-Yo:** My first time in the city, I sang at Coco Lee's wedding; the second time, I was here for a TV show but I literally just stayed long enough for the show. So I didn't really get the chance to see the city and be a tourist. Hopefully this time, I'll get to do so. Judging by my very limited experience of Hong Kong, the word that comes to mind is "elegant." Everything is really beautiful, and the people are kind—it just has a great vibe.

### HK: What should we be looking forward to in your coming performance?

**NY:** A Ne-Yo show is one hundred percent about the music. I want people to come and feel the music. You can sit there and stare at me for an hour, or get up and dance if you feel like it—do whatever the music makes you do.

**HK:** Is there a song that holds a special place in your heart?

**NY:** There's a song in the R.E.D. album, called "Maddie's Song." The first night I brought my daughter home from the hospital, she was crying and nothing could comfort her. I played this song on my iPhone, and the second it came on, she was quiet. That's why it became Maddie's Song.

**HK:** You've written a lot of songs for other artists. Which experience is the most unforgettable?

**NY:** If I have to pick one, it has to be Céline Dion. I was terrified when she said she wanted to work with me. I was like, "Why ME?" But I discovered she had a really silly side.

**HK:** Tell us your most cringe-worthy slip up on stage.

**NY:** I remember it was towards the beginning of my career at a birthday party. I did not see the trench in front of the stage and fell right into it. The audience could only see my head and arms moving about.

[HK: Were you hurt?] Only my pride.

**HK:** Any future plans you can share with us?

**NY:** I'm working on my next album, and I want to make it right before giving it to people. My music is all about quality, not the genre. It's not about following trends or doing what everyone's doing.

Catch Ne-Yo at Zoukout Live Edition on Oct 7, 5:30pm at Central Harbourfront Event Space, 9 Lung Wo Rd., Central, \$1,380-2,380 from [ticketflap.com/zoukouthk](http://ticketflap.com/zoukouthk)



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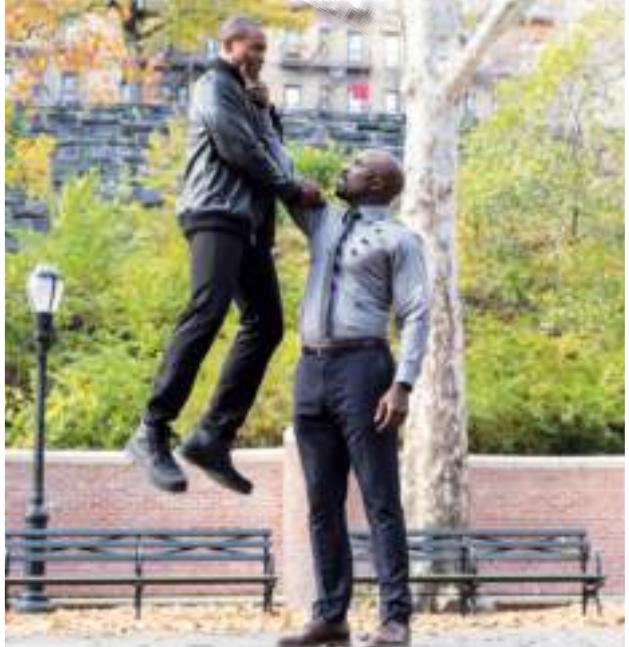
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## UPCLOSE: MIKE COLTER



Marvel has introduced us to a number of larger-than-life superheroes, but few have been as superhuman as Luke Cage, with his bulletproof skin and Olympian-sized muscles. Ahead of the series premiere on Netflix this weekend, Leslie Yeh sat down with Mr. Superhero himself, **Mike Colter**, to discuss his inspiration for the character.

### HK Magazine: How did you land the role of Luke Cage?

**Mike Colter:** It was a complicated process. They asked me to come in for the audition, but they don't give you the entire script, they just tell you some scenes and you work on those scenes without knowing a lot of backstory. One of the scenes they had us read was the one where I find out Jessica Jones had killed my wife. I didn't know anything about that backstory, so it was very difficult to get into that headspace. I met Krysten Ritter [who plays Jessica Jones] early on and I felt immediately that she looked like she'd just stepped off the pages of a comic book. She had an interesting quality about her, and I thought she brought a great character to life. They ended up casting Krysten and me pretty much simultaneously.

### HK: How did you find out about it?

**MC:** I found out when I was on vacation in Paris. Ultimately, when you have this kind of character and you're able to get the job, it's a journey in itself and along the way you find out who you are as an actor. I had to ask myself, was I ready to take on this kind of superhero role that was going to be bigger than life, that was going to change my life?

### HK: What makes the character interesting to you?

**MC:** This character has abilities that you know are fantastical, and you can only do this in the fantasy world that's been created. It's intriguing, but the interesting thing about it is that the character's powers aren't front and center. What's front and center are his life problems

and his everyday interactions with people, what he does as a character. It's not so much his powers that solve his problems, so that's what really appealed to me—he's grounded and he's really just sort of an average guy just trying to find himself in life.

### HK: What do you like about him?

**MC:** He's a thinker, and that's what I love about [showrunner] Cheo Coker's take on it. He's given you this great character, this understanding that this guy is well-read. He's self-aware and educated. He's a renaissance man, a character in development, wanting to be better every day, and trying to figure out how to make good decisions because he's made some bad ones in the past. He's gotten burnt, and he's gotten hurt. He lives his life in turmoil. On the outside he's cool and calm, but when he gets worked up, he knows that he can do a lot of damage. So he tries to keep that part of himself closed off. But he's also a hopeless romantic.

### HK: What's been the best experience so far?

**MC:** Working around some of these great actors. We have Rosario Dawson, we have Simone Missick, Mahershala Ali, Alfre Woodard, Frank Whaley... there's so many great people working on this show. As an actor you rely on them to also inspire you and to give you something to work off of and from. If I know my character and they bring theirs, when it gets on-screen there's a spark.

**Luke Cage** premieres Sep 30 on Netflix.

## Coming Soon

### Snowden

**(Germany/France/USA)** Oliver Stone ("JFK," "Wall Street") is back with another biographical thriller, and this time it's on renegade CIA agent and cybersecurity freedom fighter Edward Snowden (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). Also stars Zachary Quinto as journalist Glenn Greenwald. Opens Oct 6.

### Operation Mekong

**(China/Hong Kong)** Based on the 2011 Mekong River massacre, when two Chinese cargo ships were attacked in the Mekong river and their 13 crew members killed. Stars Zhang Hanyu ("Mr. Six") and Eddie Pang. Opens Oct 6.

### Don't Breathe

**(USA)** Three burglars in crumbling Detroit are planning a payday break-in that could solve all their problems, and then some. Their target: A blind man hoarding a fortune in cash in his house. But what they don't expect is what else he's hiding. Directed by Fede Alvarez ("Evil Dead"). Opens Oct 6.

### Sadako vs. Kayako

**(Japan)** In this cross-over film between horror films "Ring" and "Ju-on" (remade as "The Grudge" in the States), the vengeful ghosts in their respective films resurface to haunt two teenage girls and wreak havoc in their lives, until a young exorcist devises a plan to get both Sadako and Kayako to face off. Opens Oct 6.

## Opening



### The Purge: Election Year

**(USA)** In the logical and ever more politically relevant extension to the events that went down in the series' second installment ("The Purge: Anarchy"), leading presidential hopeful Charlie Roan (Christy Coco) vows to end the Purge tradition, making her prime target for the sinister New Founding Fathers; meanwhile the rest of her maimed compatriots are desperately capping off their tweets with #ImWithHer and #AnyoneButPurge. Opened Sep 29.

### Deepwater Horizon

**(USA)** Based on the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, this new film by Peter Berg gathers A-listers Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, John Malkovich and Kate Hudson to tell the unseen story of people on the rig before, during, and shortly after its calamitous explosion. Opened Sep 29.

### Storks

**(USA)** Faced with the dreaded "Where do babies come from?" question, parents can now breathe a sigh of relief and let the voices of Andy Samberg, Kelsey Grammer, Jennifer Aniston and a solid crew of comedy heavy-hitters play it out: The cast of birds must race to get a baby from Stork Mountain to the human world. Opened Sep 29.

### The Commune

**(Denmark/Sweden/Netherlands)** A coming-of-middle-age film directed by Thomas Vinterberg ("Far from the Madding Crowd," "The Celebration"). In 1970s Copenhagen, a group of artists and academics shack up together in a social experiment. Expect heavy sexual tension with a side of SOMEONE who keeps FORGETTING to PUT AWAY THEIR DISHES, JESPER. Opened Sep 29.



### Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

**(USA/Belgium/UK)** When tragedy strikes young Jacob Portman (Asa Butterfield), clues from his grandfather's past lead him to a peculiar orphanage full of shapeshifting residents cared for by one very mysterious mistress (Eva Green). Opened Sep 29.

### Cafe Society

**(USA)** Is it 2016 already? Seems like it was yesterday that we all collectively meh'd out of Woody Allen's last inappropriate love triangle ("Irrational Man"). His latest finds Jesse Eisenberg as a fresh-faced showbiz assistant in 1930s Hollywood named Bobby, hopelessly in love with Kristen Stewart, who is caught in a private affair with Bobby's uncle, played by Steve Carell. Opened Sep 29.

### Blair Witch

**(USA)** Twenty-two years after Heather Donahue disappeared into the woods in 1999's cult phenomenon "The Blair Witch Project," her brother (James Allen McCune) and his group of handycam-toting buddies head back into Black Hills Forest to uncover the legend.

### The BFG

**(UK/Canada/USA)** Steven Spielberg brings the beloved Roald Dahl novel about a bullied gentle giant to the big screen: Young orphan Sophie (Ruby Barnhill) is snatched from her bed into a land where roam behemoth troglodytes hungry for "human beans." It's a cinematic feast for the eyes, and a rollicking romp into the Giant Country of our childhoods. ★★★★

### Brigette Jones's Baby

**(UK)** Everyone's favorite desperate singleton is back. Now 43, Bridget Jones (Renee Zellweger) manages to hook up with both her ex, Mark Darcy (Colin Firth) and new American boy Jack Qwantz (Patrick Dempsey). With a baby roasting in her womb, she has to figure out who the father is. A solid comeback with some less-than-PC moments, Bridget Jones is as delightful as ever. ★★★



### Equals

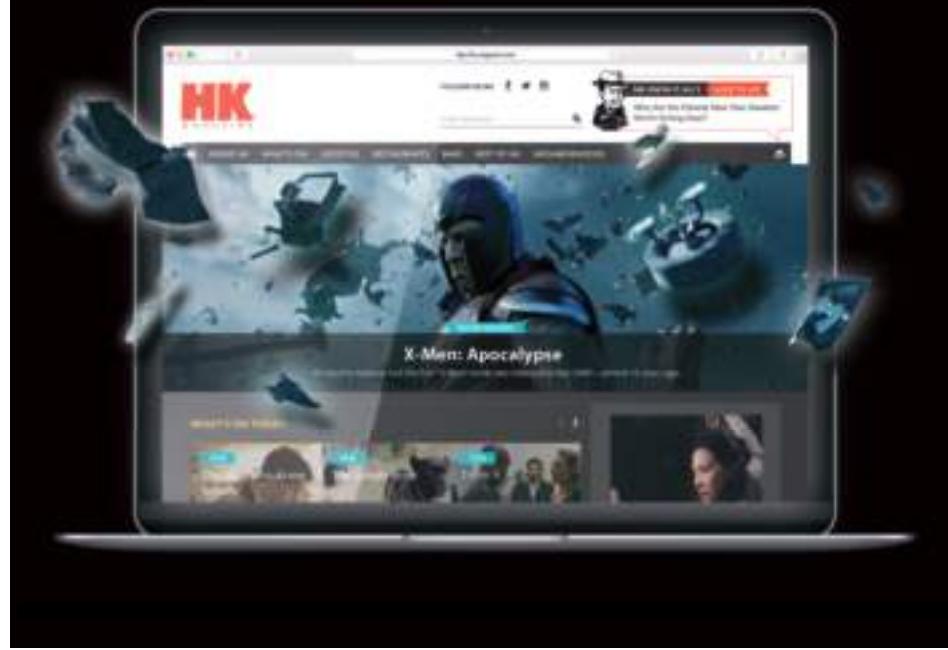
**(USA)** In a dystopian future in which society has managed to shed the inefficient burden of human emotions, Silas (Nicholas Hoult) and Nia (Kristen Stewart) are infected with a disease that awakens their ability to feel.

### The First Monday in May

**(USA)** Documentarist Andrew Rossi ("Page One") turns his lens the Met Gala, and their most famous exhibition, "China: Through the Looking Glass." Beautifully shot, but struggles to deal with its subject matter without seeming Orientalist. ★★★

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## Happiness

**(Hong Kong)** In this new film by Andy Lo, a lost man finds himself in Hong Kong, rejected by his father and mourning the death of his mother. He befriends a reclusive and temperamental auntie, but their relationship deepens after she is diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's.



## Julieta

**(Spain)** Based on three short stories by Alice Munro, Pedro Almodóvar's latest is about Julieta, who recalls the steps which led to her estrangement from her daughter Antía, as she waits for her to get back in touch. Woman-centered melodrama? Sounds like Almodóvar's back on top again.

## Knight of Cups

**(USA)** Named after the tarot card that signifies excitement and recklessness, this new film by Terrence Malick ("The Thin Red Line," "Tree of Life") follows a distressed screenwriter (Christian Bale) as he wanders through LA and Las Vegas encountering love and lust in different places. Features appearances by Freida Pinto, Natalie Portman and Cate Blanchett.

## Nerve

**(USA)** A new teen techno-thriller has all eyes (and phone-lenses) on Emma Roberts and Dave Franco as the pair play a highly elaborate game of truth or dare via camera app for money. Directed by Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman ("Catfish"), "Nerve" tries to highlight the impact of technology on our society but plot holes and weak characters leave it falling flat. ★★

## Nine Lives

**(USA)** Kevin Spacey is presumably badly in need of a little extra rent money as he stars in this film as a workaholic billionaire who neglects his family life... until he's magically turned into a cat. By Christopher Walken. Ugh.

## Storm

**(Hong Kong)** Louis Koo stars as an ICAC investigator who witnesses the murder of a suspect, but he won't disclose details of his investigation to the cops. When a crime syndicate starts ordering hits on Jockey Club employees, he's got to set his differences aside to catch the baddies.

## Sully

**(USA)** Clint Eastwood directs Tom Hanks as Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, the real-life hero pilot who landed his crippled plane on the Hudson River right in the middle of New York—but his reputation is soon called into question.



## War Dogs

**(USA)** Jonah Hill, Bradley Cooper and Miles Teller star in this stoner-bro war comedy about two American arms dealers supplying weapons to US troops in Afghanistan. This well-paced lesson in arms dealing 101 gets the benefit of Jonah Hill's resting bitch face and tight direction from Todd Phillips ("The Hangover"). ★★★



Wong Chan makes his feature directing debut with "Mad World"

## Film Festival

### Hong Kong Asian Film Festival

Now in its 12th year, the Hong Kong Asian Film Festival has grown into one of the most hotly anticipated events of the year. This time it's bigger than ever, with 63 films showing over two weeks. The festival opens with Hong Kong director Wong Chan's feature debut "*Mad World*," and Chinese film "*Soul Mate*," a coming-of-age film about two best friends by director Derek Tsang ("*Lover's Discourse*"). Other highlights include a screening of "*Momotaro, Sacred Sailors*," Japan's first feature-length animated film from 1945, and "*Yourself and Yours*," the 18th feature by South Korean indie auteur Hong Sang-soo ("*Right Now, Wrong Then*"). Closing the festival is "*I Am Not Madame Bovary*," directed by Feng Xiaogang and starring Fan Bingbing. Oct 13-31. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St., Yau Ma Tei; Palace IFC, IFC Mall, 8 Finance St., Central; Broadway The One, 5-11/F, The One, 100 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui; Palace APM, L6-1, 6/F, APM, Millennium City 5, 418 Kwun Tong Rd., Kwun Tong, hkaff.asia. \$85-95 from cinema.com.hk

### China Documentary Festival 2016

This year's crop of films for the Chinese Documentary Festival sheds much-needed light on a variety of issues across China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. We get a nuanced angle on the education system in China ("*A Purpose Built School*"), an inside look at the attitudes and experiences of foreign brides in the Hakka community ("*My Foreign Hometown*"), and a selection of Hong Kong docs, including Cheung King-wai's "*The Taste of Youth*," about the dreams of Hong Kong's post-90s generation, as well as several docs that share unique takes on the Umbrella Movement. Through Oct 16. Hong Kong Space Museum, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui; Hong Kong Science Museum, 2 Science Museum Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui; The Grand Cinema, 2/F, Elements, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, visiblerecord.com. \$70-85 from urbtix.hk

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**LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22):** Thank you for all the entertainment you've provided in the past 12 months, Libra. Since shortly before your birthday in 2015, you have taken lively and gallant actions to rewrite history. You have banished a pesky demon and repaired a hole in your soul. You've educated the most immature part of yourself and nurtured the most neglected part of yourself. To my joyful shock, you have even worked to transform a dysfunctional romantic habit that in previous years had subtly undermined your ability to get the kind of intimacy you seek. What's next? Here's my guess: an unprecedented exemption from the demands of the past.

**SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21):** Are you able to expand while you are contracting, and vice versa? Can you shed mediocre comforts and also open your imagination to gifts that await you at the frontier? Is it possible to be skeptical toward ideas that shrink your world and people who waste your time, even as you cultivate optimism and innocence about the interesting challenges ahead of you? Here's what I think, Scorpio: Yes, you can. At least for right now, you are more flexible and multifaceted than you might imagine.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21):** You Sagittarians are famous for filling your cups so full they're in danger of spilling over. Sometimes the rest of us find this kind of cute. On other occasions, we don't enjoy getting wine splashed on our shoes. But I suspect that in the coming weeks, the consequences of your tendency to overflow will be mostly benign — perhaps even downright beneficial. So I suggest you experiment with the pleasures of surging and gushing. Have fun as you escape your niches and transcend your containers. Give yourself permission to seek adventures that might be too extravagant for polite company. Now here's a helpful reminder from your fellow Sagittarian, poet Emily Dickinson: "You cannot fold a flood and put it in a drawer."

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19):** I believe that during the coming weeks you will have an extra amount of freedom from fate. The daily grind won't be able to grind you down. The influences that typically tend to sap your joie de vivre will leave you in peace. Are you ready to take full advantage of this special dispensation? Please say YES YES A THOUSAND TIMES YES. Be alert for opportunities to rise above the lowest common denominators. Be aggressive about rejecting the trivial questions that trap everyone in low expectations. Here are my predictions: Your willpower will consistently trump your conditioning. You won't have to play by the old rules, but will instead have extra sovereignty to invent the future.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19):** According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you can expect an unlikely coincidence or two in the coming days. You should also be alert for helpfully prophetic dreams, clear telepathic messages, and pokes from tricky informers. In fact, I suspect that useful hints and clues will be swirling in extra abundance, sometimes in the form of direct communications from

reliable sources, but on occasion as mysterious signals from strange angels.

**PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20):** You know that inner work you've been doing with such diligence? I'm referring to those psycho-spiritual transformations you have been attending to in the dark... the challenging but oddly gratifying negotiations you've been carrying on with your secret self... the steady, strong future you've been struggling to forge out of the chaos? Well, I foresee you making a big breakthrough in the coming weeks. The progress you've been earning, which up until now has been mostly invisible to others, will finally be seen and appreciated. The vows you uttered so long ago will, at last, yield at least some of the tangible results you've pined for.

**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19):** What's the difference between a love warrior and a love worrier? Love warriors work diligently to keep enhancing their empathy, compassion, and emotional intelligence. Love worriers fret so much about not getting the love they want that they neglect to develop their intimacy skills. Love warriors are always vigilant for how their own ignorance may be sabotaging togetherness, while love worriers dwell on how their partner's ignorance is sabotaging togetherness. Love warriors stay focused on their relationship's highest goals, while love worriers are preoccupied with every little relationship glitch. I bring this to your attention, Aries, because the next seven weeks will be an excellent time to become less of a love worrier and more of a love warrior.

**TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20):** How will you deal with a provocative opportunity to reinvent and reinvigorate your approach to work? My guess is that if you ignore this challenge, it will devolve into an obstruction. If you embrace it, on the other hand, you will be led to unforeseen improvements in the way you earn money and structure your daily routine. Here's the paradox: Being open to seemingly impractical considerations will ultimately turn out to be quite practical.

**GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20):** Is it possible that you're on the verge of reclaiming some of the innocent wisdom you had as a child? Judging from the current astrological omens, I suspect it is. If all goes well, you will soon be gifted with a long glimpse of your true destiny—a close replica of the vision that bloomed in you at a tender age. And this will, in turn, enable you



to actually see magic unicorns and play with mischievous fairies and eat clouds that dip down close to the earth. And not only that: Having a holy vision of your original self will make you even smarter than you already are. For example, you could get insights about how to express previously inexpressible parts of yourself. You might discover secrets about how to attract more of the love you have always felt deprived of.

**CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22):** I'm not asking you to tell me about the places and situations where you feel safe and fragile and timid. I want to know about where you feel safe and strong and bold. Are there sanctuaries that nurture your audacious wisdom? Are there natural sites that tease out your primal willpower and help you clarify your goals? Go to those power spots. Allow them to exalt you with their transformative blessings. Pray and sing and dance there. And maybe find a new oasis to excite and incite you, as well. Your creative savvy will bloom in November if you nurture yourself now with this magic.

**LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22):** One of your old reliable formulas may temporarily be useless or even deceptive. An ally could be withholding an important detail from you. Your favorite psychological crutch is in disrepair, and your go-to excuse is no longer viable. And yet I think you're going to be just fine, Leo. Plan B will probably work better than Plan A. Secondary sources and substitutes should provide you with all the leverage you need. And I bet you will finally capitalize on an advantage that you have previously neglected. For best results, be vigilant for unexpected help.

**VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22):** Attention! Warning! One of your signature fears is losing its chokehold on your imagination. If this trend continues, its power to scare you may diminish more than 70 percent by November 1. And then what will you do? How can you continue to plug away at your goals if you don't have worry and angst and dread to motivate you? I suppose you could shop around for a replacement fear — a new prod to keep you on the true and righteous path. But you might also want to consider an alternative: the possibility of drawing more of the energy you need by feeding your lust for life.

**HOMEWORK:** What most needs regeneration in your life? And what are you going to do to regenerate it? [FreeWillAstrology.com](http://FreeWillAstrology.com).

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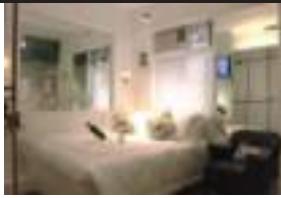
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I'm a guy, 35, and a cheating piece of shit. I'm engaged to a woman I love, but earlier this year I cheated on her. I have no excuse. She discovered the dating app I used, and we worked through that. But she doesn't know that shortly after her discovery, I went ahead and cheated. To my meager, meager credit, I did seek out only women who were looking for NSA hookups. But I quickly came to realize how big of a mistake this was, how much I love my fiancée, and that I'm a shitty person. I see a therapist, and he advised that, if I'm certain this was a one-time thing, and if I'm convinced that I'm happy with my fiancée, I should keep quiet. I shouldn't burden my fiancée with this knowledge. I'm inclined to agree but, dear God, the guilt. I feel like I'm not the person my fiancée thought I was. What do I do? Should I just accept this as a lesson learned and keep it to myself? Perhaps there's selfishness at play here, since I'm trying to make myself feel better, but I'm struggling.

– Can't Personally Overlook Selfishness

I'm with your therapist, CPOS—and, hey, it's nice to see "keep your mouth shut about a one-time infidelity" make the jump from our finer advice columns (Dear Prudence, Dear Sugar, Savage Love) to some of our actual therapists.

While honesty (best policy) and confession (good for the soul) get all the positive press, there are times when unburdening yourself is absolutely the wrong thing to do. The person who confesses may wind up feeling better—because at least now they're being *honest*—but the person to whom they've confessed can wind up feeling a whole lot worse. Some burdens should be borne not shifted. If your fiancée is going to inevitably find out, CPOS, better she find out about it from you. But if the secret can be kept and if living with the guilt motivates you not to cheat again, then you can keep your mouth shut with a semi-clear-ish conscience.

This advice is not a license for serial adulterers. If you can't be faithful to someone—if that's what you discovered when you had the affair—then you should extract yourself from the monogamous commitment you've already made to your fiancée and refrain from making monogamous commitments to anyone else in the future. But if you honestly believe you can be faithful, CPOS, you don't have to see yourself as a cheating piece of shit. A serial adulterer/betrayer/liar is a cheating piece of shit; someone who cheated once, regrets it, and makes a good-faith, multi-decade effort not to do it again is a fallible human being.

**My boyfriend of five years is a sweet, smart, handsome, loving, supportive, middle-aged, chubby white guy. We have a fulfilling sex life. When we first met, he shared a fantasy he had about watching me get fucked by a black guy. (He knows it's not something I'm interested in IRL.) I've caught him several times posing online as a young, buff, handsome black guy looking for a "snowbunny." I call him out on it every time, and it causes huge fights. He says he'll stop, but he never does. Weighed against all his other good qualities, this isn't that big of a deal. Clearly he's not going to meet up with the women he's chatting with. What makes me sad is that I adore him as he is—I love his big white belly, his bald head, and his rosy cheeks. I think I do a good job of communicating this to him. I guess I'm writing to you for some reassurance that I'm doing the right thing by letting this behavior go and also for some insight into why he's doing it in the first place.**

– Upset Girlfriend Hates Eroticized Racial Secret

If this isn't that big of a deal, UGHERS, why are you calling him out on it? Why are you monitoring his online activities/fantasies at all?

What your boyfriend is doing sounds relatively harmless—he's pretending to be someone he's not while flirting with other people online who are most likely pretending to be someone they're not. (I promise you most of the "snowbunnies" he's chatted with were other men.) The world is full of people who enjoy pretending to be someone they're not, from cosplayers pretending to be Captain America or Poison Ivy to creative anachronists pretending to be knights and ladies to Donald Trump Jr. pretending to be a human being.

We can't gloss over the racial/racist cultural forces that shaped your boyfriend's kinks, of course, but it's possible to explore those kinds of fantasies online or IRL without being a racist piece of shit. And a person can pretend to be someone of another race online—because it turns them on—without injecting racial hate into online spaces and/or thoughtlessly reinforcing damaging stereotypes about people of other races. You've seen your boyfriend's online chats, UGHERS, so you're in a better position to judge whether he's exploring his fantasies without making the world a worse place than it already is for actual black men.

If he's being a racist piece of shit online, UGHERS, call him out on that. If he isn't, stop policing his fantasies.

I am a 36-year-old Italian straight man. I love my girlfriend endlessly. One month ago, she told me she has thoughts about missing out on the things she didn't get to do in her teens. She is 29 years old now. Also, she says she feels only a mild love for me now and is curious about other men. Yesterday we met and cried and talked and made love and it felt like she still loves me passionately. But she also told me she had sex with a stranger a week ago and she is going for one and a half months to Los Angeles on her own. Now I feel confused. I should hate her for what she did to me, I should tell her to fuck off, but I can't do it. I am so in love and I want to be together again after her trip. How do I exit this turmoil?

– Pensive And Insecure Now

You exit this turmoil by breaking up with your girlfriend.

She wants to get out there and do "things she didn't get to do in her teens," i.e., fuck other guys and most likely date other guys. This isn't what you want, PAIN, you've made that clear to her, but she's gonna fuck other guys anyway. You don't have to pretend to hate her, PAIN, and you don't have to tell her to fuck off. But you do have to tell her that it's over—at least for now.

And once she goes, PAIN, don't lie around tormenting yourself with mental images of all the things/men she's doing in Los Angeles. Don't put your life on hold—love life included—while she's gone. You're going to be single. So get out there, date other women, do some things/women you haven't done. If she wants to get back together when she returns, and if you still want to get back together with her, you can pick things up where you left off.

But you should act like it's over while she's gone, PAIN, because it most likely is.

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Forte in Kwun Tong is also serving bountiful selection of crab main courses. Spice up your appetite with the stir-fried crab with basil and curry, and keep yourself warm in fall with a creamy crab hot pot in Hokkaido milk. For umami flavors, the crab meat and seafood risotto with lobster sauce is a must-try.

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Cafe Deco  
Starbucks  
The Peak Lookout Restaurant

## ADMIRALTY

Brick Lane  
Dan Ryan's  
Gourmet Coffee  
Grappa's Ristorante  
Great  
Island Shangri-La  
Lab Concept  
Metropolitan Café  
Ruth Chris  
Starbucks - Pacific Place  
The British Council Library  
UFC Group

## WANCHAI

151 Gloucester Road Property Management Company Ltd  
Academy for the Performing Arts  
Agave  
Amour Salon  
Alliance Francaise  
Arts Centre  
Asian Tiger Mobility  
Assaggio Trattoria Italiana  
Bar 109  
Berliner  
Big Apple  
Castello del Vino  
Classified (Wan Chai)  
Cosmos Book Ltd.  
Coyote Bar & Grill  
Divino Patio  
DRAGONFLY @ Novotel  
Ebeneezer's  
Grand Hyatt Hotel  
Harbour road café  
Hotel Indigo  
IAFT  
Island Property  
Joe's Billiards & Bar  
Loplus @ Hennessy Serviced Apartment  
Marriott Properties (International) Ltd.  
Maya  
Moon Izakaya  
Mr. Taco Truck  
Oliver's Super Sandwiches  
Outback Grill  
OVO  
OVO Limited  
Paisano's Wan Chai  
Pizza Express - Wing Fung St.  
Pizza Express - Ship St.  
Pomme  
Quemo  
SIP Sun Hung Kai Centre  
Slim's  
Spring Learning  
StarCrest  
Starbucks - 4346 Queen's Road East  
Starbucks - Gloucester Rd  
Starbucks - Great Eagle Centre  
Starbucks - Hopewell Centre  
Starbucks - Sun Hung Kai Centre  
Starbucks - WanChai Tower  
Starbucks - Wsqaure

Thai Delight Restaurant & Bar  
Tamarind  
The Charterhouse Causeway Bay  
The Doghouse  
The Flying Pan  
The Hive  
The Queen Victoria  
The Tonno  
The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club  
The Wanch  
The White Stag  
VIM Pilates Studio  
Xperience  
Yo mama

## CAUSEWAY BAY

18 Grams  
A La Maison  
Aluminium  
Brechts Circle  
Brookfield Global Relocation Services HK Ltd.  
Brunch Club & Supper  
Buddy Bar & Café  
Café Corridor  
Café Rivoli  
CitySuper  
Classified (Tai Hang)  
Crowne Plaza Hong Kong  
Causeway Bay – Connections  
Dickens Bar  
Englishtown  
Fleur de Sel  
Hotel Pennington  
Inn Side Out  
Isabella Bistro & Bar  
Island Seafood & Oyster  
Jrink  
Lanson Place  
Little Burro  
Mackie Kitchen  
Madame Fostier Deli  
Mau I Business Centre Ltd - Eton Tower  
Mau I Business Centre Ltd - Radio City  
Mini Hotel Causeway Bay  
Mr. Steak  
Otto Restaurant & Bar  
Outback Steakhouse  
Page One  
Roof Bar  
Rouge  
Starbucks - 50 Leighton Rd.  
Starbucks - Causeway Bay Plaza 2  
Starbucks - Hysan Place  
Starbucks - Lee Garden 1  
Starbucks - Tin Hau  
Starbucks - Tiung Lo Wan Rd.  
Starbucks - Windsor House  
The Herbivores  
The Sky Bar  
The Warren  
Watson Wine Cellar  
Wired Café  
W's Entrecote  
Yo mama

## HAPPY VALLEY

Classified  
El Grande - Happy Valley Bar & Grill  
Hong Kong Cricket Club  
Hong Kong Football Club  
il Bel Paese  
Jaspas  
Movieland (3) - Happy Valley  
Park N Shop - Happy Valley  
Saint Germain  
Starbucks - Le Cacet  
The Jockey

## QUARRY BAY/ TAIKOOSHING

East Hotel  
Park N Shop - Kornhill Plaza  
Pizza Express  
Ruby Tuesday  
Starbucks - Cityplaza  
Starbucks - Hoi Kwong St.  
Starbucks - Kornhill Plaza  
Starbucks - Taiko Shing  
The News Room  
Yo bago  
Yo mama

## NORTH POINT/ FORTRESS HILL

Cheung Chuk Shan College  
Harbour Plaza North Point - Lobby  
Fitness First - Fortress Hill  
Para Site  
Starbucks - AIA Tower  
Starbucks - Fortress Hill  
Starbucks - Kerry Centre

## SAI WAN HO

Berliner Soho East  
Chaiwanese  
Jack's Terrazza Ristorante  
Madera Café  
Starbucks - Eastern Hospital

## POK FU LAM

Delaney's Pub  
HKUSU Student Union  
Lee Hysan Hall Students' Association, HKUSU  
Patisserie Les Amis  
Prompt  
Starbucks - Cyberport  
Starbucks - Cyberport 3  
Starbucks - HKU Library  
Starbucks - HKUSU  
T Hotel

## AP LEI CHAU/ ABERDEEN

Aberdeen Marina Club  
Alisan Fine Arts Limited  
Bowls Café Limited  
Flex HK  
GCX  
K Academy (English Language Learning Centre)  
Movie Express  
Tequila Kola  
TREE  
Shambala/ Café Piatti  
Sift  
Spring Workshop  
Starbucks - Marina Square  
Starbucks - One Island South  
Y. Art Education

## REPULSE BAY/ TAI TAM/ STANLEY

Beachside Bookstore  
Classified (Stanley)  
Chez Patrick Deli - Stanley  
El Cid Caramar  
Hong Kong International School  
King Ludwig Beer Hall  
Lucy's  
Mini Hotel Stanley  
Ocean Bay  
Park N Shop - Parkview  
Pickled Pelican Stanley  
Pizza Express  
Seafront  
Smuggler's Inn, Stanley  
Spices  
Starbucks - Stanley Plaza  
Taste  
The American Club  
The Boat House  
Victoria Recreation Club

## TSIM SHA TSUI

Agnes b Café Harbour City  
Agnes'B Café SG  
Assembly  
Barista Caffe  
Bistro on the Mile  
Bombay Dreams  
Bricklane - 2 Blenheim Avenue  
Bricklane - 17-23 Minden Avenue  
Brotzeit  
Burger Republic  
Carpaccio Pasta Pizza Vino  
Castros Bar  
CitySuper  
Crema  
Cucina - The Marco Polo HK Hotel  
Delaney's  
Eastside Tavern  
Eaton Hotel  
El Cid  
Fatt's Place  
Finds  
Grand Central Bar and Grill

## JORDAN/YAU MA TEI/MONG KOK

18 Grams  
Berliner Olympian City 3  
Broadway Cinematheque  
Colour Brown Coffee  
Englishtown  
Hotel Stage  
Kadoorie Hill  
Langham Hotel  
Langham Place Hotel Coffee Shop  
Madera Hotel  
Park N Shop - Olympian City  
Pink Coffee  
Royal Plaza Hotel  
Starbucks - 3 Jordan Rd.  
Starbucks - Bank Centre Mall  
Starbucks - Liberte Place  
Starbucks - Nathan Hotel  
Starbucks - New Kowloon Plaza  
Starbucks - Olympian City 2  
Take Two Brunch Coffee  
The Olympian Hong Kong  
White Noise  
Zoo Records

## SHATIN

Baptist University  
Citysuper  
Courtyard by Marriott Sha Tin  
Crown Relocations  
Starbucks - Fortune City One  
Starbucks - New Town Plaza L1

## SAI KUNG

Bacco  
CC Café  
Chez les Copains  
Classified  
Duke of York Pub  
Firenze  
HEBE ONE o ONE  
Italiano's  
Park N Shop - Clear Water Bay  
Pepperoni's  
Piccolos  
Pizzeria La Gondola  
Starbucks - Sai Kung Chan Man St.  
Starbucks - The HKUST  
The Bottle Shop

## OTHER NEW TERRITORIES

Discovery Park  
Englishtown  
King's Belly  
Mr Steak  
Park N Shop - Hong Lok Yuen  
Red Alert Airsoft Sports  
Starbucks - Citywalk  
Starbucks - Luk Yeung Galleria  
Starbucks - Metroplaza  
Starbucks - Tai Po Market MTR Station  
Starbucks - Trend Plaza

## LANTAU

Berliner German Bar & Restaurant  
Café Duvet  
Dymocks  
Marriott Skycity  
Park N Shop - Discovery Bay  
Regal Airport Hotel Zentro Garden  
Starbucks - Airport T2  
Starbucks - Airport T1  
Starbucks - Citygate  
Zentro Garden

## KOWLOON TONG

Amaroni's  
Baptist University  
Baptist University Student Union  
City University Student Union  
Dan Ryan's  
Page One  
Park N Shop  
Pizza Express  
Starbucks - Festival Walk  
Starbucks - HKBU

## HUNG HOM

Open University Student Union  
Sav Hotel  
Starbucks - MTR Hung Hom  
Starbucks - The Laguna Mall  
Starbucks - Whampoa Site 5  
Waterfront Bar & Terrace

## KOWLOON BAY/ KWUN TONG/ KOWLOON CITY

Bespoke  
Englishtown  
Forfar  
Happy Corner Cakes Cookies Gallery  
Headstart Group Limited  
Kubrick  
Oliver's Super Sandwiches  
Pentahotel Kowloon  
Starbucks - EMax  
Starbucks - Megabox L6  
Starbucks - Millennium City 1  
Starbucks - One Kowloon  
Starbucks - Telford Plaza 1

# HK GIVEAWAYS

It's the end of September and that means we're having a FLASH GIVEAWAY! We've got a lovely suite stay at L'hotel Island South, as well as tickets to see the legendary Stomp at The Venetian Macao. Get entering now!

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Congrats again, and enjoy!

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WINNERS!



# FIRST PERSON

Stepping into a bar designed by **Ashley Sutton** is like stepping into his mind: fantastical and jaw-droppingly creative. He's designed or opened more than 40 outlets around the world—and the Australian added three Hong Kong bars to the list this year. For the opening of his latest, The Iron Fairies, he tells Xavier Ng about his troubled mind and why he hates drinking.

I'm originally from Fremantle in Australia, near Perth. I left school when I was 15.

I always wanted to be a graphic artist. I got an A+ in art, technical drawing, woodwork and steelwork, but I couldn't get into graphic art school, because I needed to get a B in math and English.

I didn't turn up to my math or English classes. I failed all of them, I found them incredibly boring. I used to just draw.

I used to get paid in cigarettes to design tree houses for my mates.

I got a job in stained glass and steelmaking. After that, I worked underground in a mine.

Then I had an accident: I lost my hand [three fingers on his left hand], so I couldn't work there anymore.

So I started my own little business, making steel doormats and all sorts of artistic stuff.

One of my managers saw that I had drawn these children's books called "The Iron Fairies" and said that I should get them published. I said no—but he went ahead and published them anyway.

I got an invitation to go to New York with the books. I went there to live for a few years.

I set up a business making actual iron fairies, characters from the books. I needed a factory to make them, so I went to Bangkok to set it up.

I got a call from my Bangkok staff a month after I arrived, telling me they couldn't work any more because there were too many people watching them make the fairies.

I made the place really beautiful because I wanted to inspire my staff. So I had to come back, trying to make drinks and food for people.

I didn't really drink alcohol until I was 32. I'd never been to a bar in my life. I was a very quiet person.

I had half a beer when I was 14, and I got a massive headache for three days: The worst tasting stuff I've ever had in my life.

I was never a social person. I never had a girlfriend until I was 24, never even spoke to a girl before that. I was just too shy.

I couldn't handle parties. Seeing everyone drunk, I can't understand it. It's very stressful for me.

And I haven't been able to sleep for my whole life. I can sit in bed for hours, just thinking and thinking.

Drinking does actually seem to ease my mind a bit, if I just have one or two. I prefer vodka soda, no lime.

I've never done drugs in my life. Never touched them. I'm too scared to lose control of my mind. That's why I'm never drunk.

I jumped into this industry not by choice. I had a lot of landlords asking me to do something with their spaces. I found it quite easy, so I suppose that's how I got into this.

I still prefer not to do it, but I keep getting hired to—I'd much rather design other stuff: hotels, crazy flying machines, submarines.

I've been in Bangkok for 10 years. I didn't want to stay there. But their hospitality industry has kept me so busy, working on one place after another.

I got an invitation to design a place [Ophelia] here in Hong Kong. It's a beautiful city. People are a lot more sophisticated here.

They're much more independent, they think for themselves, and it's a lot busier than Bangkok. It's got a lot of potential for my work. I can do some crazy stuff here.

I get very passionate in my mind, and I fall in love with so many dreams. Life and passion give me so much power to create.

My building industry background [helps]: I know how to build things.

Maybe other designers have had training in design. But they don't know how to build stuff, how it actually works: how steel bends, how timber turns. Maybe that's why my designs work out well.

I love to dream, and I love to bring those dreams into reality.

When I walk into an empty space, within two, three hours, it's all done: I can see every detail, the smell, the lighting, the grain on the timber, where the people are sitting, the atmosphere, the magic. I get goosebumps.

No one can talk to me for those few hours—I'm deep within my own mind. And then for me comes the worst, most frustrating thing: Because I can see the vision down to the last speck of dust on the table, but I have to wait so long for it to be built.

I wish I was very, very smart and educated in chemistry and rocket science, because I know I would've built a rocket by now and I'd be in space.

Unfortunately I'm not good at academics. I've never read a book in my life, I can never focus on anything: I read one paragraph and my mind wanders off.

I'd like to design for resorts and hotels. I think I can change the way people stay in a hotel, give them an unbelievable experience.

I just need someone to risk \$50 million with me.

## NEED TO KNOW...

The Iron Fairies is Ashley Sutton's third bar in Hong Kong, after the award-winning Ophelia and J.Boroski. LG/F, Chinachem Hollywood Centre, 1-13 Hollywood Rd., Central, 2603-6992.

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