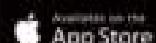


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## Mr. Know-It-All's

— Guide to Life —

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

### Why do police put black hoods over suspects' heads when they're arrested? — Hood Rat

In America, you've got the "perp walk": an arrested suspect will be walked through a public place, allowing the media the chance to get that money shot. Criticism of the practice is widespread: It unfairly prejudices the public against the suspect, some say. It's humiliation for humiliation's sake. Then again, without it how else would we get all our celebrity gossip?

In Hong Kong anyone who is arrested also has their faces covered with a black hood or bag, to protect their identity. There's a presumption of innocence until you're proven guilty, so police take the time to hide you from the public glare—especially if you've been charged with a serious offense.

You'll also frequently see the black hood come out when suspects are taken back to crime scenes to assist in crime scene reconstructions. Crime reconstruction—or re-enactment, strictly—is a curiously Asian form of police forensics: It's particularly popular in Japan, South Korea and Thailand, where the media attend with gleeful enthusiasm. But with Hong Kong's anonymity procedures, the black-bagged crime reconstruction is a specifically Hong Kong visual: the handcuffed suspect going back through his (alleged) actions, stepping back in time.

Why do it? Perhaps it shakes something loose in a suspect's mind and he lets something slip. Perhaps it's part

of a guilty confession. Maybe it just makes for a great photo of the detectives doing their detecting—take last May's four-hour-long reconstruction of the kidnapping of Bossini heiress Queenie Rosita Law. And of course, a video of a crime scene reconstruction is a powerful tool in front of a jury.

An entertaining little history tidbit: in the 70s and early 80s the black hoods were available, but not easily accessible. So police would make do with whatever was lying around: They'd even grab plastic bags and cut two eyeholes. In the mid-80s, the hoods came into more common use.

Admittedly, the black hoods have the unfortunate side-effect of making the suspect look like they're being extraordinarily rendered to some anonymous American torture dungeon. But as we all might well say—isn't that the price of freedom?



K.Y. Cheng/SCMP

#### This week in My Perfect HK:

This week we had the happy news of Canadian liver patient Mike Watson, who flew to Hong Kong for a life-saving transplant after being denied it in his home country. He is now on his way to a speedy recovery. The surgery team was led by none other than Professor Lo Chung-mau, who was recently vilified for his opposition to the appointment of Johannes Chan to the post of HKU's pro-vice-chancellor. It's a good reminder not to think less of a person when you see a single flaw.

Mike Watson certainly thinks so.

## Letters

### "WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO OUR CHILDHOOD."

#### Buck Stops Here

We posted a video of artist Abdullah M.I. Syed's performance piece at Art Central "The Flying Buck," in which he ate a plate of US dollar bills before regurgitating them onto a plate. Facebook readers were unimpressed.

modern art at a new low point.

Chun Hei Chui

this passes for ART

Brian C Hayes

Deep.

Casey Anderson

Fucking idiot.

Mark Alan Warburton

#### Pacific Rim

Reactions to an online story about the closure of two Pacific Place stalwarts, Grappa's and Dan Ryan's ("Solicitor Comes to Grappa's Defense Amid Pacific Place Closure," March 17):

Very sad. I've been going there for their penne arugosta since 1996 when I first moved from London to HK.

Peter Lee

Fondest memories is of Grappa's ravioli in burnt butter with a glass of Italian red wine, the best. Big shame it's closing and Big Shame on you Swire for letting them go.

Anna Goodman

HK landlords don't give a s\*\*t about sentimentality. Its all about the money. Period.

Ian Beaver

I have sentimental memories at Grappa Pacific Place...may not be my favorite Italian resto in HKG but is an establishment! Swire Group please consider a good business tenant not to mention sentimental value!

Morgan Maggie

WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO OUR CHILDHOOD.

Laura Yim

Dan Ryan's is a historic place there for many expats who have come and gone and who often come back to just visit the place. I can't imagine the logic behind their decision....except perhaps greed.

Byron N. Glasscock

The lunacy behind decisions to "cast off" iconic businesses is unfathomable. When I first came to Hong Kong to live, Dan Ryan's was my Saturday morning home. I have many fond memories at a thriving business frequented by a plethora of patrons. The management of PP needs to go, not hard working diligent businesses whom perform the multiple acts of serving good food, offering a great place to meet and in fact as iconic as Happy Valley raceway...please let common sense prevail.

Raymond Guy

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#### Fog For Days

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**Thursday 3/31**

## Get Happier

Upgrade from the usual Happy Wednesday ritual to this Thursday version: Happy Valley Racecourse is hosting its first-ever Happy Thursday race night. But it's not just horse racing: You'll also get to check out a McLaren supercar or two, and get a sneak preview of the incoming Formula E racecars as you test your driving skills on a virtual circuit.

**6-10pm. Happy Valley Racecourse, Happy Valley.**

**Friday 3/25**

## Way to Broadway

Good news, musical theater geeks—you no longer need to fly all the way to New York for your fix of showtunes. Check out Opera Hong Kong's **Broadway Extravaganza**, which brings us 19 Broadway classics from seven musicals. Expect hits from "Les Mis," "The King and I," "West Side Story" and more.

**7:30pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$150-350 from urbtix.hk.**

**Saturday 3/26**

## If These Walls Could Talk

The walls are alive in Sham Shui Po. HKwalls and Vans have teamed up in celebration of street art and skater culture, proudly insisting that art doesn't just happen in Central galleries in Central. The **Street Art Festival**, which ends today, offers an art-filled walk through Sham Shui Po, with work from local and international artists alike.

**Through Mar 26. Cheung Sha Wan Rd. to Lai Chi Kok Rd. and Boundary St. to Nam Cheong St., Sham Shui Po. Free, hkwalls.org.**

**Sunday 3/27**

## The Reel Deal

Don't miss the last day of the **Reel Women Hong Kong Film Festival**, an event dedicated to female-featured films. Jersey Tsang's documentary "Flowing Stories" (Mar 27, 12:30pm) is a journey into her roots as she examines tradition and family bonds. The director herself will make an appearance at a post-screening Q&A session.

**Through Mar 27. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St., Yau Ma Tei. \$70 from cinema.com.hk.**

**Monday 3/28**

## Easter, With Tapas

Start a new tradition this Easter with an optimistic twist: Forget about Jesus and dive straight into the **free-flow tapas brunch** at The Optimist. It's not quite divine intervention, but it's close.

**Mar 25-28. The Optimist, 239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai. From \$348, plus \$180 for free flow, theoptimist.hk.**



**Tuesday 3/29**

## Kowloon Cool

Photographer John Chee recaptures his childhood home in one of the oldest neighborhoods of Hong Kong in this new exhibition. "**My Father's Kowloon City**" takes us on a tour of his family history and the last walled village in Kowloon, right under the shadow of Lion Rock.

**Through Apr 3. Stone Houses, 133 Junction Rd., Kowloon City. johnchee.us/kowlooncity.**

**Wednesday 3/30**

## Taste the Debris

French art-resto Bibo hosts "**Debris**," an homage to Portuguese artist Vhils in tasting menu form. It's an eclectic set of colorful courses created by Chef Mutaro Balde, with original cocktails by mixologist Timothy Chung, all under walls adorned with 20 of Vhils' own artworks.

**Through Apr 17. Noon-3:30pm, 5pm-1am. 163 Hollywood Rd., Sheung Wan, 2956-3188. \$1,250, bibo.hk.**

**Friday 4/1**

## Friday Thaiday

Celebrate Friday with your iron-livered pals: **Moon Thai's happy hour** gets you selected spirits for \$7 each in the first seven minutes of every hour, then buy-one-get-one-free for the rest of it. You can also draw a card that decides what you pay for free-flow Thai snacks, from \$8 up to \$48.

**4-7pm. Moon Thai, 2/F, Holiday Inn Express Hong Kong, 83 Jervois St., Sheung Wan, 2851-1288.**

**Saturday 4/2**

## Pretty Dang Cool

On Saturday night, Le Tambour on Peel Street is inviting patrons to drink for a cause: at **How Cool is That?!** they'll match every drink you buy (\$55) with a hot meal for the homeless in Hong Kong. Whether your poison is wine, beer or shots, you can drink away in the warm fuzzy knowledge that you're making another person's night as well.

**7pm-midnight. Le Tambour, 52A Peel St., Central.**

**Coming Up**

## Down Th-under

Girls and gays, go crazy for the outback exports that are the **Thunder from Down Under Asia Tour 2016**, a troupe of burly dancers who'll lose their clothes and inhibitions for one steamy Aussie night.

**Apr 3, 7pm and 9:30pm. Theatre 1, HKCEC, Wan Chai. \$480-680 from hkticketing.com.**



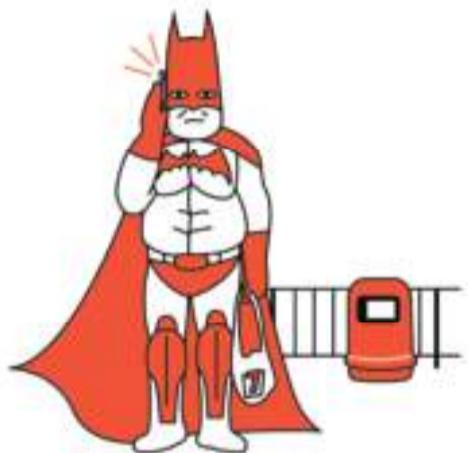
## Last Week In Reality

SAT 12

**Losing Focus** At around 1pm, a man taking a photo on Lion Rock loses his footing and falls from the cliff. The man tries to grab hold of the vegetation around him to slow his fall, without success. A hiker who sees the accident calls the police, who arrive with the Fire Services Department. They find that the man had fallen 150 meters and pronounce him dead at the scene.

SUN 13

**Cent Sure** A photo of a restaurant menu goes viral. It consists of 11 lunch items, all of which are in \$0.80 increments. Netizens wonder if the owner is hoping to make some extra cash by counting on patrons who would rather the restaurant keep the change, since many outlets in Hong Kong do not accept 10 and 20-cent coins. Other netizens wonder if the owner is just trying to offload all his 10 and 20-cent coins.



MON 14

**Batsightings** A photo of a man dressed as Batman walking down the middle of a road in San Hui, Tuen Mun, goes viral. Netizens observe that man in the costume is too short and is not fit enough to be the superhero. Another speculates that the hero had forgotten where he had parked his Batmobile, and he must have been looking for it. Meanwhile in the New Territories, a man dressed as Batman is also spotted, standing by a black sports car. It appears to have broken down: The costumed hero is seen talking on the phone and checking over the vehicle.

TUE 15

**Grave Beliefs** Two 20 year-old men plead guilty in court to causing criminal damage after destroying and urinating on 151 golden pagodas in a burial ground for indigenous villagers in Tin Shui Wai. The men claim they did so out of the belief that they would anger the spirits, which would in turn bring them good fortune.

WED 16

**Fin Fun** A man in charge of a shark's fin wholesaler discovers that his office and warehouse have been burgled. He estimates that \$5,000 worth of mid-priced shark's fin has been stolen, along with \$3,000 worth of alcohol, but he is relieved to find that the more expensive varieties of fins have not been touched.

THU 17

Illustrations: Joyce Kwok



FRI 18

**Bad Manners** In a video uploaded on Facebook, a man films and berates a woman on a KMB bus for ignoring the rules by consuming food on public transport. The woman calmly continues eating, pointing out that she is doing so in a clean and well-mannered fashion. She adds that the cameraman is putting himself in danger by standing up on the upper deck to film her, and is bothering other passengers. Reactions are mixed online, with some insisting that rules should be followed, and others criticizing the man for his lack of tolerance.

MON 14

**Bus Auntie** An older woman boards a bus and takes out a pile of toilet paper, waving it around and causing dust to fly everywhere. A pregnant lady sitting opposite her sneezes and asks her to stop. The older woman responds by calling her a bitch. The man sitting next to the pregnant lady chimes in, asking the older woman to stop, but the woman points at the pregnant lady and says loudly that the unborn child is the offspring of a feral dog. Feeling faint, the pregnant lady calls an ambulance, and just as she is about to leave her seat the woman blocks her way with a cart. Other passengers push the cart away and tell the woman to shut up as the bus pulls over to wait for the ambulance.

## Quote of the Week

**"Hong Kong has been a part of China since ancient times."**

Chief Executive CY Leung responds after University of Hong Kong student magazine Undergrad suggests that Hong Kong will need to decide whether to become an independent country when the Basic Law expires in 2047.

## Talking Points

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

### Are Gay Rights Screwed?

Dr. York Chow will not be serving a second term as Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) chairman when his term ends this month. Earlier this year, the EOC published a study on legislating against discrimination based on sexual and gender identity. Some pan-democratic lawmakers and LGBT groups suspect that **Chow's overt support for sexual minorities as EOC chairman might have affected his chances of reappointment**. Chow's successor, Professor Alfred Chan, chairman of the Elderly Commission and Lingnan University professor, was chosen out of some 140 candidates. Chan is known for his more conservative stance: During a 2014 interview, Chan lamented the "**corruption of family values in Hong Kong**".

**Our take:** It's good news for the elderly, at least?

### City Mourns 7-Eleven Murder

The people of Hong Kong have come together to raise money for the family of 7-Eleven owner Cheng Ka-pui, who was fatally stabbed on March 8 at his Yau Ma Tei store, by a man who tried to steal crisps and chocolate milk. He succumbed to his injuries in a hospital intensive care unit on March 14. **Eight hours after an emergency relief fund was launched on March 16, more than \$1.6 million had been raised**. People also offered flowers at the store in memory of its 38-year old owner. Cheng's widow released a statement **expressing her gratitude to Hongkongers for their overwhelming care and support** and reflecting on the city's compassion. The couple had just welcomed the birth of their son. The police have classified the incident as murder and theft.

**Our take:** Sometimes Hongkongers just warm our hearts.



Illustration: Elaine Tang



## Street Talk

Bridge to Success Education is a new social enterprise that offers free tutorials to kids from low-income families using money earned from making tutorial referrals. Its founders, first-year HKU medical students **Alan Tsang, Joshua Yim** and **Adrian Cheung** (L-R), tell Stephanie Tsui what it takes to be teen entrepreneurs.

**HK Magazine:** How did you start offering free tutorials to kids?

**Joshua Yim:** When I was in Form 4, I joined a volunteer program where I had to tutor kids from low-income families in Sham Shui Po. I felt disrespected at first because the kids would swear and fight in class, but, over time, we bonded and I realized they needed more than just academic support. They needed someone to confide in and look up to. That was when I decided I wanted to continue reaching out to underprivileged kids. Adrian and Alan showed interest when I brought up the idea while we were studying together after a tutorial session.

**Adrian Cheung:** I met a child with ADHD while volunteering to help schoolchildren with their homework. At first, he wasn't able to sit still at all, so I tried to coax him with snacks and drinks. It worked. At the end he was able to complete and turn in all of his homework, which really surprised his teacher. That made me realize the importance of helping children uncover their potential.

**Alan Tsang:** I have visited kids living in subdivided flats, and the bed is pretty much the only place they can eat and do their homework. I wanted to do something to get them out of their situation.

**HK:** Aren't med students busy enough already?

**AC:** We plan our time wisely. Our professor, Yuen Kwok-yung, once told us that a work-life balance is possible, as long as we use the time we would normally use for procrastination for things that actually matter.

**JY:** People say in university that there are five things you must do: study, date, take on student leadership roles, stay in a dorm, and get a part-time job. But I think it is more important to find your focus, and prioritize. Most of my time goes to studying and running our social enterprise.

**AT:** We actually spent all of reading week promoting our service at eight universities.

We got around 400 responses—about two thirds are for our tutorial referral services, and the others just want to volunteer. The commission we earn from our referral services goes to the nominal fees for our volunteer tutors. We need 14 referral commissions to cover each volunteer tutor's nominal fee for six months of weekly sessions. More than 20 low-income students have signed up with us, but, right now, we can only afford to support around four of them.

**JY:** Finding resources can get difficult, and people can be discouraging. But the way I see it is, even if you fail, you'll still learn something.

**HK:** What are your main takeaways from this experience?

**JY:** Don't give yourself excuses. Start-ups aren't easy, and it's tempting to give up. In a place like Hong Kong, where many parents think their kids need to become lawyers or doctors to lead stable lives, it's like we're programmed to live out other people's expectations. That said, even when I become a doctor, I want to innovate.

**AC:** Our parents' wishes could be one reason why the three of us ended up studying medicine. In a way, we may be following the crowd, but what we do in the meantime is up to us.

**AT:** A friend once said that in addition to establishing a career, you have to find something else to fall back on. While my career goal is to become a doctor, I want to be doing something else that can keep me feeling positive when the going gets tough.

**AC:** Sure, it's important to stick to your goals, but you should also care about how your loved ones feel about them. After all, you need their support to fulfil your dreams.

**Want to become a volunteer tutor for BTS Education? Contact Joshua, Adrian and Alan through their website, [bts-edu.com.hk](http://bts-edu.com.hk), or on [facebook.com/bts197](https://facebook.com/bts197).**

## Blowing Water

吹水 (*chui sui*), v. Cantonese slang. To chat, bullshit.

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"LICK THING"

"To be screwed." Originally a euphemism for cunnilingus; now also means a messed-up situation.

## HongKabulary



### Centralese (səntrəlīz), n.

Hong Kong-specific business-speak.

*"Please kindly note that we would like to double-confirm your booking."*

*"Well-received with thanks, and allow me to compliment your Centralese. Brgds."*

# SPRING AWAKENING

The world is blooming, the smell of fresh flowers is in the air and you're starting to emerge again from your winter cocoon... Reinvent yourself this spring with 30 awesome things to do around the city. By **HK Staff**

## For the INSATIABLE GLUTTON

Tired of staring longingly at your friends' gorgeous food shots on Instagram while you schlep around at home with a cold plate of spaghetti? Reinvent yourself as a knowledgeable foodie this spring with some delicious fun.



Through Mar 31

### For God's Sake

Sakura cherry blossom season is here, and Harbour City is celebrating all things spring and Japanese with themed exhibitions and a pop-up "Sake & Food" tavern offering over 100 types of sake and special dishes. Other attractions include wagyu beef and sake pairings at several Harbour City restaurants, and the first overseas exhibit of "Sake x Manga" featuring 22 manga artists' custom-designed bottles for the Ishikawa Brewery. Harbour City, 3-27 Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2118-8666, harbourcity.com.hk.

Apr 21

### Going Dutch

Get your bitterballen on at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce's **Taste of Holland** food festival, where you'll get to taste the best of Dutch snacks and wines, from cheeses to smoked fish to Dutch veal. There'll also be copious amounts of wine and beer to wash down all the snacks. Sounds gouda to us...

7pm. Public, 37/F, One Island East, 18 Westlands Rd., Quarry Bay. \$380 from dutchchamber.hk.

May 12-24

### Charity Chefs

What makes swallowing forkfuls of crème brûlée and vanilla panna cotta even sweeter? Doing it all in the name of charity. Epicureans can satisfy their quest for fine foods while contributing to a cause at the 24th **Great Chefs of Hong Kong**, the annual fundraising event of children's special needs charity Heep Hong Society. The festival features 40 top F&B establishments serving up signature dishes buffet-style to a guest list of Hong Kong celebrities, socialites, epicureans... and you. \$880 for general entry up, \$1,980 for the Star Chefs. Plus experience with private dining from 10 chefs. heephong.org/greatchefs.

May

### Mange Tout

No one makes eating a gustatory art form quite like the French. **Le French Gourmay** celebrates all things delicious in French cuisine, from the basics of good butter and bread to fine ingredients like foie gras and escargot, and of course, wine as far as the eye can see. Celebrating a distinct gastronomic and wine region of France each year, this year we delve into the Alsace region, highlighting the idyllic valley's unique terroir, distinctive "flute"-shaped bottles and German-influenced cuisine. Ever had a baeckeoffe or a flammekueche? We haven't either, but it sure sounds like something to impress your new foodie friends with...

Sample Alsace wines and dishes at more than 100 restaurants participating across Hong Kong. frenchgourmay.com.

Every Sunday

### Market Daze

Love sampling homegrown produce and hanging out with artisanal F&B vendors? The **Tong Chong**

**Street Market** reopens this month after successfully launching last fall at Taikoo Place. The family-friendly marketplace is a one-stop shop for baked goods, homemade jams, organic produce and signature dishes from up-and-coming eateries. The market runs every Sunday, giving local farmers and budding culinary talent a chance to spread the sustainable love.

Through Jun 12. 11am-5pm. Taikoo Place, Tong Chong St., Quarry Bay, tongchongstreetmarket.com.

## For the PARTY ANIMAL

Dry January is long gone, and along with it your hopes of leading a more virtuous year in 2016. Ditch the detox diets and raid the liquor cabinet instead before heading to one of these fist-pumping soirees.



Live la vie en rosé

Apr 22-23

### Cliché Reception

Celebrating its fourth birthday this spring, Hong Kong label and party brand **Cliché Records** is throwing a weekend bash, featuring a Friday party at Kee Club. Headliners include the legendary Chicago House DJ Rahaan and German DJ ND Baumecker of famed Berghain Club's Panorama Bar, bringing a touch of Berlin techno to town. All this is followed by an after party at Bassment with German DJs Dustin and Konstantin, founders of house and dub techno label Giegling.

Apr 22, 10pm. Kee Club, 32 Wellington St., Central. \$150 from [ticketflap.com/clicheanniversary](http://ticketflap.com/clicheanniversary), \$250 at the door; both include one tequila drink. Apr 23, 11pm. Bassment, LG/F, 13 Lyndhurst Terrace, Central, \$150 at the door.

Apr 23

### Bar Brawl

If you've ever wondered what playing The Amazing Race while boozed up would be like, **The Great Hong Kong Bar Race** is the place to find out. In teams of four, you'll be tasked with solving riddles to decipher the names of five watering holes across Hong Kong Island, where you'll meet further challenges—the first seven teams to win get fabulous prizes, from bottles of bubbly to restaurant vouchers. All money raised will be donated to the Love 21 Foundation, which supports those with Down syndrome and autism in Hong Kong. Contestants must wear mismatched socks, a symbol for the Down syndrome community. Best sock game wins a dinner for two at Kinsale!

3pm at The White Stag, 54 Lockhart Rd., Wan Chai. \$1,200 for teams of four (\$1,000 early bird) from [active.com/the-great-hong-kong-bar-race-2016](http://active.com/the-great-hong-kong-bar-race-2016).

May 7

### Yay, Rosé

Rosé lovers can get their fix of the pink bubbly on Mother's Day weekend at the return of the **Rosé Revolution**, a rosé wine festival making its first stop in Hong Kong before moving on to Singapore, Shanghai and Macau. Sip from 25 different types of rosé from international winemakers, wash it down with a sausage sizzle barbecue on the lawn, and do it all over again. Groups of four can get in on a yum cha group ticket offer, and VIP ticketholders get a premium rosé cocktail as well as VIP lounge access.

1-7pm. Whisky@Stables, Hullett House, 1881 Heritage, 2A Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$200-450 from [ticketflap.com/roserevolution2016hk](http://ticketflap.com/roserevolution2016hk); \$1,800 for four for dim sum and rosé at Loong Toh Heen with access to Rosé Revolution.

May 14

### Sexy Cinema

Gooooood Secrets is back with another secret cinema event, this time celebrating the mighty orgasm (the second coming, if you will). Looking to revive erotic film in Hong Kong, at **Orgasmo** an "unthinkable place" will be transformed into a pop-up cinema seating a thousand people. On the bill: a surprise steamy classic. To warm you up for the main event, French choreographer Alice Rensy will be performing a dance piece, apparently involving a few ropes. You can also catch a workshop on erotic art on Apr 2.

7:30pm. Secret location. \$200 from [goooooodstore.com](http://goooooodstore.com); half of ticket sales will go to the Hong Kong Aids Foundation.

## Top Five Must-Have Spring Flings

1. **The existentially draining Tinder date** where you're both just going through the boring motions 'cause, well, there's nothing left to watch on Netflix.
2. **Someone super rich** who will finally take you to Robuchon, Amber and 8 1/2 Otte e Mezzo Bombana.
3. **That person who lives in Shenzhen/Macau/Yuen Long** and you hooked up with once but who suddenly texts "Sup, free this weekend?"
4. **The guy you crush on at the gym**, before you realize that he's actually more interested in his own body than yours.
5. **The poorly advised torrid liaison** with the co-worker you've been lustng after for months, leading to months of recrimination and at least one uncomfortable meeting with HR.

### Club Bros Unite!

Get those hands up for spring's big-name Macau DJ gigs.

#### Paul Oakenfold at Pacha

It's trance time!  
Apr 9, 9pm. \$300 from [pachamacau.com/en/events](http://pachamacau.com/en/events).

#### Afrojack at Pacha

Electro house nuts, remember to stretch.  
Apr 16, 9pm. \$300-400 from [pachamacau.com/en/events](http://pachamacau.com/en/events).

#### Jason Derulo at Club Cubic

Wiggle wiggle wiggle to Cubic's 5th birthday.  
Apr 9, 10pm-midnight for invites only, open to the public after midnight.  
\$450 from [cubic-cod.com](http://cubic-cod.com), \$600 at the door.

#### Lil Jon at Pacha

As the saying goes: Turn down for what?  
May 13, 9pm. \$250-350 from [pachamacau.com/en/events](http://pachamacau.com/en/events), includes one drink.

# For the SENSITIVE SOUL

Is spring making you dream of sunshine, flowers and butterflies? With the world bathed in a golden light, it's time to go all hippie and tap into your creative side with some arts and music fun.

**Start your collection at the Affordable Art Fair**



# For the FITNESS FANATIC

Is your new year's resolution to work out five times a week losing steam? Pick up the pace and incorporate a healthy dose of extra exercise with these workout sessions.

**Apr 3**

## Silent Downward Dog

Get away from the hustle and bustle of city life at this outdoor vinyasa **Sunset Silent Disco Yoga** class. Every participant will receive guidance from Yoga Room instructor Nora through a pair of illuminated wireless headphones, against a background of pulsing, disco-inspired music. Who says group classes can't be personal?

**5:45-7pm. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park, 18 Eastern St. North, Sai Ying Pun. \$150 from eventbrite.hk.**

**Apr 8-10**

## Heyyyy, Heyyy Baby

'Tis the season for Hong Kong's biggest social—er, sporting event! Join 119,999 other spectators at the 41st **Hong Kong Rugby Sevens**, where 16 teams will contest the HSBC SWS core team competition and an additional 12 will vie for a spot in the 2017 international series. This year, Fiji are the defending champions, and Cayman Islands will be making their debut. Don't miss the Apr 6 kick-off concert featuring The Proclaimers and Abba tribute band Björn Again (Sevens Village, \$199 from ticketflap.com); the Women's Rugby Sevens on Apr 7-8 (King's Park Sports Ground, Jordan, free); and the Hong Kong Tens at the Hong Kong Football Club from Apr 6-7.

Tickets available from viagogo.com, from \$529.

Visit [hksevens.com](http://hksevens.com) and [hongkongtens.com](http://hongkongtens.com) for more info.

**Apr 3**

## Sustaining Hipsters

Most of us missed the last **Sustainable Fest** back in January due to the insufferable cold weather, but don't worry: It's back for the second time this year. This festival features music, art and workshops dedicated to living your life more sustainably. It's the perfect spring weekend for any self-respecting hipster.

**Noon-8pm. Cattle Depot Artist Village, 63 Ma Tau Kok Rd., Ma Tau Wai, sustainablefest.org. Free.**

**Apr 17**

## Ring a Bell?

World-renowned violinist **Joshua Bell** will be in town to collaborate with pianist Alessio Bax. The program will feature classics including Vitali's Chaconne in G Minor, as well as Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 9 in A.

**8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$250-650 from urbtix.hk.**

**May-June**

## May Qui

**Le French May** arts festival returns this year with the theme "Dreams and Wonders." With classical concerts, film screenings, ballet, theater and art, there are enough French arts events to pad out not one month, but TWO. *Plus ça change...*

Check out the full lineup at [frenchmay.com](http://frenchmay.com).

**May 4-Jul 11**

## Must Be the Monet

Need some Monet in your life? Go check out the French impressionist's masterpieces at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum's **Claude Monet: The Spirit of Place**. This exhibition will feature over 16 of Monet's most emblematic artworks including the famous water lilies of "Nympheas."

**Hong Kong Heritage Museum, 1 Man Lam Rd., Sha Tin, \$10-20 at the door.**

**Apr 16**

## Boot Camp Baby

If you're hoping to find a drill instructor to yell at you to drop and give him 20, then the **Luxenova Urban Bootcamp** isn't for you. Here, it's all about getting to the core of what's separating you from your fitness goals: your mind. Coach Stephanie Luo will take you on a journey of mindfulness as you set new health and fitness goals. If juice cleanses and weight training aren't working for you, this might be just what you need.

**2:30-5:30pm. Luxe Nova Lifestyle Studio, 9F, V Plus, 68 Wellington St., Central. \$578 by Apr 12 from eventbrite.hk.**

**Apr 18-Jul 9**

## Bikini Bods

Mark your calendars, girls: the new **Bikini Fit** cycle starts mid-April. Six sessions Mon-Sat for 12 weeks may sound like things could get repetitive, but Bikini Fit switches it up with barbells, kettlebells, weight plates, ropes, TRX and more. Fitness aside, Bikini Fit experts also provide guidance on nutrition, stress, hormones, and even bloodwork. Sessions occur in parks around Hong Kong, but don't worry: you don't actually have to work out in a bikini (unless you want to).

**6:15-7am; 7:15-8am. Various locations. \$795 for each week of the cycle.**

**Through May**

## Pacific Terrific

Tiki bar Mahalo has paired up with fitness booking app GuavaPass and Hawaiian hotspot Pololi to bring us **Move with the Pacific**, a series of yoga and dance classes held every Sunday through the end of May. Next up: Hawaiian/Tahitian/Beach Dance on Apr 3. Your ticket includes a smoothie or coconut water and a poke bowl lunch set from Pololi for your post-workout meal—redeemable within two weeks of the class.

**Sundays, 3pm. Mahalo Tiki Lounge, 29/F QRE Plaza, 202 Queen's Rd. East, Wan Chai. \$350 per session (\$300 early bird) from eventbrite.hk.**

**May 7-Jun 25**

## Snapping the Blues

See how French photographer Romain Jacquet-Lagrèze captures Hong Kong in blue in his latest exhibition, **The Blue Moment**, at the very appropriately named Blue Lotus Gallery. Capturing the fleeting moment when the city is lit by street lights beneath a daytime sky, his monochromatic images are mesmerizing, melancholy and beautiful all at once.

**Blue Lotus Gallery, 1606 Chai Wan Industrial City, Phase 1, 60 Wing Tai St., Chai Wan.**

**May 13-15**

## Cheap Art

Didn't get enough of art madness this month? You won't have to wait long to get your art fix again as the **Affordable Art Fair** returns in May, featuring paintings for sale that are slightly less damaging to your bank account. Best for those who are new to collecting, this art fair offers an easy and fun introduction to the city's art scene.

**HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, affordableartfair.com. \$80-150.**

**May 19-20**

## Fully Philly

The legendary **Philadelphia Orchestra** is in town for two nights. The program includes Brahms' Symphony No. 2 and Beethoven's String Quartet in F-minor "Serioso." We're hoping for a team-up with the HK Phil just so we can say it's a HK-Philly-HK-Phil gig.

**8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$300-1,250 from urbtix.hk.**



# For the SHOPAHOLIC

It's not spring if you don't have a brand new wardrobe to flaunt. Whether you're planning a tropical getaway or just want to impress at the office, reinvent your look at these spring shopping events.



Through Mar 31

## Always Be Selling

Hunting for quirky accessories to jazz up your life? The Hong Kong-designed goods at the **HKTDC Design Gallery's Spring Sale** will keep you happy. Get passport holders made of recycled newspaper, watches made from recycled cans, and Hong Kong memorabilia that's just on the right side of kitsch.

**Various locations including Units HG07-09, G/F, Block B, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central, Hong Kong**

Through Mar 31

## Popping Gum

Known for its crossovers with fashion brands and restaurants, design store **GumGumGum** is rolling out a pop-up outlet store featuring international designer brands and all things cool for slashed prices—think one-of-a-kind sneakers for up to 90 percent off. Shop away!

**Mon-Sun, noon-10pm. Fashion Walk, G/F, 8-10 Cleveland St., Causeway Bay.**

Through Apr 3

## Van the Man

Skate brand Vans celebrates its 50th anniversary this spring with a series of worldwide **House of Vans** celebrations. Kicking off a collab with the annual HKwalls Street Art Festival in Sham Shui Po, House of Vans will offer a bunch of "Off The Wall" creative workshops to show off its street culture heritage. Head to the "Customization Station" to personalize your tee, or make your own pinhole camera with laser cut pieces by Dimension+.

**124-126 Cheung Sha Wan Rd., Sham Shui Po, vans.com.hk.**

Apr 3, May 1

## Super Sai Kung

The **Sai Kung Sunday Market** makes a comeback this spring, with over 50 vendors showcasing organic produce and handmade home décor. Shower your shopping basket with homemade goodies, with part of the proceeds going to Catherine's Puppies. Redecorate AND save a pup? We're there.

**11am-5pm, Hong Kong Academy, 33 Wai Man Rd., Sai Kung.**

Apr 10 and May 8

## Made in DB

Set against a seaside backdrop, **Handmade Hong Kong Discovery Bay Sunday Market** is filled with vendors selling everything from handmade soaps to locally made ceramics. You'll get a free ferry ride back to Central if you spend \$120 at any of the thirteen D'Deck restaurants in the Plaza.

**11am-6pm. Discovery Bay Plaza, Discovery Bay, Lantau, handmadehongkong.com.**



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12 Chak Cheung Street, Shatin, Hong Kong

# THE HKSEVENS SURVIVAL GUIDE

Can you believe that the HKSevens Rugby Week is upon us already? The Sevens returns to the city for the 41st time on April 8-10. The Hong Kong tournament remains the largest event in the HSBC Sevens World Series calendar, in which 16 international teams, including defending champion Fiji, will go head to head in hopes of becoming the HSBC Sevens World Series Champion.

Of course the week isn't just about the games. It's time to plan for an entire week of awesome fun—and here's a full list of what to do.



## CENTER OF ATTENTION

Didn't manage to score tickets to the tournament? Fear not: head to Chater Garden for HKSevens Central, where the Hong Kong Rugby Union takes the world's best Sevens party to the streets. From Wednesday to Sunday, the garden will be transformed into a bustling rugby paradise with a range of community activities, live entertainment and a variety of food and drinks. Catch the games and all the stadium action on the big screen during the tournament weekend and share the Sevens excitement with your fellow rugby fiends. You might also get to meet your favorite team, as some of them visit the party to sign autographs and hang out with fans. Best of all? It's completely free!

**Apr 6-10, various times. Chater Garden, Central, free.**

**WED, APR 6, 10AM-4PM**

**THU, APR 7, 10AM-5PM**

**FRI, APR 8, 12:30-9:30PM**

**SAT, APR 9, 9AM-7:30PM**

**SUN, APR 10, 9:30AM-7:30PM**



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## HOFF TO A GREAT START

What better way to kickstart the crazy weekend than an ass-kicking HKSevens Kick-off Concert? "Baywatch" legend and recording artist David Hasselhoff will be warming up the crowd the Wednesday evening before the games, alongside Scots rockers The Proclaimers and ABBA tribute band Björn Again. Are you ready for the Hoff? Sure you are.

**Apr 6, 5-11pm. Sevens Village, Indian Recreation Club, 63 Caroline Hill Rd., Causeway Bay, \$199 from ticketflap.com.**

## CALLING FOR CARNIES

Experience some carnival fun in the city's hottest party district—Lan Kwai Fong, of course! HKSevens will be throwing an awesome carnival on the streets of LKF on Tuesday before all the weekend action, so you can start your pre-game drinks with some live music. Don't forget to dress up for the occasion to meet and greet the HKSevens rugby ambassadors!

**Apr 5, 8-11pm. Lan Kwai Fong, Central, free.**



## THE RUGBY DOCTOR IS IN

Bring your little ones to the HKRU rugby clinic at HKSevens Central on Wednesday and Thursday, where a line-up of A-list Sevens ambassadors including rugby legends David Campese, Christian Cullen and Colin Gregor will be there to hand out a few pointers.

**Apr 6, 10am-4pm, Apr 7, 10am-5pm. Chater Garden, Central, free.**



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**Super Hide and Seek**

If you're checking out Art Central this weekend, don't forget to stop by the Cat Street Gallery's booth where they present "Future Past II" by Shanghai artist Jacky Tsai, who combines Chinese mythology with superheroes in his East-meets-West pop art. Can't make it this week? Head to the gallery's annex in Wong Chuk Hang after the fair.

Mar 23-26. Art Central, Central Harbourfront Event Space, 9 Lung Wo Rd., Central.

## FIT AND FLY

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## BIG BOOTY BEAUTIES

Whether you've been looking to get bikini ready for the summer or you've just watched one hip hop music video too many, you can't have escaped from the number one fitness obsession of the year: achieving a toned, round booty. Here are a few ways to get it done.



### Express Yourself

So you want to tone up, but you hate the gym. If you've ever dreamed of a way to condense effective exercising into as little time as possible, new-to-town fitness center **Body Express** might have answered those prayers with some unique technology. It's all done through a special vest. It might make you look like some kind of SWAT team member on a cardio check-up, but the idea is that you do low-impact exercises while the vest sends electrical impulse currents to stimulate the deep muscle layers. One apparent advantage of this is that it's easy on the joints and a great solution for those with injuries—but it also means less overall effort, because one 20-minute session is supposedly equal to five and a half hours of activity at the gym. So eat that extra egg tart: you've earned it.

**Trials through Mar 31 are free, online booking required. Sessions cost \$868, with packages starting from 26 sessions a year. Shop D, G/F, Sun Lee Building, 43-49 Wellington St., Central, 2801-6897, bodyexpress.hk.**

### Room In Those Jeans

After all that work, you've got to accentuate your new-found curves with the appropriate duds. Swedish online fitness apparel brand **One More Rep** ([onemorerep.se](http://onemorerep.se)) carries a revolutionary booty-hugging jean (on the left) that's all the rage with Instagram fitness bloggers. The Freddy WR.UP features slanted, higher-cut pockets for a rounder, perkier derriere. They don't come cheap, though: A pair of the most basic, workout-friendly low-cut pants start at SEK559 (\$530), and that's excluding shipping. So you'll want to consider whether you actually have the booty to fill those jeans before buying...

On the other end of the spectrum, if you've ever wanted to make your gams look slimmer (and who wouldn't?), Korean brand **Chuu** carries the popular -5kg collection (the two on the right): a line of skinny jeans that are supposed to make you look 5kg thinner. The slim-cut, mid-waist cigarette leg jeans come in a range of colors, and are also slightly easier on the wallet too, starting from \$295 from online store Something Sweet ([sthsweet.com](http://sthsweet.com)).



### Tip Top Form

Serious about toning your lady lumps? **TopFit**'s got your back—literally. The "Curves Ahead" sessions targeted at women are full of strength exercises using dumbbells, kettlebells, resistance bands, the prowler and more. The moves are designed to help you build up and pare down to highlight the natural curves in the female anatomy, from hamstrings, inner thighs, triceps, shoulders and core to, of course, the all-important glutes. Free trials are available: call to reserve a slot.

**From \$350/drop-in class. 3/F, The Wellington, 198 Wellington St., Central, 2776-7298, [top-fit.com](http://top-fit.com).**

### Shake Your Moneymaker

Say what you will about the scandalous dance move, you can't deny that twerking and wining (the move, not the alcohol) both require a certain stamina and glute strength to execute properly. Dancehall Queen Fraules Elena, a superstar of the twerk world who popularized the dance move through YouTube, recently came to Hong Kong and made girls go wild at a twerk workshop hosted at The Yard studio in San Po Kong. The event was organized by **Rootsider**, which hosts reggae dancehall classes every Saturday, 8-9:30pm. Keep an eye on this space for more special workshops to come.

[facebook.com/rootsriderowwo](http://facebook.com/rootsriderowwo),  
email organizer Ophey Sankofa Chan at [opheysankofachan@gmail.com](mailto:opheysankofachan@gmail.com) for details.

### Run the World

If you're feeling like a pair of Lululemons are out of your budget, Hong Kong fitness brand **Miss Runner** has a range of sport leggings to help you shape up and look good doing it. Founder Tania Cheung's kaleidoscopic designs are classy, kinda trippy, and also match well with their signature yoga mats. Our fave right now? The marble-patterned, monochrome Time Traveller set.

**Leggings \$390 from [missrunner.com](http://missrunner.com).**



## ESCAPE ROUTES

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From the wide expanse of open sea and sky right down to the kitschy dance parties and 2am chocolate buffets—is there anything not to love about cruises? If you can't afford to jet off to the Caribbean or Mediterranean, you can still sail off on one of these cruises departing from our fair shores.

**It Was All a Dream**

**Dream Cruises** bills itself as the first ever Asian luxury cruise line, and has just announced that reservations are open for its maiden voyage, departing on November 13. The massive cruise-liner will initially offer two-, five- and seven-night trips to picturesque destinations around Asia, from the crystal clear waters of Ha Long Bay, to Sanya, the "Hawaii of China," to the white sandy beaches and ancient sun-kissed structures of Nha Trang in Vietnam. Other ports include the buzzing city of Ho Chi Minh and day-trips within the Pearl River Delta.

If you're more concerned about luxury at sea, Dream Cruises' inaugural liner, the **Genting Dream**, is outfitted with enough bells and whistles to keep you occupied between shore trips. In addition to more than 35 restaurants and bars on board, the ship will house one of the world's largest Asian reflexology spas at sea, as well as six water slides, two submersibles, a ropes course, a rock climbing wall and of course plenty of live shows.

The ship fits 3,400 guests in total with the option of the "Dream Mansion" for those with deeper pockets—a "ship-within-a-ship" that's essentially two floors of upscale suites complete with private butler service. If you identify more with Jack than Rose, don't worry: you can still reside comfortably in the generous staterooms, 100 of which are built for families and larger groups.

**Seven-night cruises departing from Hong Kong start at \$14,095 from dreamcruiseline.com, 2317-7711, dreaminfo@gentinghk.com.**

**Fit for Royals**

**Royal Caribbean** is an industry veteran, so you can expect a certain level of service at sea, even on their lesser-known Asian cruise lines. The **Voyager of the Seas** departs from Hong Kong starting in June this year, with minimum five-day itineraries that will take you through Taipei, Sanya, Japan and Vietnam. Wave bon voyage to the office for the week and sail into the sunset on the full eight-day, seven-night itinerary, which detours at the beach town of Xiamen, China before taking you to explore Nagasaki and Okinawa in Japan.

With the few days at sea sprinkled in-between, you can wine and dine to your heart's content at the Windjammer Buffet, scarf down hotdogs at Johnny Rockets, or grab Ben & Jerry's ice cream and a cocktail at Sky Bar. In fact, with food everywhere you look and available 24/7, you'll probably be more concerned with holding off the pounds by participating in an onboard activity, from riding the waves on the patented "Flow Rider" surf stimulator to putting at mini golf. The kid-friendly cruise also includes a separate program for the little ones with a Fisher-Price toy room, music and arts classes, an onboard nursing service and giant playhouses.

**Eight-day, seven-night cruises departing from Hong Kong start at \$7,268 for an Interior Stateroom.**  
[royalcaribbean.com.hk](http://royalcaribbean.com.hk).

**Silver Surfer**

If you have a little more flexibility on your arrival port, you can hop onboard a **Silverseas** expedition, whose **Silver Shadow** liner departs from Hong Kong for 11- to 16-day itineraries ending in Singapore. This packed itinerary will take you on a fascinating exploration of Southeast Asia's crown jewels, from the limestone towers of Halong Bay to the ornate temples of Bangkok and the relaxed picturesque beaches of Koh Samui. Save a few days in Singapore at the end to enjoy the city's beautiful botanical gardens, and world-renowned street food and hawker markets.

Onboard the Silver Shadow, you'll find a much more intimate cruise experience, with the stately cruise-liner accommodating just 382 guests—so prepare to get cozy with your fellow passengers. Suites are spacious, with over 85 percent featuring private verandas, and personalized service is almost guaranteed by a near one-to-one ratio of crew to guests. There's also butler service available to all guests, and activities including fine wines and food tastings, chef workshops, guest lecturers and live entertainment for a true luxury-at-sea experience.

**11-day cruises start from \$4,545 with early booking from silversea.com.**



The Genting Dream makes waves



Visit the crystal clear waters of Okinawa



See Koh Samui sunsets at sea



Cruise to Ha Long Bay, one of the natural wonders of the world



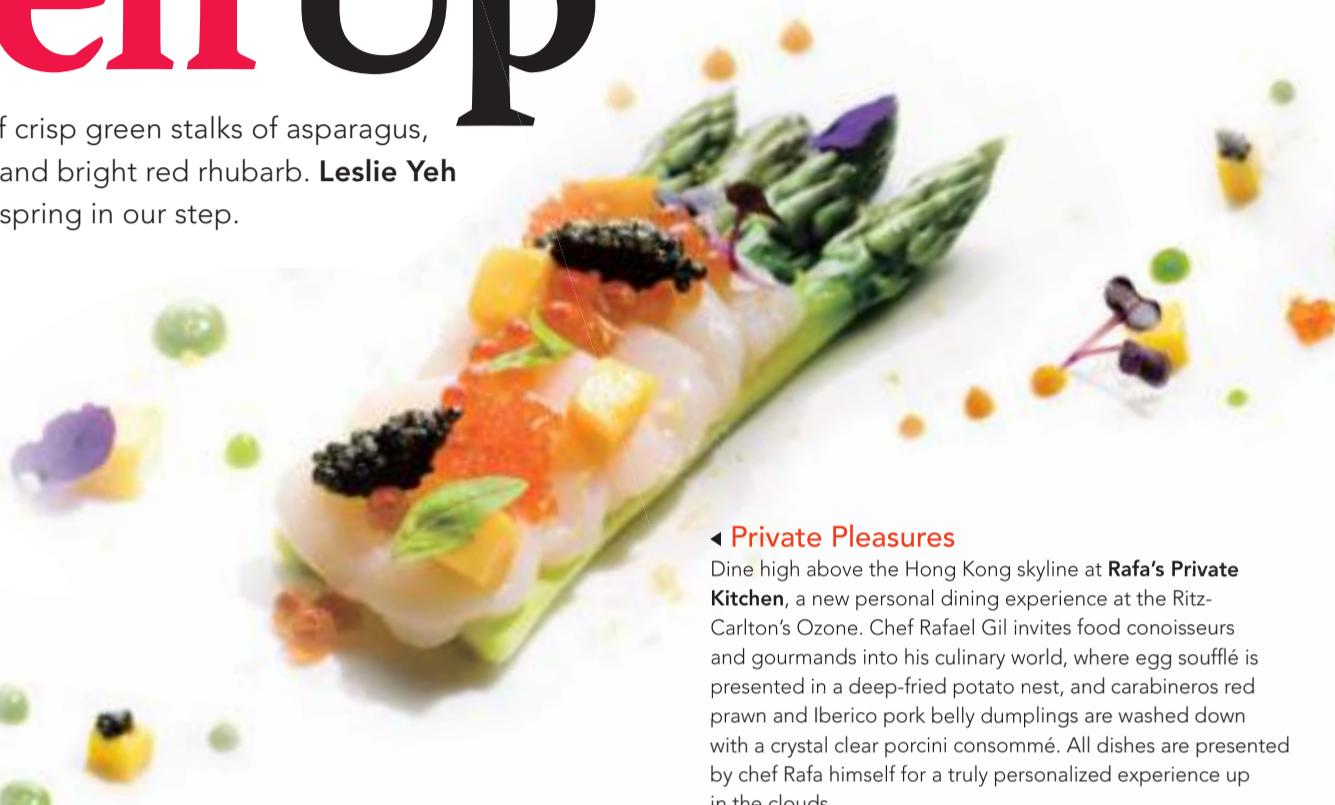
# Freshen Up

Cherry blossom season heralds the arrival of crisp green stalks of asparagus, plump sugar snap peas, sweet strawberries and bright red rhubarb. **Leslie Yeh** scours the city for the new menus putting a spring in our step.

## Seasons of Love

With beautiful plating and a focus on seasonality, Japanese kaiseki meals instantly evoke thoughts of spring and sakura blossoms. This art on a plate can be found at **Inakaya**, ICC's Japanese fine-dine that flaunts a spring kaiseki set with seasonal fish and crustaceans flown in from Japan. Savor the bird's eye view of the city atop the 101st floor while feasting on Sakura snapper—tender and juicy in the prime of its season—grilled greenlings, kinki fish, taraba crab and firefly squid. The lightly fried assorted tempura is a delicate ending to the meal, with Japanese clams, Chiba spring blossoms and sea urchin with shiso leaf all lightly battered and fried.

**Kaiseki sets start from \$900 per person.**  
Shop A, 101/F, ICC, 1 Austin Rd. West, 2972-2666.



## ◀ Private Pleasures

Dine high above the Hong Kong skyline at **Rafa's Private Kitchen**, a new personal dining experience at the Ritz-Carlton's Ozone. Chef Rafael Gil invites food connoisseurs and gourmands into his culinary world, where egg soufflé is presented in a deep-fried potato nest, and carabineros red prawn and Iberico pork belly dumplings are washed down with a crystal clear porcini consommé. All dishes are presented by chef Rafa himself for a truly personalized experience up in the clouds.

**\$900 per person, minimum four guests.** 118/F, The Ritz-Carlton, ICC, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, 2263-2270.

## ◀ A Rustic Spread

Focusing on simple, homemade dishes, **Rustico** is a notable dining destination in the up-and-coming Lai Chi Kok district. To celebrate spring, the cheery resto welcomes guest chef Hector Costa Fernandez to introduce a taste of Barcelona to dishes such as Spanish baby cuttlefish with sweet potato and crispy artichokes (\$138), "Caldereta" Catalan stew with lobster and clams (\$298), and red bell peppers stuffed with cod fish mousse (\$128, pictured left).

**Through Apr 30.** G01, G/F, D2 Place, 9 Cheung Yee St., Lai Chi Kok, 2743-4511.

## It's a Garden Party ▶

**Woobar** draws inspiration from Paris, "The City of Lights," with a French-themed afternoon tea complete with edible flowers and a spring-colored palette brushed with yellow, orange and green. The "Le Jardin" garden tea party is a breezy and elegant affair for two, so grab your BFF and sample dainty treats like vanilla custard kiwi tarts, green tea strawberry tarts, passion fruit and mango cheesecake—all with a glass of champagne in hand.

**Through Apr 30, Mon-Fri 2:30-6pm (\$418 for two), Sat-Sun 2-4pm or 4:30-6:30pm (\$268 per person).**  
1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, 3717-2889.



## Flower Power

What's a spring degustation without floral cocktails to pair? Prive Group's bartenders whip up spring-inspired cocktails to refresh the palate, from dainty libations at **Common Room** to Japanese-themed drinks at **Amazake**. The Violet Dream (\$115) at Common Room is sweet with crème de violette and maraschino cherry liquor, while the Summer Garden (\$115) packs a fruity punch with fragrant elderflower liqueur. At Amazake, wash down the DIY sushi platter (\$250) with the Sakura (\$110), a springtime blend of umeshu, cranberry and orange bitters.

**Common Room, 1/F, Wo On Building,**

**8-13 Wo On Lane, Central, 2525-3599.**

**Amazake, G/F, On Hing Building,**

**1 On Hing Terrace, Central, 2537-7787.**

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## NEW AND NOTED

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Simple French pleasures at Plat du Jour

## Dish of the Day

After opening successfully in Taikoo Place, Swire Restaurants has planted its second branch of friendly French bistro **Plat du Jour** (Shop 007, LG1/F, Pacific Place, 88 Queen's Road Central, Admiralty) in Pacific Place, complete with an original vintage Citroën truck out front that will act as a takeaway deli for coffee, croissants and snacks. The warm and welcoming vibe resonates from the cheery hanging glass lamps right down to the reasonably priced wines and generous portions, starting with the fantastic artisanal baguettes baked in-house, flour-dusted with a rustic, crunchy exterior and a fluffy interior. The menu (\$235 for two courses, \$275 for three), which was consulted on by David Laris, shows unusual restraint and simplicity from a chef who's more prone to excess, and we couldn't be happier: the classics are executed perfectly, from garlic and butter-drenched escargot to a luscious French onion soup thick with melted gruyère, and slow-stewed beef bourguignon.



Funky fried chicken at The Butcher's Club

## Carb Heaven

If you've already eaten your way through **Pirata's** (29-30/F, 239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai, 2887-0270) tantalizing menu of freshly made pastas, you'll be glad to know that they've added seven new items to sate your carb cravings. For starters, kick off the meal with a good-sized portion of air-dried Bresaola, dressed with cherry tomatoes, lemon oil and grana padano (\$130). The "liquid" parmesan ravioloni (\$180) is as decadent as it sounds, oozing with melted parm and butter, while the cannelloni (\$160) is just as grandma made (if grandma was Italian), with layers of spinach, ricotta and béchamel. If an injection of fresh seafood is what you need after heaping piles of pasta, opt for the Fisherman basket (\$390) full of monkfish, red prawns, scampi and mussels in a garlic and chili sauce.

## Cluckin' Good Chicken

Can't get enough of fried chicken and beer? Head to **Steak Frites by The Butcher's Club** (UG/F, 52-56 Staunton St., Central, 2858-9800) for their brand new all-you-can-eat Wednesday fried chicken nights: For \$250 per person, feast on unlimited plates of organic Australian fried Lilydale chicken, marinated overnight in buttermilk and fried in vats of duck fat for an extra-crunchy crispy coating. Only the dark-meat portions (thigh and leg) are served for incredibly juicy and tender meat, while sides of macaroni salad, fresh coleslaw and warm homemade biscuits break up the protein feast. Glug on free-flow cans of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer for a merry meal that's book-ended with a welcoming pickleback shot, and a warm chocolate brownie to cap off the night.

## RESTAURANT REVIEWS

## Picada ★★★★☆

Latin American. 16A Elgin St., Central, 2526-7538.



shrimp ceviche (\$65) was plump full of juicy fresh shrimp.

■ **MISS** The empanadas (\$85 for three) came out piping hot, but the fillings were uninspired, and the beef dry. The frijolada (\$128) bean stew was the biggest travesty—the beans themselves were hearty, but the dish severely under-seasoned. We dug around in the bean mush for any glimmer of flavor—which should have come from the chorizo and pork belly—but all we ended up with was mouthfuls of under-seasoned beans. Adding to the experience were the uncomfortable bar stools and the TV playing a documentary about landfills—as if close-ups of garbage are anyone's idea of good mealtime entertainment.

■ **BOTTOM LINE** Picada delivers on heart and soul, but they seem to have jumped the gun by opening before getting a firm footing on the details. Let's just hope they shape up in time—and maybe switch the TV channel.

**Open daily noon-3pm,  
6pm-midnight. \$\$**

Can a bar with only seven items on the menu really be considered a restaurant? Whatever Picada is, we're hoping it can deliver more substance-wise before it finds itself on the SoHo restaurant chopping block.

■ **HIT** Picada is one of those places you want to love—it's an independent bar/resto started by three friends that promises authentic Latin American bites with a side of hospitality. The servers are certainly friendly, and the barebones menu delivers a few gems: The yuca frites (\$45) were an interesting variation on potato fries with two delicious mojo dipping sauces, and the

## The Drunken Pot ★★★★☆

Hotpot. 2/F, 8 Observatory Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2321-9038.



This hip and modern resto serves a range of creative pots in a colorful and funky environment.

■ **HIT** We opted for The Drunken Pot (\$328), their signature hotpot divided into five compartments—each holding a unique broth. Upon serving, the server poured sake onto the seafood-stuffed papaya in the middle, then promptly lit it on fire—the perfect #foodporn moment, if you have your camera phone handy. Our favorite broth was the Sichuan-style one, liberally seasoned with a handful of numbing spices

that created a tasty addition to the meat and seafood without overwhelming the original taste. The premium Angus beef chunk (\$238 for a large portion) was evenly marbled with a strong beefy flavor that stood up well to the more intense broths, and we couldn't get enough of the juicy squid ink sausages (\$58).

■ **MISS** Although we loved two out of the five broths (the Sichuan and the papaya), the other three were not as memorable. The crab and clams soup and the squid ink seafood soup tasted quite similar, while the Chiu Chow-style satay soup was way too thick. Also, the alcohol in the papaya broth mostly evaporated after the fire, so expect a rather sober version or splurge on additional sake bombs (\$25) if you want an actual drunken pot.

■ **BOTTOM LINE** A trendy place to go for next-level elevated hotpot that still hits the spot.

**Open daily noon-3pm,  
6pm-midnight. \$\$\$-\$\$\$**

## Ratings

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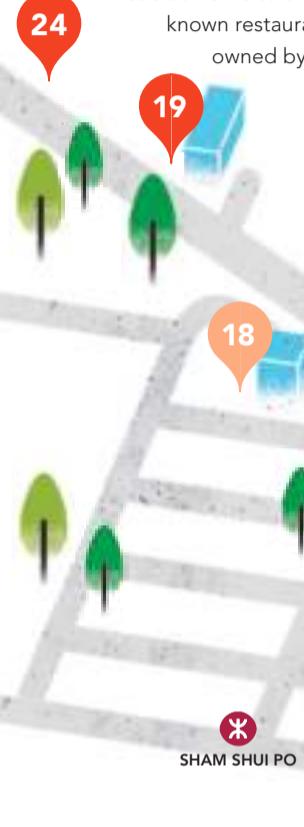
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# CITY STROLL

## Shek Kip Mei

Wedged between the sprawl of Kowloon Tong and the markets of Sham Shui Po, Shek Kip Mei has been a poorer district of Hong Kong ever since it was settled. In the 1950s it was a shantytown for Mainland Chinese immigrants, until a Christmas Day fire in 1953 devastated the area and left some 53,000 homeless. The government introduced Hong Kong's first public housing scheme to rehouse the immigrants, and the district grew from there. Nowadays

Shek Kip Mei still has plenty of public housing, but it's also home to a treasure trove of lesser-known restaurants and shops, many owned by the locals of the district.



## 19 Garden Hill

Wo Chai Hill, better known as "Garden Hill" because of its proximity to the Garden bakery factory, offers fine views of the urban sprawl of Shek Kip Mei and Sham Shui Po. The peak is full of guys with DSLRs, so don't go if you suffer from camera envy. It's only a 15 minute walk to the top—but it's all steps, so be ready for a leg workout.

**Trail starts next to Mei Ho House.**



## 20 Be Tabula Rasa Studio

A studio, gallery, café, dried flower store and consignment shop just around the corner from the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre. Owner Tabu Tsang has decorated the studio with her hand-dried flowers, while her graphic designer boyfriend's paintings hang on the wall. Swing by for good food—or a handicrafts class.

**1/F, 85 Fuk Wa St., Sham Shui Po, 9010-9515, [facebook.com/betabularasa.studio](https://facebook.com/betabularasa.studio).**



## 21 Nice Dice Dessert House

It's a universal truth that everyone has a second stomach just for desserts. Nice Dice has been serving fruit and traditional desserts to the neighborhood for more than 10 years. Order grass jelly with fruits if you're sitting down, or grab a mango shaved ice drink to go.

**106 Wai Lun St., Pak Tin Shopping Centre, Shek Kip Mei. 9084-1240.**



## 22 Lively Life

Lively life is all about respecting nature and caring for our planet: Most of the merchandise here is fair-trade and produced organically. From all-natural skincare labels to organic teas and ice creams, the shopkeepers are always happy to take you through their stock.

**Shop L1-02, JCCAC, 30 Pak Tin St., Shek Kip Mei, 5542-3204, [facebook.com/livelylifehk](https://facebook.com/livelylifehk).**



## 23 Fusion Court

This cha chaan teng has stood here for years, and owner Leung Choi-ling employs those who have recently recovered from mental illness and are looking to reintegrate into the community. The estate is slated to be redeveloped soon, so head over to check it out ASAP.

**Shop 25, Pak Tin Commercial Centre, Pak Tin Estate, Shek Kip Mei.**



## 24 Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

Housed in the building formerly known as the North Kowloon Magistracy, SCAD is known around the world for its arts and design programs. There are regular heritage tours of the building, so you don't have to be enrolled to have a snoop around. Advance booking is necessary.

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# CULTURE

## UPCLOSE: WESSEL HUISMAN

Dutch artist **Wessel Huisman** is well known for his skill at capturing light in his paintings. He talks to Xavier Ng about his paintings of Hong Kong, and how light can trigger memories.



**HK Magazine:** We love your paintings of Hong Kong!

**How did you do them?**

**Wessel Huisman:** I realized it is important to visit these places first, to get an impression of the atmosphere, the light circumstances and the spatial and urban expression. So I came to Hong Kong last year for a few weeks and explored the major quarters of the city. The painting gets its shape according to the language of paint, or my unique style I have developed throughout the years.

**HK: What's Hong Kong in your eyes?**

**WH:** There is an interesting paradox in a town like Hong Kong. The modern city seems to deny its unique past and circumstances. Talking to the people, I noticed there's a desire to get away from these standard aesthetics.

**HK: How do you capture the city with your paintings?**

**WH:** You could say I am an expert on light and "light atmosphere," because I've been focusing on it for almost 30 years. My work and research fit into a Dutch tradition of light

painting, with ancestors like Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh and... Mondrian! Every place, whether city or village, has its own atmosphere, its own expression caused by local conditions. According to the geographic location, the season and the time of day, the light changes. It is part of my sensibility to note the specific atmosphere on the spot.

**HK: What about colors?**

**WH:** For years I only used all kinds of gray, black and white layers to build up my paintings. Since I was interested in light and light contrasts, I skipped outspoken colors like red or blue. Recently, however, I've noticed I can integrate color tones in my paintings to specify the atmosphere of the light.

**HK: You name your artworks with dates—why?**

**WH:** During the last 25 years I realized that I have a kind of light archive in my head. Light triggers my memory like a smell can do. In many of the titles of my paintings I mention a date, month, year. This has nothing to do with the moment the original [work was made], but with the origin of the light memory.

**HK: What message do you want to tell through your paintings?**

**WH:** I hope my paintings contribute to an open mind, to a peace of mind, caused by the direct visual impulses of the painting—like music can influence your state of mind in a direct, non-intellectual way.

**Check out Huisman's paintings at the Asia Contemporary Art Show, Mar 25-27, Room 4326, 43/F, Conrad Hong Kong, 88 Queensway, Admiralty. \$220 for two from hkticketing.com, \$220 for one at the door.**

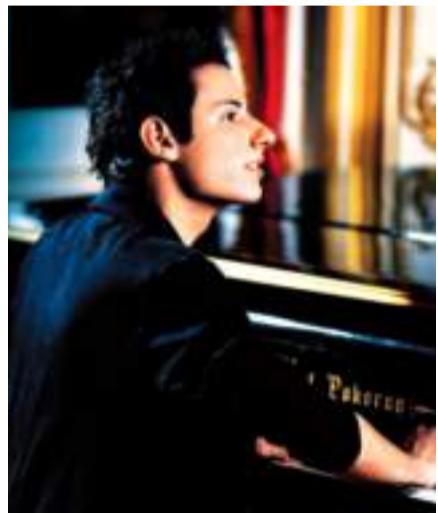


"End of June 1973" by Wessel Huisman

## Classical

### A Renaissance Easter Journey

What better way to celebrate Holy Week than with some Renaissance music? Tallis Vocalis, the city's first early music vocal ensemble, is presenting a special performance for the occasion, including a new version of Allegri's iconic "Miserere." Apr 1, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, \$80-320 from urbtix.hk.



### Bence Peter

How fast can you play the piano? Hungarian pianist Bence Peter currently holds the Guinness World Record for hitting 765 keys in one minute. Don't believe us? See it for yourself: He's in town to play tunes from popular movie soundtracks. Mar 25-28, 2-4pm. Mall Atrium, MOKO, 193 Prince Edward Rd. West, Mong Kok.

**Swire Maestro Series: Pictures at an Exhibition**  
How appropriate for art month: The HK Phil presents Russian composer Modest Mussorgsky's famous composition, conducted by Hans Graf and performed by Russian star violinist Dmitri Makhtin. Mar 25-26, 8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$180-480 from urbtix.hk.

### Romantic Piano Trios by Sophia Yang, Chang Pei-chieh and Gilbert Sak

The City Hall Virtuosi Series continues with this threesome of Hong Kong musicians Sophia Yang and Gilbert Sak, as well as Taiwanese cellist Chang Pei-chieh. They'll be playing swoon-worthy classics including Dvorák's Piano Trio No. 4. Apr 22, 8pm. Theatre, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, \$150-200 from urbtix.hk.



## Dance

### Arirang of Mount Paektu

Sick of K-pop already? Go for K-traditional music and dance instead. Korean group Yanbian Song and Dance Troupe is putting on a show that focuses on the harmony between humans and nature, inspired by the magnificent landscapes of Yanbian on the border of China and North Korea. Mar 26, 8pm; Mar 27, 3pm. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Auditorium, 72 Tai Ho Rd., Tsuen Wan, \$120-220 from urbtix.hk.



### Constellations

After an awesome performance in 2008, Spanish modern dance company Aracaladanza returns to Hong Kong to present their latest show, Constellations. The show is a dance cocktail filled with colors and shapes like a vivid moving painting, a journey for the imagination. Mar 25-26, 7:30pm; Mar 26-27, 3pm. Theatre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre, 11 Clear Water Bay Rd., Choi Hung, \$140-240 from urbtix.hk.

### Little Pieces

City Contemporary Dance Company opens the 2016 season with Dominic Wong's "Little Pieces," which explores our relationship with choreography, and how it touches people's emotions. Twerking certainly touches ours. Apr 15-16, 8pm; Apr 16-17, 3pm. Studio Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$160-220 from www.urbtix.hk.



### I, Carmen

Spanish flamenco artist María Pagés returns to Hong Kong with a new take on the classic tale of "Carmen." But instead of the original story's femme fatale, this retelling reflects the real lives and feelings of ordinary women. May 27-28, 8pm. Auditorium, Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Rd., Sha Tin, \$180-450 from urbtix.hk.

## Theater



### The Illusionists

Magic, illusion and mind-reading come together straight from Broadway to Hong Kong. An ensemble of top-flight magicians brings their individual specialties to this group show. Have you ever seen the movie "Now You See Me?" It'll be like that, only not awful. Apr 14-24, various times. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$445-995 from urbtix.hk.



### Swan Lake on Ice

Don't worry: There are no ugly ducklings in this world-renowned ice capade. The cast of Swan Lake on Ice slides into Hong Kong to present acrobatic moves and drama alike, all on a frozen theater stage. Apr 27-May 8, various times. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$345-945 from urbtix.hk.

### A Tale of Two Cities: Blood for Blood

Things are getting bloody... Chung Ying Theatre Company collaborates with the UK's Red Shift Theatre and playwright Jonathan Holloway to present a rewritten version of Charles Dickens' literary classic. With extra blood. Apr 22-May 1, various times. Amphitheatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai, \$160-420 from hkticketing.com.

## Classes & Workshops

### The Kaleidoscopic World of Musical Theatre

Want to know more about musical theater? Here's a chance to learn from the experts. Tenor David Quah will host four lectures, each one delving into hit musicals of different genres. He'll be giving live demonstrations, alongside pianist Timmy Tsang. The first talk on April 6 is all about pre-1970s musicals. When do we get to talk about "Hamilton"? Apr 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:30pm. Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Space Museum, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$50 from urbtix.hk.



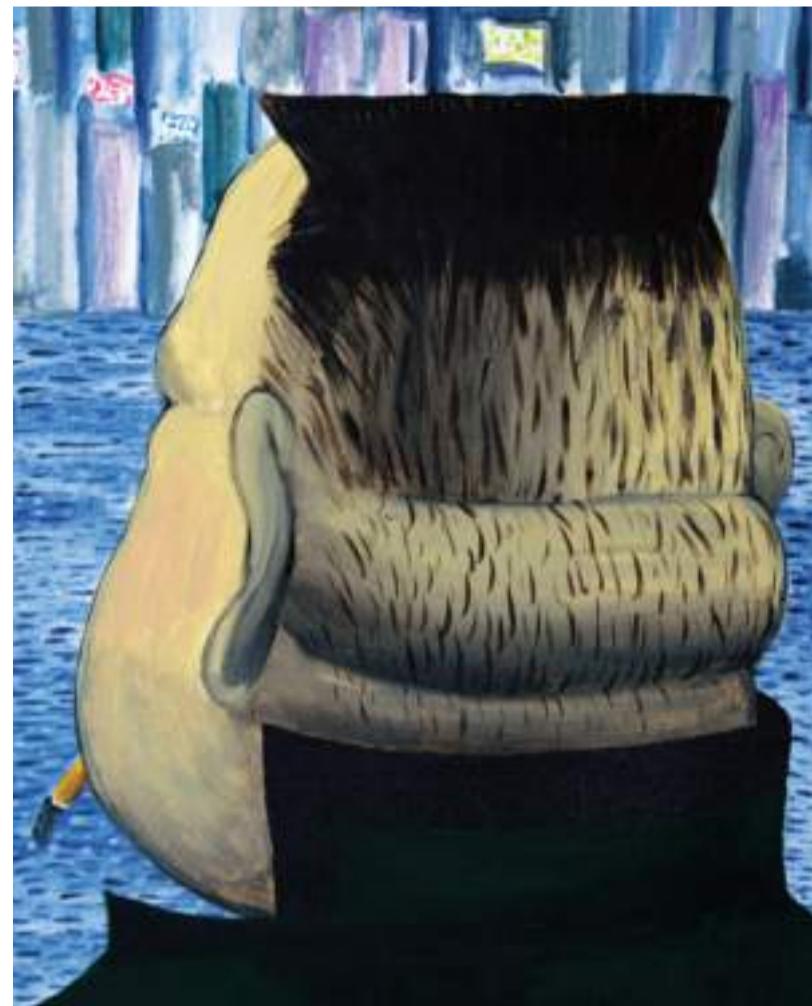
## Exhibitions

### Afterwork ▶

Para Site's latest exhibition showcases works by domestic workers in Hong Kong, exploring issues of class, race, labor and migration. The exhibition is also part of the gallery's ongoing initiative aimed at engaging the domestic worker community in arts. Through May 29. Para Site Art Space, 22/F, Wing Wah Industrial Building, 677 King's Rd., Quarry Bay.



**Time & Scale: 10 Hong Kong artists at HQ**  
New development H Queen (HQ) on Queen's Road Central won't be open until 2017, but that doesn't mean it can't be arty already. Ten Hong Kong contemporary artists including the Frog King and Lam Tung-pang are using the building's hoarding as their canvas to bring large scale public art to the city—and all you have to do is look up. Available from Mar 21, 2016 onward. H Queen, 80 Queen's Rd. Central.



**Yeung Hok-tak: Harbour**  
Hong Kong artist Yeung Hok-tak presents his "Harbour" exhibition featuring 40 of his new paintings all inspired by Victoria Harbour, at the Gallery by the Harbour in Harbour City. Wow, that's a lot of harbours in one sentence. Through Apr 4. Gallery by the Harbour, Shop 202, 2/F, Ocean Center, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui.

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# NIGHTLIFE



## Vibes x Absolut Electrik Art Bar

The secret garden bar at Vibes partners up with Absolut for the second time to celebrate Art Month, offering four special drinks inspired by great masterpieces, made with Absolut Electrik: Try the cheeky "I Love Mona Lisa!" made with matcha, guava, sesame and grape juice topped off with Nissin ramen spices. It sounds like an odd blend but it's sweet and moreish—and comes garnished with a photograph of the smiling lady herself, complete with duckface. Mar 10-29. Vibes, 5/F, The Mira, 118 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui.

## Clubs

### DJ Revolution:

#### Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike

Electro nuts all better sit down, because DJ legends Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike are hitting up AsiaWorld-Expo this Spring. They're number 1 on DJ Magazine's list of top 100 DJs—but you already knew that, didn't you? May 20, 8pm. \$580-900 from hkticketing.com. Student and VIP packages available.



#### Fatman Scoop

If you got a hundred dollar bill put your hands up: Scoop's here to take your money. Mar 31, 10pm. Bungalow, Shop 2, G/F, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central, \$300 from fatmanscoophk.eventbrite.hk, \$400 at the door; all include one standard drink.

#### Play Presents: Grandmaster Flash

It's April 1st but it's no joke: Grandmaster Flash was one of the founding fathers of hip hop and a pioneer of using the turntable as an instrument—and he'll be spinning at Play. His group, Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007—the first hip hop group to win the award. Go for hip hop classic "The Message," stay for the beats. Apr 1, 10pm. Play, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central.

#### Studio Presents: Lapalux

Things get weird and wonderful with Essex-based producer Lapalux at Studio. Belonging to the venerable labels Ninja Tune (Mr. Scruff) and Brainfeeder (Flying Lotus), he's best known for his wonky, lo-fi beats. Mar 27, 11pm. Studio, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, RSVP at Lapalux. pelago.events.



### Yo I Love Wednesday: DJ Ross One

Ohio native DJ Ross One was recently signed to Jay-Z's label, Roc Nation, and he's since been spinning for the likes of Kanye and Rihanna. He'll be hitting the decks at D-i for this hump day special. Apr 6, 10pm. Dragon-i, U/G, The Centrum, 60 Wyndham St., Central, \$300 at the door.



### Studio Presents: The Magician

This ain't just some bunny and hat trick: Get your fix of nu-disco with Belgian DJ The Magician at Studio. Mar 31, 11pm. Studio, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, RSVP at TheMagician.pelago.events.

## Concerts



#### An Evening with Tom Jones Live

The "Sexbomb"-singing septuagenarian returns to Hong Kong. His latest albums "Spirit in the Room," "Praise & Blame" and "Long Lost Suitcase" have garnered some of the best reviews of his 50-year career, so expect some great soul from the suave rocker. Ladies: do NOT throw your underwear at him. It's just unsanitary. Apr 7, 8pm. Grand Hall, HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, 2629-6240. \$688-1,488 from hkticketing.com.



### Brunch Electronico

The second round of Brunch Electronico is back for some more Sunday feasting, dancing and drinking at Hong Kong's hipsterest gintoneria. Have your pick of Spanish eats alongside gin and tonics, cervezas and wine, all with soulful, jazzy house grooves from FuFu's resident DJs. Reserve by phone or email info@pingpong129.com/contact@fufucreative.com. Mar 27, 11am-4pm. Ping Pong 129, LG/F, Nam Cheong House, 129 Second St., Sai Ying Pun, 9835-5061.

## Happy Hours

### Maximal Concepts Cocktail Hour

To thank its faithful customers, Maximal Concepts is offering complimentary free flow cocktails between 6-7pm at Limewood and Fish & Meat. You're welcome! Mon-Wed through Apr 30, 6-7pm. Limewood, G/F, The Pulse Shopping Mall, 28 Beach Rd., Repulse Bay; Fish & Meat, 1-2/F, 32 Wyndham St., Central; free.



### \$10 Oysters at Fishteria

Get those aphrodisiac juices flowing with Fishteria's awesome oyster deal: Buy a drink between 5-7:30pm daily and you can order freshly shucked French oysters for just \$10 each. Fishteria, G/F & 1/F, 109-111 Queen's Rd. East, Wan Chai. Daily, 5-7:30pm.



### Morton's Power Hour

Get a taste of Morton's brand new premium bar bite menus, with special prices between 5-7pm on weekdays. Fill up on the likes of parmesan truffle fries, short rib steak tacos, the new filet mignon trio and the signature filet mignon sandwiches, at prices starting at \$50. Cocktails, wines and beers start at \$40. Mon-Fri 5-7pm. The Bar at Morton's Of Chicago, 4/F, The Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers, 20 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2732-2343.

### Nightlife Events

#### GHD x Cé La Vi Ladies Night

There are officially no reasons left for ladies to stay in on Wednesday nights this April: Cé La Vi's not only continuing its popular free-flow champagne deal (for the first 100 girls who show up), they're also bringing in a team of GHD stylists to give everyone hair makeovers with the brand's new limited edition "the Azores" styler. There's also prize giveaways valued up to \$10,000 each night and a range of special beachy cocktails. Apr 1-30. Wednesdays, 9pm-late. Cé La Vi, 24-26/F, California Tower, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central, free.



#### Edward Cage and Nicole Paris Cage

Father and daughter beatboxing duo Edward and Nicole Paris Cage (no relation to Nicolas) face off against each other for a Dragon-i Rugby Sevens special. Apr 8-9, 10pm. Dragon-i, U/G, The Centrum, 60 Wyndham St., Central, \$300 at the door.

### Free-Flow Vodka Ladies Night at Pastis

Ladies get free-flow candy infused vodka drinks (dangerous...) every Wednesday at Pastis, or you can buy G.H. Mumm champers for \$450 per bottle and \$600 for two. It's almost rude not to go... Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Pastis, G/F, 65 Wyndham St., Central.



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#### Bindaas Happy Hour

Get 30 percent off on all alcoholic drinks between 5-8pm each day at Bindaas, and don't miss the live band which plays every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Daily, 5-8pm. Bindaas Bar + Kitchen, LG/F, 33 Aberdeen St., SoHo.

#### Nightlife Events

##### Amazake Sakura Cocktails

Couldn't take any time off to see the sakura trees bloom in Japan? Celebrate the cherry blossoms the boozy way with Amazake's three new Sakura Cocktails. They may not actually contain the pink petals, but they feature bright and happy flavors, from kumquat juice to strawberry Umeshu liqueur to shoga pickled ginger. Mar 1-Apr 30. Amazake, G/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, \$95-110.

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**Glenmorangie Sweet and Savory Pairing Menu**  
A sweet and savory pairing menu with the venerable scotch brand Glenmorangie is available at 12 restaurants and bars around town through to the end of April. The list: Bao Bei, Bitters & Sweets, Little Lab, 001, Topiary, The Woods, Jimmy's Kitchen (Central and Kowloon), Steik World Meats, Osteria Felice, Bobby's Rabble and The Lounge & Bar at the Ritz Carlton. Mar 1-Apr 30.

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# FILM

## Hail, Caesar! ★★★★

(USA) Comedy. Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Starring Josh Brolin, George Clooney, Alden Ehrenreich, Scarlett Johansson, Frances McDormand, Channing Tatum. Category IIA. 106 minutes. Opened Mar 10.

The Coen Brothers are at their best when their films are either unbearably suspenseful thrillers, or wry and energetic romps. The thrillers are easy to categorize: "Blood Simple," "No Country for Old Men." The romps? They're a bit harder. Take "The Big Lebowski" (slacker noir romp), "O Brother, Where Are Thou" (Great Depression/country music romp), "True Grit" (western romp), even "Inside Llewyn Davis" (depressing Greenwich Village folk scene romp)... "Hail, Caesar!" is the Coen's rompiest romp yet, a gloriously enjoyable film that doesn't try to do anything revolutionary: It just delivers consistent, excellent fun.

It's 1951, the middle of Hollywood's Golden Age. Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin) is a fixer for Hollywood film studio Capitol Pictures, the man in charge of making sure that the studio's talent toes the line. This would all be easier if the unmarried starlet (Scarlett Johansson) would stop getting pregnant, the singing cowboy actor (Alden Ehrenreich) could actually act, the twin gossip columnists (Tilda Swinton) would get off his back, and big star Baird Whitlock (George Clooney) hadn't just been kidnapped by a mysterious group calling themselves "The Future." Mannix ricochets between one crisis and another as he tries to douse flames, recover his star and get the pictures out on schedule. Sounds like we've got ourselves a farce, boys.

"Hail, Caesar!" stars a large cast of actors who are all obviously having fun. Josh Brolin anchors the film with a flawless



deadpan, the perfect lantern-jawed straight man for the cast of beautiful idiots which surround him. George Clooney is great fun as the boorish, clueless star, while ScarJo smoulders as only ScarJo can. Relative newcomer Alden Ehrenreich particularly shines as dim-witted cowboy Hobie Doyle, whose warmth and charm come though in this world of vacuous movie people. But the film's strength is also a weakness: Most of the cast get a scene or two at most, barely a cameo: We just begin to want to hang out with them when they disappear, and we're left starved for more.

The whole thing is gloriously shot by Roger Deakins, who manages to precisely hit the right tone and color for each of the movies being shot: from the black-and-white period melodrama to the comedy western to the swords-and-sandals saturation of "Hail, Caesar!" itself, we get films-within-films

that toe the line between pastiche and parody, with scenes and frames and screening rooms all dissolving into each other. Matte paintings become real backdrops; rear-projection car rides are genuine road trips.

But it's not just how they look, either. The movie pays painstaking attention to its period set pieces, and if you like older Hollywood (and who doesn't?) you're in for a treat, as special effects, camera tricks and dialogue all ape their predecessors.

Where "Hail, Caesar!" suffers is in its featherweight plot, which is much more of an excuse to bounce between the cast of weirdos than to truly get anything done. Though ultimately, a thin plot and thin characters don't really matter all that much. "Hail, Caesar!" romps through to the finish line, because it doesn't know any other way to behave. **Adam White**

## Coming Soon

### The Bodyguard

(Hong Kong) A rare directorial effort from Sammo Hung, but the action film vet proves he's still got it in this latest flick, which is actually titled 特工爺爺—"Special Agent Grandpa" in Cantonese. Andy Lau also makes an appearance as a thief. *OF OUR HEARTS*. Opens Apr 1.

### Eddie the Eagle ▾

(USA/UK) Taron Egerton ("Kingsman: The Secret Service") is Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards, a real-life British ski jumper who represented the UK in the 1988 winter Olympics—and came dead last. Growing up with Olympic dreams, he receives coaching from a reluctant ex-Olympian Bronson Peary (Hugh Jackman), who in turn learned his stuff from Warren Sharp (Christopher Walken). Weirdest cast pairing ever? Opens Mar 31.

### Galaxy Turnpike

(Japan) The first sci-fi feature by theater vet Koki Mitani, this comedy was a hit at the Japanese box office. Set in the year 2265 along an interspace highway known as the Galaxy Turnpike, a lone burger joint receives a variety of colorful (alien) customers. It's like if the Mos Eisley Cantina had its own movie! Opens Mar 31.

### The Mobfathers

(Hong Kong) Director Herman Yau collaborates again with Chapman To with a peek into the underbelly of triad society. Every three years, the five leading gangs elect their big boss, but only nine of the top-ranked are allowed to vote. Triad flick, or metaphor for Hong Kong's leadership? Opens Mar 31.

### Opening

**Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice**  
(USA) Following up on 2013's "Man of Steel," director Zack Snyder returns with the ultimate showdown between Batman (Ben Affleck) and Superman (Henry Cavill), who duke it out in Metropolis. Also featuring the first appearances of Wonder Woman, Aquaman, The Flash and Cyborg. Squeel! Opened Mar 24.



### Heaven in the Dark

(Hong Kong) Jacky Cheung's getting seduced by Karena Lam all over again after Ann Hui's 2001 "July Rhapsody." Adapted from Hong Kong theater stalwart Candace Chong's play "French Kiss," "Heaven in the Dark" portrays a scandal between Pastor To (Cheung) and Michelle (Lam) after they share a kiss and she files for sexual harassment. The pastor soon loses faith in his religion and Michelle finds solace in it. What happens when they meet years later? Opened Mar 24.

### Panay

(Taiwan) An ode to Taiwanese aboriginal culture if there ever was one, "Panay" explores the tale of an indigenous Taiwanese family coping with developers trying to build a hotel on their land. Protagonist Panay (Ado Kaliting Pacidal, who herself is part of the Amis people) in particular shines light in tribal tradition on the hopeless landscape of modern Taiwan. Good, if at times verging on melodrama. Opened Mar 24. ★★★



### Truth

(USA) James Vanderbilt brings the story behind the 2004 Kilian documents scandal—aka "Memogate"—to the silver screen. CBS producer Mary Mapes (Cate Blanchett) and news anchor Dan Rather (Robert Redford) uncover memos critical of President George W. Bush's performance in the Air National Guard, two months before the election—but are the documents authentic? And how will this match up against "Spotlight"? Opened Mar 24.

### Zootopia

(USA) In "Zootopia," anthropomorphic mammals reign. Judy Hopps (voiced by Ginnifer Goodwin) is the first rabbit to join the Zootopia police department, and to prove her worth she attempts to crack a mysterious case—but she needs the help of a sneaky red fox (Jason Bateman) to do it. If only they weren't natural enemies... Opened Mar 24.

## Continuing

### Brooklyn

(USA) A romantic immigrant's tale in 1950s Brooklyn, pre-hipster takeover. Saoirse Ronan is an Irish girl who falls for an Italian plumber, but meets another man when she returns to her homeland on a visit. A charming fable told well, with a vivid performance from Ronan to keep the lid on any potential melodrama. ★★★

### Creed

(USA) No comeback is as legendary as Sylvester Stallone's return as Rocky Balboa. The retired boxing star mentors rising talent Adonis (Michael B. Jordan), whose late father was Rocky's old rival Apollo Creed. A classic story of an underdog's victory paired with excellently executed action packs a punch in our books. ★★★

### The Divergent Series: Allegiant

(USA) In the penultimate film of the Divergent Series, protagonist Tris Prior (Shailene Woodley) must explore where her trust and loyalties lie as she and Four (Theo James) escape post-apocalyptic Chicago and look for a way to save their city.

### Hail Caesar!

(USA) See review, above.



### The Danish Girl

(UK) Winning a well-deserved best supporting actress Oscar, Alicia Vikander is Danish artist Gerda Wegener, whose husband Einar (Eddie Redmayne) was the first ever to attempt a male-to-female sex reassignment surgery in history. Redmayne's performance effortlessly shows the deep emotional turmoil of transitioning in the late 19th century, but not without a few clichéd shots. ★★★

### Journey to the Shore

(Japan) A romantic ghost story deeply embedded in Japanese culture, "Journey to the Shore" is about a piano teacher's second honeymoon with her husband—who went missing and returns as a ghost.

### Kung Fu Panda 3

(USA) The dumpling-loving panda savior returns. Reuniting with his long lost father (Bryan Cranston) and finding his true hometown, Po is tasked to train a band of clumsy pandas in the art of martial arts so that they can take on Kai (JK Simmons), the evil supernatural warrior who's been sweeping across the country defeating Kung Fu masters. This third sequel proves to be barrels of fun, even for grown-ups. ★★★★





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**(USA)** "Room" is the story of a woman (Brie Larson) who was held captive in a backyard shed for seven years, where she raised her five-year-old son Jack—a result of rape by her captor "Old Nick"—all alone. Touching and terrifying at the same time, it's a hard movie to watch, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't. **★★★★★**



### Son of Saul

**(Hungary)** Winner of the Best Foreign Film award at the Oscars, Holocaust film "Son of Saul" centers on a prisoner at Auschwitz in 1944 who is forced to burn the corpses of his own people. Coping with his own moral struggle, he makes plans to rescue a young boy's body from the flames and offer him a proper Jewish burial.

### Trumbo

**(USA)** The story of Hollywood screenwriter Dalton Trumbo comes to the big screen with Bryan Cranston in the lead role. Trumbo was blacklisted by the industry after being suspected of being Communist; Under a pseudonym, he went on to write the Academy Award-winning films, "Roman Holiday" and "The Brave One"—but was unable to take credit for either.



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**(USA)** Based on the 2001 Pulitzer-prize-winning investigation in which a team of journalists at The Boston Globe dug into the case against John Geoghan, a Roman Catholic priest who was accused of molesting over 80 children—and it was only the tip of the iceberg. All rapid-fire twists that leave you breathless, a salute to the good work of the reporters involved. **★★★★★**

### The Tag Along

**(Taiwan)** This Taiwanese thriller is inspired by the urban legend of the moxina, a mountain demon in the guise of a little girl in red, who steals children and the elderly. Tiffany Ann Hsu plays a woman trying to get to the bottom of the mystery when her boyfriend and his grandmother disappear.



"Calvary" at Film Ireland

## Film Festival

### Film Ireland

The inaugural Film Ireland, organized by the Irish Festival, celebrates a fruitful year for Irish cinema, with prominent wins and recognition at Cannes and the Oscars in particular. Here's your chance to catch six amazing films from the Emerald Isle, with a highlight being the 2015 Cannes Jury Prize-winning "The Lobster" (Apr 9, 7:30pm) a black satire on marriage and monogamy starring Colin Farrell as a divorcée who's given 45 days to find a new mate or he'll be turned into an animal of his choice. Apr 6-10. The Grand Cinema, 2/F, Elements, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, film-ireland.hk. \$85 from www.thegrandcinema.com.hk.

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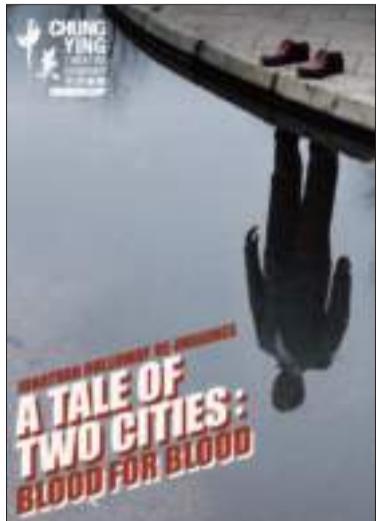
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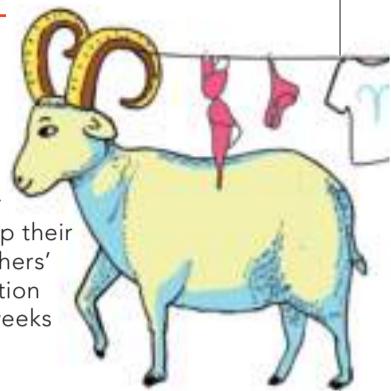
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the answers. I'm not saying you'll be pleased with everything you find out. But you will ultimately be glad you finally made the inquiries.

**TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20):** "The task of a writer is not to solve the problem but to state the problem correctly," said Russian writer Anton Chekhov. Whether or not you're a writer, Taurus, that is also your special task in the coming weeks. The riddle that has begun to captivate your imagination is not yet ripe enough for you to work on in earnest. It has not been defined with sufficient clarity. Luckily, you have the resources you need to research all the contingencies, and you have the acuity to come up with a set of empowering questions.

**GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20):** The good news is that if you eat enormous amounts of chocolate, you will boost your memory. Science has proved it. The bad news is that in order to get the full effect of the memory enhancement, you would have to consume so much chocolate that you would get sick. I propose that we consider this scenario as a metaphor for what may be going on in your life. Is it possible you're doing things that are healthy for you in one way but that diminish you in another? Or are you perhaps getting or doing too much of a good thing—going to unbalanced extremes as you pursue a worthy goal? Now is a favorable time to figure out if you're engaged in such behavior, and to change it if you are.

**CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22):** When the young director Richard Lester got his big break, he took full advantage. It happened in 1964, when the early Beatles asked him to do their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night." Lester's innovative approach to the project propelled his career to a higher level that brought him many further opportunities. Writing of Lester's readiness, critic Alexander Walker said,

"No filmmaker... appeared more punctually when his hour struck." That's what I hope you will soon be doing in your own chosen field, Cancerian. Do you understand how important it will be to have impeccable timing? No procrastination or hemming and hawing, please. Be crisply proactive.

**LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22):** As a young man, the poet Arthur Rimbaud (1854-1891) left his home in France and settled in Abyssinia, which these days is known as Ethiopia. "I sought voyages," he wrote, "to disperse the enchantments that had colonized my mind." You might want to consider a similar strategy in the coming weeks, Leo. From an astrological perspective, it's going to be an excellent time both to wander free of your usual haunts and to disperse the enchantments that have colonized your mind. Why not find ways to synergize these two opportunities?

**VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22):** At one point in his life, author C. S. Lewis had a rude awakening as he took stock of the progress he thought he had been making. "I am appalled to see how much of the change I thought I had undergone lately was only imaginary," he wrote. I want to make sure that something similar doesn't happen to you, Virgo. You're in the midst of what should be a Golden Age of Self-Transformation. Make sure you're actually doing the work that you imagine you're doing—and not just talking about it and thinking about it.

**LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22):** "There are questions that you don't ask because you're afraid of the answers," wrote Agatha Christie. I would add that there are also questions you don't ask because you mistakenly think you already know the answers. And then there are questions you don't ask because their answers would burst your beloved illusions, which you'd rather preserve. I'm here to urge you to risk posing all these types of questions, Libra. I think you're strong enough and smart enough, and in just the right ways, to deal constructively with

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## SAVAGE LOVE

Dan Savage

I'm a 24-year-old male, married three years, monogamous. My wife and I are religious and were both virgins when we got married. I'm sexually frustrated with two things. (1) How can I get her to give me oral sex? (She has never given and I have never received oral sex. I regularly give her oral sex.) She is afraid to try it, saying she's not ready yet. About every six months, I bring it up and it leads to a fight. She is a germophobe, but I think she believes fellatio is done only in porn. (I used to look at porn, which nearly ended our then-dating relationship.) (2) I feel like I'm always giving and never receiving any type of affection: massages, kisses, caresses, you name it. It's like having sex with a sex doll—no reciprocation. How do I broaden our sex life without making her feel like we're in a porno?

— Sexually Frustrated

If you don't already have children—you don't mention kids—please don't have any, SF, at least not with your first wife.

You're a religious person, SF, a lifestyle choice I don't fully understand. But you're also a sexual person, and that I do understand. And if you want a lifelong, sexually exclusive, *and* sexually fulfilling relationship, then you must prioritize *sexual compatibility* during your search for the second Mrs. SF. Because your next marriage is likelier to survive for the long haul if you're partnered with someone who is attracted to you physically and is aroused—roughly speaking—by the same sex acts, positions and fantasies you are.

In other words: Don't marry someone and hope she likes sucking your dick. You tried that, and it didn't work. Find someone who likes sucking your dick and marry her.

I'm a straight woman in my early 30s, and I just don't like receiving oral sex. I love giving blowjobs and can orgasm from PIV sex, but I seem to be one of the few women who don't enjoy guys going down on me. I'm not uncomfortable with it, but it doesn't get me off. I also get wet easily, so it's not like I need it as foreplay. As I've gotten older, and the guys I sleep with have gotten older, it seems like most want to spend a great deal of time down there. I've tried being up front about not liking it in general, but guys either get offended or double down and do it more because they assume I've never been with a guy who "could do it right." Any ideas on how to handle this?

— Needs Oral Preference Explainer

The observation you make regarding older straight guys—older straight guys are more enthusiastic about going down on women—is something I've heard from other female friends. They couldn't get guys to go down on them in their 20s, and they can't get guys in their 30s and 40s to stop going down on them. (SF, above, is clearly an outlier.) The obvious solution to your dilemma, NOPE: Only fuck guys in their 20s.

**Fan from Sweden here! Question:** My fetish has no name. It is a "worshipping" fetish, for want of a better term, where I am the one being worshipped. Not by one man, but all men of the earth. The worshipping itself, while sexual, is not bound to my body parts. It would be great to have this named.  
— Lack Of Vocabulary Energizes My Experiences

A year ago, I would've diagnosed you with "caligulaphilia," LOVEME, after the Roman emperor Caligula, who considered himself a living god, and -philia, the go-to suffix meaning "abnormal appetite or liking for." But these days, I'd say you were suffering from a bad case of "trumpophilia."

**I'm a 24-year-old female who met my 26-year-old boyfriend five months ago**

through Fetlife. We do not share the same fetish, but we have other overlapping interests and he is lovely, smart and funny. He has a diaper and incontinence fetish. Not my jam, but I'm GGG. The issue: He has the most one-dimensional sexuality I have ever seen. He can get off only in the missionary position, with a diaper under us, and with incontinence dirty talk. Even with all of the above, it's difficult to get him to orgasm. And it's only very recently that we've been able to have penetrative sex—since he was used to getting off with his hand and a diaper—always with diapers under us and with lots and lots and lots of pee talk. But there's only so long I can talk about losing control and peeing myself before I lose interest in the activities at hand. I do not mind getting him off this way sometimes, but this does absolutely nada for me and it's the only way he gets off. He's otherwise an amazing person, but I'm getting frustrated. We've talked about how my needs aren't being met, and he claims he's done standard vanilla before and managed to satisfy his partners. I've yet to experience it myself, however, and I'd really like to be able to enjoy some vanilla sex—let alone my kinks—with him!

— Please, I'm Sexually Saddened

Your lovely, smart boyfriend is a lousy, selfish lay, PISS, and you two aren't sexually compatible. DTMF.

I am a 26-year-old guy and I have an overwhelming foot fetish. I cannot help but think about the male foot every hour of every day. I often find myself pushing boundaries with attractive male friends and acquaintances to satisfy my urges, which has caused me a lot of stress and anxiety. I'm obsessed with the idea of offering some of my friends and acquaintances foot massages, but I just don't know how to bring up the subject, given my mixed experiences. A lot of people think of foot rubs as intimate and believe they should be restricted to romantic relationships. While I've been lucky on very random occasions, I've had some fuckups. I asked a gay friend whether he would like a foot massage, but he declined—and while he was polite about it in the initial exchange, he has since ignored me. I asked a straight guy, and he considered it but never followed through, and I feel weird about asking him again. I told another straight guy who was shocked that I would ever ask him such a thing, but he still talks to me and makes light of the incident. Whereas another guy unfriended me on Facebook after I messaged him and told him I liked his feet. What should I do? Is there a proper way to ask to rub someone's feet? It's not like I'm asking to suck on people's toes.

— Crazed About Lads' Feet

You remind me of those straight guys who send unsolicited dick pics to women they barely know—they don't do it because it never works, they do it because it works on rare/random occasions. But you have to ask yourself if those rare/random instances when an attractive male friend allowed you to perv on their feet—the handful of times you've gotten a yes—are worth the sacrificing of all the friendships you've lost.

Foot rubs are a form of intimacy, particularly when performed by foot fetishists, and you've gotta stop pestering your hot friends about their feet. There are tons of other foot fetishists out there—most male, loads gay, tons online. Go find some fellow foot perverts and swap rubs with them.

On the Lovecast, Debby Herbenick on anxiety-induced orgasms: [savagecast.com](http://savagecast.com).

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## Eat and Sing Your Heart Out This Easter at The Regal Hongkong Hotel

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Naturally, like any other festival, good food will be bountiful. Café Rivoli will be hosting lunchtime Easter buffets from noon-2:30pm which will include a seafood platter, honey glazed ham and a double chocolate fountain at only \$338 per person or \$208 for the youngsters.

Dinner buffets will also be on from 6:30-9:30pm with even more food for the whole family. Expect free flow Hamachi sashimi and seafood platters, fresh grilled lobster, roast pork, an Easter-themed coconut sponge cake, ice cream and more, priced at \$548 per person and \$348 for children.

Families can pop into the game room, which includes a whole range of activities for kids and parents to enjoy, including Easter egg painting, an origami class and more.

If you're looking for a kid-free alternative, the Regal Hongkong's Alto 88 will be offering some Italian extravagance for couples or friends to enjoy. Wine and dine at the "Oyster and Bubble Brunch" for \$468 per head and feast on an array of the finest seafood, cold cuts and homemade pasta; for an extra \$108 you can also sip on free flow wine, juice and soft drinks.

Alto 88 will also be offering an elaborate four-course set dinner at \$688 per person with a mix of meat, fish and pasta dishes, just as the Italians dine.

Last but certainly not least, belt out your best tunes at the Easter Singing Competition on March 28 for a chance to win some great prizes and of course, have some fun. Three winners will be selected and the grand prize will be a voucher for a seafood dinner buffet for four at Café Rivoli and a \$1,000 academy course coupon from Tom Lee.

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## Fish School Casts Its Net

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Fresh from the seas, the catch of the day can be cooked in various ways—no matter if it's grilled over charcoal, pan-fried with olive oil and herbs, or baked in sea salt and lemon, the taste of the sea is sure to stay. Crustaceans share the spotlight as marinated raw crab and sea urchin promise to be another highlight.

But it's not all about seafood, either. Chef Ma also spoils us with Australian Wagyu beef bavette and braised oxtail to finish off the main course. Satisfy your sweet tooth with innovative desserts: the lemon marigold with yoghurt or the pumpkin ice cream with persimmon. A perfect end to a perfect dinner, which costs \$575 per person.

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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 - Metropiazza  
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

## Gateway Apartments Gaylord Indian Restaurant Greyhound Café Harbourside Restaurant Hotel Icon Jimmy's Kitchen Joia Ristorante K11 Art Mall Kowloon Cricket Club Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel & Deli Kool

La Villa Restaurant & Bar  
Langham Hotel Main Street Deli  
Lobby Cafe - Sheraton Hotel  
Mega Hospitality Intl  
Morgan Stanley  
Namo  
Ned Kelly's Last Stand  
Nomads  
Outback Steakhouse - TST Centre  
Pacific Club  
Page One  
Papi  
Pierside Bar, The Royal Pacific Hotel and Towers  
Pizza Express - 35 Ashley Rd.  
RA Restaurant & Lounge  
Regal Kowloon Hotel  
Ritz Carlton - Concierge  
Ruth's Chris  
Starbucks - 102 Austin Rd.  
Starbucks - Albion Plaza  
Starbucks - China HK City  
Starbucks - Elements  
Starbucks - Empire Centre  
Starbucks - Gateway Arcade  
Starbucks - Harbour Crystal Ctr.  
Starbucks - I Square  
Starbucks - K11  
Starbucks - Knutsford  
Starbucks - Mirror Tower  
Starbucks - Ocean Terminal  
Starbucks - STAR HOUSE B/F  
Starbucks - The Sun Arcade  
Stormies  
Swindon Books  
Tequila Jack's  
The Doghouse  
The Grand  
The Swiss Chalet  
Tiffanys New York Bar  
Triple O  
W Hotel  
Weinstube  
Wired Café  
Wooloo Mooloo

## 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 already the final week of our March giveaways and we've got a wonderful winner for our big prize, a suite stay at the Conrad!! Not lucky this time? Hang around for a preview of next month's awesome goodies!

WE HAVE  
A WINNER!



**Congratulations to the winner of a suite stay at the Conrad Hong Kong, valued at \$11,110!**

Mak Ho-yin is the lucky winner of a one-night stay for two in an Executive Harbour View Suite, with access to full executive lounge privileges including breakfast, afternoon tea, evening cocktails and personalized butler and concierge.

Ho-yin picked up the magazine each week to find the words "distinctive," "lovingly" and "laid-back," before putting them together into a description of what a stay at the property would mean. Here's the entry:

*Tasting cuisines from those distinctive few, Embracing from its cosy suite the spectacular harbour view, Completed with lovingly relaxing spa, Such laid-back Conrad day is what I'd like to feel.*

Congratulations, Ho-yin, and enjoy your holiday!



## Not a Winner? There are Plenty More Chances to Come!

Sorry you didn't win this month! But the prizes don't stop there. Check back next week for an all-new set of prizes we've got up for grabs—including a three-night staycation at the **Ovolo Southside**, complete with F&B vouchers—and tickets to Ocean Park. Awesome.

We've got that and more up for grabs, so check back on **April 1** for another amazing instalment of **HK Giveaways**!



COMING UP  
NEXT MONTH...

# FIRST PERSON

Actress-turned-artist **Gloria Yip** started her entertainment career when she was just 13. She left the industry in the 90s and has been back in the spotlight in the past few years, for her outspoken positions on social issues as much as her acting or art. She tells Xavier Ng about leaving showbiz and her return as an artist.

I was born in Hong Kong in the 70s.

I joined the entertainment industry when I was 13. Back then there really were talent scouts on the streets, looking for people for commercials.

I started as a model in commercials. I wasn't planning to get into showbiz—it was all a coincidence.

I did a lot of commercials. Some movie producers saw them and thought I was suitable.

My family didn't like it at first. They would accompany me to the shoots. But they were open to me trying things I like as long as it didn't affect my studies.

I decided I should at least finish my cert level exams [at age 17] to get a "complete" education.

My manager was also quite strict with me. He didn't let me have a cell phone or credit card, because he didn't want me to be spoiled at such a young age.

Even when airlines offered me first class seats, he would say "just business class is good enough."

You can get bad influences from every industry, so it's not like showbiz is more complicated than others.

For a young girl, her own personality is very important—if she's gonna turn bad, she'll turn bad.

I was in showbiz for eight years, and I spent a lot of time overseas.

I did movies in Hong Kong, but I also did a lot of promotion tours and developed my singing career in Japan, Korea and Taiwan. I would spend just three or four days a month in Hong Kong.

I left the business because I thought it wasn't suitable for me.

I didn't know that when I was still young: I just thought it was a lot of fun. But when I really devoted myself to the job, I realized that it didn't fit my personality.

I also wasn't very close to anyone in the business because most of them were a lot older than me. I didn't really think I belonged in the industry.

I thought about going back to school, but in the end I decided to get married.

Looking back now, I don't think marriage is such an important thing.

Maybe back in the day, people would think that two people need marriage as a commitment to maintain their relationship.

But does the marriage system still work now? I have reservations about that.

Everyone should make their own choice and should not be judged.

I'd always wanted to study more and I decided to go back to school [after my marriage].

I think graduating from university was like completing a step. And I also wanted to educate my kids by using myself as a good example.

I got a bachelor's and a master's degree in fine arts. I've always loved the arts.

I returned to the limelight after graduating because an opportunity arose—there was this TV drama [2014's "Never Dance Alone"] and many of the actors in it were my friends, so I thought, why not?

I wasn't trying to get back into the industry at all.

My character was a housewife who didn't know much about anything. Many people thought that was me. That's why people have reacted so strongly when they see me actively participating in society.

Take for example my yellow ribbon initiative during the Occupy Central movement [in which Yip encouraged people to tie yellow ribbons all around Hong Kong], I saw it as a community and interactive art initiative to bring the entire movement to the next level.

Many people were surprised that even a "housewife" could do such thing, but that's not true.

I see myself as an artist and this is what I do. I used to be a movie star, but I'm not any more. I can have other roles in society.

I haven't had a solo art exhibition yet. But in group exhibitions when people see my artworks they say, "oh that's by that movie star!"

My art pieces have their own message and it's not right if people project their own perceptions about me onto the pieces.

The thing is, the Gloria Yip people know is reported by the media: They don't know the real me.

Most of my artworks are about feminism. There's been more about feminism in society in recent years, so I think that it's time to have a solo exhibition and present my art.

Asia is still a male-dominated society, but Hong Kong is already a better place for women.

Public figures have a social responsibility: Saying something one time can have the effect of others saying it 100 times—especially when it comes to the ridiculous things happening in our society.

"I used to be a movie star, but I'm not any more. I can have other roles in society."



## NEED TO KNOW...

"Found in Translation" (2013) is a collection of work inspired by the female-only Nu Shu language.



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