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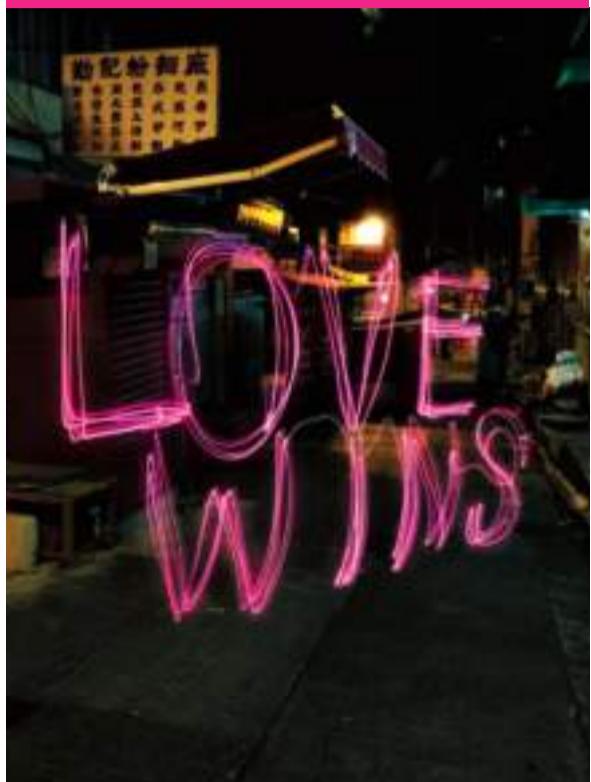


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Government House, morning. Sun streams into the Chief Executive's office. CY LEUNG sits at his desk, lost in thought. JOHN TSANG barges in. He is furious.

CY [Barely looking up]
Oh. It's you.

JOHN
Thanks a bunch, CY. You've screwed me like a Wan Chai hussy this time, haven't you? Trying to lay the blame for this Yuen Long mess at my door... Well, this is one time too many. I ain't gonna stand for it, I tells ya!

CY [Weary]
What do you want from me, John?

JOHN
I WANT YOU TO HAVE MY BACK, CY!

CY [Finally roused]
Your back? Your BACK? Says the guy who's been wrong about every budget surplus since he took office!

JOHN
Oh, that old thing again? Why do you bring this up every single time we fight?

CY
BECAUSE IT MATTERS! BECAUSE... you know what? I'm done. Done with whatever... this is.

JOHN
F-fine. But I'm warning you: You may be Chief Executive now. But don't count on it in 2017, buster!

CY
Fine. Whatever.

Pause. **JOHN** hovers, awkwardly. He didn't expect this.

JOHN
...I guess this is it, then.

CY [Firm]
I guess so.

JOHN
Well. It was nice working with you.

CY
Wish I could say the same.

JOHN walks to the door. He opens it, and then...

JOHN
May... May the best man win.

CY
I plan to.

JOHN leaves, mustaches drooping. CY remains in his chair, staring out the window. He seems to have forgotten his former colleague already.

A single tear rolls down his cheek. He doesn't notice.

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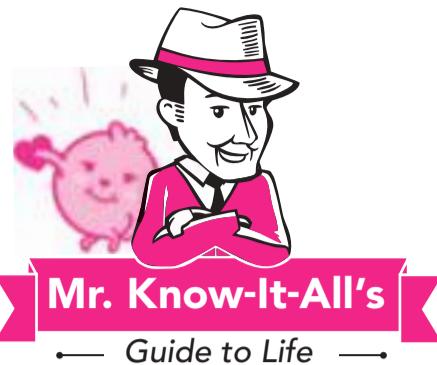
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HOME



Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

What does bat lau dung laai mean? — Vietnam Vic

It's the Cantonese interpretation of the Vietnamese phrase "bắt đầu từ nay," meaning "From this point forward." But—in Hong Kong, it's also a derogatory term for "Vietnamese person."

The phrase passed into common usage in the late 80s and early 90s, at the height of the Vietnamese refugee crisis. The communist takeover of Vietnam and Laos led to an exodus of refugees from the territories, with Hong Kong becoming a key place of refuge. But the city—and indeed, the region—was unable to handle the influx, with refugee camps springing up across the territory.

In 1988 the government announced a Comprehensive Plan of Action to deal with the crisis. The plan stipulated that after June 16 of that year, all Vietnamese who arrived in Hong Kong would no longer automatically be considered refugees, but instead be treated as asylum seekers—meaning that would have to apply for refugee status.

In order to spread the word, the government broadcast an announcement in (heavily Cantonese-accented) Vietnamese on RTHK radio, approximately once an hour. The first line went as follows:

Bắt đầu từ nay, một chính sách mới về thuyền nhân Việt Nam đã được chấp hành tại Hồng Kông.

Which translates as:

"From now on, a new policy regarding Vietnamese boat people has been implemented in Hong Kong."

Hongkongers soon learned the opening phrase, turning the Cantonese transliteration into "bat lau dung laai" (不漏洞拉, the nonsensical "don't leak hole pull").

The term rapidly settled into the Hong Kong consciousness, becoming an umbrella term for all things Vietnamese, including the people. Because of its place at the beginning of the announcement, Hongkongers even assumed that the phrase was a greeting, as you'd say "sawasdee" to the Thais.

Of course, if you unpack it—going up to someone and calling them "From this point forward" is pretty bad, if not straight-up offensive. Much like the term "gweilo," it's not really meant in a negative fashion—but it's not exactly sensitive to the rich linguistic diversity of another culture, is it?



The Vietnamese "boat people" at the height of the refugee crisis

Photo: SCMP



This week in My Perfect HK:

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

Letters

"Hats off to westerners attempting to speak the local language."

Flying the Flag

Last week Mr. Know-It-All explained charity Flag Days ("Why do people try to sell me stickers in the street every Saturday?" Sep 16, issue 1163). Readers were divided:

More than half the time it's fund raising for a church. A church that tells women that single motherhood is wrong. A church that oppresses gays and tells them that their love is evil. A church that tells Buddhists and Muslims that they are going to die in hell if they don't convert. These are not good people.

Ben Olmsted

Not church, but social services groups with religious background, like caritas, st james settlement. while you blame the "churches" for this and that, have you ever asked WHY it is all these social services groups doing the charity work, and WHERE ARE YOU? and WHERE IS THE GOVERNMENT? these works are supposed to be the govt's job, not the churches' job.

Phuong Tan Vu

Although only registered organisations are allowed to sell those, you might want to check what they do and how much will truly go to their targets before donating.

Dante S Ryu

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Sunday 9/25

Pretty in Pink

The largest one-day LGBT event in the city is upon us. Presented by Pink Alliance and BigLove Alliance, **Pink Dot** is a full-day outdoor carnival and concert. Check out performances by Denise Ho, Anthony Wong and C-Allstar. 1-8pm. Nursery Park, West Kowloon Cultural District, pinkdot.hk. See more on p.11.

Friday 9/23

Al Fresco Asana

Now that the weather is maintaining its Hong Kong autumnal often-below-30-degrees-with-the-occasional-risk-of-typhoon temperatures, what better way to enjoy the half-breeze by taking in a few vinyasas outside? Join instructor Adam Weirick from Yoga Union in Tamar Park for a **sunset yoga session**.

7:30-9pm. Tamar Park, Harcourt Rd., Admiralty.

Free, bring your own mat.

Saturday 9/24

Toy Story

Founded by 8-year-old Jeorge and 6-year-old Samantha, Little Philanthropist helps raise money for organizations like The Children's Cancer Foundation, the Hong Kong Cancer Fund and others. Join them for a **charity toy sale**, which features door prizes and over 10,000 new and rare toys, all for \$30.

12-6pm. Hang Hau Space, Lot 146, Hang Hau Rd., Sai Kung. \$200 at the door, plus \$30 per voucher. littlephilanthropist.net

Monday 9/26

You Say Goodbye, I Say Hello

The Liar's League returns for a new season. Watch live performances of original pieces written by Hong Kong writers, each on the theme of "Hello & Goodbye."

8-11pm. Social Room, 3/F, Won Hing Building, 74-78 Stanley St., Central. Free.

Tuesday 9/27

Fab Fashion

Fast fashion is the second-most harmful environmental crisis on the planet, and it's time we all slowed down. The **Get Redressed Pop-Up Shop** gives people an opportunity to sell and buy lightly-worn quality garments and accessories from designer brands. Shop vintage Gucci, Chanel and Jimmy Choos at this one-week event.

Sep 23-30, 10am-6pm. Kong Art Space, 3 Staunton St., Central.

Wednesday 9/28

Soju-licious

South Korean hotspot **Momojein** is turning one and they're throwing a bash to celebrate: Down soju cocktails and unlimited servings of their bestsellers including their fried chicken, beef roll, and Korean cheung fun. Geonbae! 7-9pm. **Momojein**, 23/F, QRE Plaza, 202 Queen's Rd. East, Wan Chai. \$215 includes three drinks and unlimited food from afoodieworld.com



Thursday 9/29

Les Hommes Extraordinaires

After making it big in France in the 80s and 90s, French-language pop outfit **Les Innocents** have embarked on their first Asian tour and they're making a stop in Hong Kong. 8-11pm. **Fringe Club**, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$480 includes one drink from ticketflap.com/lesinnocents

Friday 9/30

Rose-Colored Glasses

Pink Season is two months of big gay fun, and it all kicks off with a **Launch Party** at Circo. Expect pink drinks and a lucky draw for free flights and tons of other prizes. 7-9pm. 22/F Oliv, 15 Sharp St. East, Causeway Bay. \$200 from pinkseason.hk, \$250 at the door. See p.12 for more.

Saturday 10/1

National Pastimes

The Seafood Room is celebrating **National Day** by serving up a special five-course seafood menu including a champagne and wine pairing in their sky-high dining room. Don't want to shell out on the food but still want to enjoy the fireworks with a glass of bubbles? Head straight to the rooftop lounge.

26/F, 535 Jaffe Rd., Causeway Bay. \$1,388-1,688 for five-course dinner; \$350 basic entry fee for rooftop bar, includes one glass of sparkling wine.



Coming Up

Fright Fest

Get ready for some good old-fashioned spookin': **Ocean Park's Halloween Fest** is soon upon us. This year, adults can wander through a haunted house filled with gore and mystery, dance the night away at a rave sponsored by Blue Girl Beer, and summon up their inner Venkman or Yates and bust some ghosts at the Ghostbusters Live! attraction.

Oct 2-31. **Ocean Park**, Wong Chuk Hang. \$385 for regular adult admission; \$680 for premium admission, includes access into special attractions.



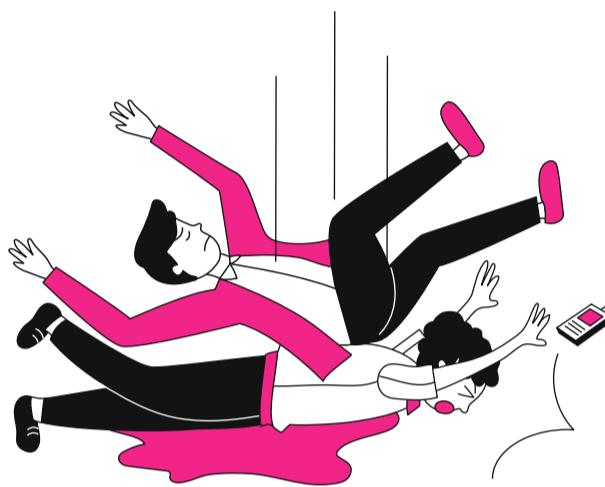
NEWS



Last Week In Reality

SAT 10

Getting Wriggly With It A man opens a box of assorted sushi he had purchased from a supermarket in Tsuen Wan—only to discover white worms wriggling on the surface of some raw tuna. He reports the incident to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, who take the sushi away for testing.

**SUN 11**

Unlucky Strike A man falls onto an awning after jumping from a multi-story carpark in Yau Ma Tei. Bouncing off the awning, his body strikes a security guard. Police and paramedics rush the pair to hospital, where the man is pronounced dead. The security guard is being treated for serious injuries. An investigation is underway.

MON 12

Fake It 'Til You Make It A photo goes viral: It shows a car wrapped entirely in red paper, its grill and headlights outlined with black marker—giving it an eerie resemblance to a paper offering for the dead. Netizens comment on how impressive the car looks, speculating that the car's owner would probably like an offering of this sort in the afterlife.

TUE 13

Lunar Effect It's just prior to Mid-Autumn Festival, and residents form up outside a bakery to redeem coupons for mooncakes. One man, overcome with festive good cheer, jumps the queue, and an altercation ensues, with several people trading blows, knocking the queue-jumper to the ground. Bakery staff call the police, but the crowd disperses before officers arrive.

WED 14

Origin of the Feces Another viral photo: A 64-year-old woman is leaving a KFC restaurant in Wan Chai when she slips and lands on her posterior. She initially assumes she slipped in some ice cream, but visual and olfactory evidence suggests the substance on her thigh and all over the floor is excrement. She calls the police and is taken to hospital for tests. The KFC branch manager says that despite combing surveillance footage, they have not been able to identify the source of the ghastly deposit.

**THU 15**

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**FRI 16**

Dog Day Afternoon A 71-year-old woman breaks into a dog breeder's kennels in Sheung Shui and attacks the animals with a knife, killing four and wounding six others. The woman is arrested at the scene. The kennel owner tells media that the attacker is a distant relative with a long-held grievance and a history of animal abuse.

FRI 16

Bad Night's Sleep Two foot masseurs spend the night at their workplace in Yau Ma Tei after hotpot and drinks. At around 6am, one of them wakes the other, who flies into a frenzy, picking up a knife and causing multiple injuries to his colleague's neck, waist and arms. The injured man tries to flee the shop but collapses. Passersby call police, who catch the suspect attempting to remove bloodstains from his clothes in a nearby public restroom. The injured man is hospitalized and an investigation is underway.

Quote of the Week

"People who held the 'candlelight vigil' in Hong Kong don't care about the Wukan villagers... They want to see Wukan in chaos and beyond the control of China's laws."

An editorial in the state organ Global Times criticizes Hongkongers for suggesting that mainland authorities treated villagers and Hong Kong journalists violently during the Wukan anti-corruption protests. One of the five journalists detained alleged that security personnel struck one of them and pinned another to the ground.

Talking Points

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

Vet School for the 1%

From the next academic year, the City University of Hong Kong will be offering the city's very first veterinary medicine program. Tuition fees will be \$120,000 per year for the six-year undergraduate course, because the University Grants Committee has twice rejected City U's application for funding for the course. The university plans to submit a further application for funding in 2018 at the earliest, although the Education Bureau has said that the university should not assume the program will get it. The university says it expects to gain complete accreditation for the course when the first batch of students graduates in 2023.

Our take: So there's hope for aspiring vets who can't afford to study overseas. Oh, wait...

Fireworks Good, War Bad

The designer of Hong Kong's National Day fireworks says the show will be "neutral and artistic" this year. Wilson Mao of Pyro Magic Multimedia Productions said the "neutral elements," including imagery of the sea and dancing flames, will celebrate Hong Kong and mainland China's nature and culture. Last year's design, which was set to feature air raid sirens and bullet-like fireworks, was dropped after it was criticized for being disrespectful to those who died in WWII. The 23-minute show on October 1 will start and end with the "Yellow River concerto"—gold, silver and flower-like fireworks—to symbolize Chinese civilization. The spirit of Hong Kong will be presented in the form of jellyfish imagery created with blue and red fireworks backed by Cantopop classic "Below the Lion Rock."

Our take: Where will we get our fix of chest-beating patriotism now?!



Illustration: Elaine Tang

Street Talk

Meet **Mak Kam-sang**, the last minibus sign-writer in Hong Kong. He hand-writes destination signs for the city's red minibuses, single-handedly keeping the industry alive. He talks to Janet Sun about this unique facet of Hong Kong heritage and the future of minibus signs.



HK Magazine: When did you start writing signs?

Mak Kam-sang: I started learning how to make plastic advertising boards in 1973. I followed my *sifu* for two years, and then in around 1978 I opened my first shop making minibus accessories. When the government allowed minibuses to install air-conditioning, all 4,000 minibuses had to be replaced with bigger vehicles, and this created new demand for customized products like plastic coin racks and signs. Drivers initially wrote their own signs on cardboard, but cardboard wasn't durable and not every driver could write neatly, so drivers started coming to shops like mine.

HK: Exactly how popular did your business get?

MKS: When I was an apprentice most of our orders were from construction or housing companies, and we'd produce advertising hoardings. We took all kinds of orders: We wrote on barriers outside construction sites by day and messages on bouquets at funeral homes by night. But in the mid-to-late 80s, our sideline in minibus signs reached its peak. There were only three of us writing the signs, and we served up to 20 minibuses a day. We were the first stop for all minibus drivers after they got their new vehicles, so it was a busy time. Now everyone else has switched to making advertising boards.

HK: What do the different colors on the signs mean?

MKS: The minibuses with white signs and red text are those that can be operated by anyone not affiliated with bus companies. Yellow signs have fixed routes. The only minibuses with signs featuring black text are those that drive around Kwun Tong, although I don't know the exact reason behind it. The unwritten rule is that text in red indicates the destination of the minibus, while text in blue indicates places the vehicle will pass by. One example is the minibus to Yuen Long—"Tuen Mun" is written in blue and in a smaller size, meaning the minibus will pass through Tuen Mun on the way to Yuen Long.

HK: What's your most memorable piece of work?

MKS: Several years ago, I made two sets of minibus route signs for the movie, "The Midnight After." The movie reminds its audience how red minibuses have become constant companions to Hongkongers over the years. That's why in recent years, many people have come to visit our shop.

HK: What's the industry like today?

MKS: It's difficult to earn a living if you sell only minibus accessories. People nowadays tend to collect these goods rather than use them. I had several apprentices when I first started my business and they've become business owners

too—but none of them make minibus signs anymore, just billboards. I do billboards too, but I will keep making minibus signs for as long as I can to keep this tradition alive. I think I can continue for at least another decade. Young people now seem interested in the history of minibuses, which in itself lends meaning to this industry. After I retire, I'll put my creations online as historical exhibits.



Take home a piece of history by heading to Hawk Advertising Co. Ltd. on 39 Battery St., Yau Ma Tei, 9017-9587.

Blowing Water

Cantonese slang: To chat, bullshit.

tung⁴ zi³
同志
Same Purpose

Definition: Originally "comrade," now "gay."

Origin: Once a common Communist Party greeting, the term was redefined in the 90s to form a more colloquial term for "homosexual."

Now refers to the entire LGBTI spectrum.

HongKabulary

"Look, do you want to get from Mong Kok to Tai Po in 15 minutes or not?"

"I'm just going to take the MTR. I can't handle the Red Peril today."



Red Peril (red peril), n.

The terror of flagging down a red minibus because their drivers are drag racing maniacs and you don't know how to get off.



It's here! Sunday, September 25 marks the third edition of **Pink Dot HK**, a celebration of diversity in support of LGBTI communities in Hong Kong and all over the world. This year's theme, "Love Wins," is a reminder that in the end, love really can conquer all. We take a look at other places around the world where, despite often enormous odds, love is winning. By **David Vetter, Xavier Ng and Adam White**. Illustrations by **Kay Leung**



China

Homosexuality was decriminalized in China in 1997. Since then, the People's Republic has seen gradual progress towards a wider acceptance of LGBTI issues, though more in the social arena than the legal. This year, 27-year-old Meng Fanyu was voted the first ever Mr Gay China in the first successful iteration of the competition in the country. A survey suggests that of the 27 million users of Blued, China's largest gay dating app, less than 5 percent are out.

Q: What are the main challenges of being gay in Chinese society?

A: I would say the biggest difficulty in the region would be the uneven protection across China for the rights of LGBTI people, which are part of the human rights of every Chinese citizen. Hong Kong and Taiwan fare a bit better in terms of equal protection under the law. However, there are still lapses. Hong Kong still lacks legislation to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and sexual identity.

— Raymond "Slow Beat" Chan, Hong Kong's first and only gay legislator



Nepal

The Himalayan nation is now considered a world leader in its approach to LGBTI issues. The abolition of the monarchy in 2007 paved the way for new laws that legalized homosexuality. Nepal took another leap forward in 2015, with the introduction of a constitution that, among other things, enshrines in law the right of Nepalis to display their preferred gender on their identity cards, as well as provisions against discrimination on grounds of gender or sexual orientation. Nepal is also the home of Sunil Babu Pant, who in 2008 became the first openly gay member of parliament in Asia, serving until 2012.

Q: What's the next step for trans acceptance in Hong Kong?

A: Our next step should be to review the criteria of gender recognition laws. Trans people who desire different degrees of bodily modification should be treated equally. I also hope that gender boxes will not be a requirement to understand a person. Everyone, no matter how they identify themselves, should be treated equally—just as humans.

— Siufung Law, genderqueer bodybuilder and advocate



Vietnam

While Vietnam lacks strong anti-discrimination legislation, the country has taken notable strides in the direction of equality. It lifted a ban on same-sex marriage in 2015, though not granting the same legal protections given to heterosexual couples. Also in 2015, Vietnam adopted new laws enshrining the rights of transgender people. In June this year, Vietnam was one of seven Asian countries that voted in support of a UN resolution on the protection of LGBTI individuals.

Q: What are your hopes for trans rights in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia?

A: Anti-discrimination and gender recognition legislation, as well as marriage equality, are the top priorities for trans rights in Hong Kong and in Southeast Asia. And yet I hope that discrimination can be eliminated through more understanding, rather than legislation.

— Joanne Leung, Chairperson, Transgender Resource Center





Hong Kong

Brian Leung, chief campaigner of BigLove Alliance and Co-Director of Pink Dot Hong Kong, tells us about the progress of the LGBTI movement in Hong Kong and what he hopes to achieve through Pink Dot.



HK Magazine: How have LGBTI rights been doing in the past few years in Hong Kong?

Brian Leung: For the past few years, public opinion towards equality and LGBTI issues has been a lot more open and accepting. But when it comes to legislation, we're still stuck with no progress whatsoever. In the last four years we've been talking about legislation for the Sexual Orientation Discrimination Ordinance (SODO), and the Equal Opportunities Commission has published reports saying that mainstream opinion in society is supportive, but the government remains stationary.

HK: How did you come up with Pink Dot?

BL: Pink Dot was my idea three years ago. I saw that it was very successful in Singapore and thought that in addition to the annual Pride Parade, we could have another event that's softer, and targets not just LGBTI people, but also our friends, family, and straight allies. This year's theme, "Love Wins," comes from some

American LGBTI rights advocacy groups, when they fought for legalizing same-sex marriage last year. By using it here, we hope Hongkongers can realize LGBTI people should be entitled to the same rights as straight people.

HK: This is the third edition of Pink Dot. What do you hope to see in a year from now?

BL: It's hard to predict, but of course we hope that SODO will be passed, or at least opened for public consultation. For marriage rights, even if there can't be same-sex marriage in Hong Kong right away, we hope we can discuss the possibility of civil unions or other ways to bring our rights closer to those of heterosexuals.

HK: What can straight allies do to help?

BL: Come to Pink Dot! Other than that, we at BigLove Alliance have many campaigns throughout the year, and we welcome everyone to come volunteer for us to spread our message of inclusiveness. If the message stays only within our community, it'll never get out.

biglovealliance.org



Colombia

Given the continent's broadly Catholic history, it may be surprising to some how rapidly many South American countries are progressing on LGBTI issues. Leading the field is Colombia, where the nation's Constitutional Court has recognized the rights of LGBTI couples in a wide range of areas. Most recently and notably, in April this year, the same court legalized same-sex marriage, sparking celebrations across the country.

Q: How far is Hong Kong from legalizing same-sex marriage?

A: There are some very interesting situations bubbling away under the surface of Hong Kong at the moment that could have ground-breaking effects for the LGBTI community. Two of these are legal cases that are defending same-sex couples' rights to be recognized as such. If they are won, which we hope and expect they will be, then the law will have to be changed. It is a fight that must be fought in all possible ways, though. By breaking down the barriers of misconception, engaging in conversation and working together, the journey will be much easier. It is going to be a long struggle, but I believe that we will get there.

—Philip Howell-Williams, Director, Pink Season HK



Mozambique

There are plenty of countries in sub-Saharan Africa that have, to put it mildly, a long way to go on LGBTI rights. Unlike almost all its neighbors, but as seen in some other former Portuguese African colonies, Mozambique is making great progress: Same-sex sexual activity was legalized in 2015, and discrimination against LGBTI persons in the workplace has been outlawed since 2007.

Q: Hong Kong's discrimination ordinance doesn't include LGBTI people. How do we help to change that?

A: Large organizations, like some of our sponsors for Pink Dot, have diversity departments that have budgets! These are big financial and law firms. In Hong Kong, they are actually the ones saying that you cannot discriminate against an LGBT person. They're the ones that make Hong Kong run, so they're the ones that can pressure the government.

—Betty Grisoni, Co-Director, Pink Dot



Turn to p.38 for our interview with activist and singer Anthony Wong!



Pink Dot 2016

Need to Know

Sunday, September 25 marks the third edition of Pink Dot HK. Inspired by the success of Pink Dot Singapore, which began in 2009, the Hong Kong edition was started as a collaborative effort between non-profit groups BigLove Alliance and Pink Alliance.

Pink Dot HK is a non-political outdoor event that gives all people a chance to show their support for LGBTI issues through "inclusiveness, diversity and love equality."

The first event, titled "We are Family: The Freedom to Love," took place in June 2014 at Tamar Park, and included a funfair and live music. The 2015 edition, also at Tamar Park, bore the tagline "Love is Love"—reflecting the ideal that if love is real, one's gender is unimportant.

This year Pink Dot moves to the West Kowloon Cultural District. The theme, "Love Wins," is inspired by the power of love to conquer all. There's a carnival, flea market, workshops and more, plus performances from Anthony Wong Yiu-ming, Denise Ho (aka HOCC), Pakho Chau, Chochukmo and Gin Lee. Not bad for a free event. Just remember to wear pink!



When:

Sunday, September 25, from 2-8pm.

Where:

Nursery Park,
West Kowloon Cultural District.

Rundown:

- 2pm Outdoor Carnival
- 3pm Outdoor Concert
- 4pm Pink Celebration
- 5pm Pink Dot Formation
- 6:30pm Evening DJ & Party



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Painting the Town Pink!

The seventh iteration of Asia's largest LGBTI festival, Pink Season, hits town from Sep 30-Nov 5. So get ready to fly those rainbow flags and join the festivities in support of equal rights for the community. Here's what not to miss over the five-week festival. By **Sophia Lam**

Sep 30

It's a Party!

Pink Season kicks off with a launch party at Circo, a new LGBTI-friendly bar with unparalleled views. Score your ticket to the party of the season and you'll find yourself sipping on pink-themed cocktails as you mingle and schmooze under the stars with entertainment and lucky draws.

7-10pm. \$200 from pinkseason.hk (before Sep 29); \$250 at the door. 22/F, Oliv, 15 Sharp St. East, Causeway Bay.

Through Oct 2

Hong Kong Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

HKLGFF is offering an incredible lineup of 27 films and six series of shorts in its 16-day program. Grab your tickets from cinema.com.hk ASAP, as they're selling out quick.

hkgff.hk

Oct 1

Pink Season Bike Ride

A new addition to the eclectic mix of Pink Season events this year, the Bike Ride is the event you'll want to mark on your calendars for a family-friendly afternoon in the great outdoors. Pedal your along the Tai Wai waterfront on a rainbow-themed bike, and fuel up on a delicious BBQ dinner at the finish line.

10am-6pm. \$60 per bike rental (or bring your own); optional BBQ dinner at cost. Register at pinkseason.hk. Tai Wai, New Territories.

Oct 8

Urban Race

Channel your inner Indiana Jones as you ferret out checkpoints across the city in the Urban Race. Returning for the third time this year, the event has become a staple of Pink Season; this year, they're collaborating again with Out in HK, a group devoted to setting up sports and social activities for Hong Kong's LGBTI community.

10:30am-6:30pm. \$200, register before Oct 1 at pinkseason.hk. Shatin and Ma On Shan.

Oct 16

Floatilla

Get on board Hong Kong's largest LGBTI junk party with the annual Floatilla, which debuted more than a decade ago. What to expect: fresh salads from Knead, energy drinks by Nutri Muscle Lab, and lots of booze brought to you by Absolut Vodka in cute rainbow bottles. Oh, and LOTS of shirtless men. Too boozed up to swim? Strap on a rainbow unicorn floatie and you're good to go.

9:30am at Central Ferry Pier 9. \$650 early bird from tiny.cc/floatilla_2016 (register before Sep 30); \$700 thereafter. More details will be announced on pinkseason.hk soon.

Oct 22-23

Camping Weekend

Pitch your tent under the stars at Sai Kung's Tai Long Wan—there's something for everyone here: hiking, boogie boarding, campfire dancing and beach games. 10:30am-3pm the next day. Starts from \$150 (tent for two), more info at pinkseason.hk (register before Oct 12). Tai Long Wan, Sai Kung.

Oct 25

The Rainbow Connection

A stage for Hong Kong's artists to flaunt their talents in an evening of storytelling, theater and musical performances. All proceeds go to AIDS Concern.

8-9:30pm. \$150 in advance from pinkseason.hk; \$200 at the door, includes one drink. Orange Peel, Flat A-C, 2/F, Ho Lee Commercial Building, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, 2812-7177.

Nov 5

Out in the Open

Wrap up the Pink Season with the grand finale Out in the Open, a half-day-long beach party. Details are yet to be announced, but we're expecting free-flow food, live music and drinks on the sun-drenched Repulse Bay Beach.

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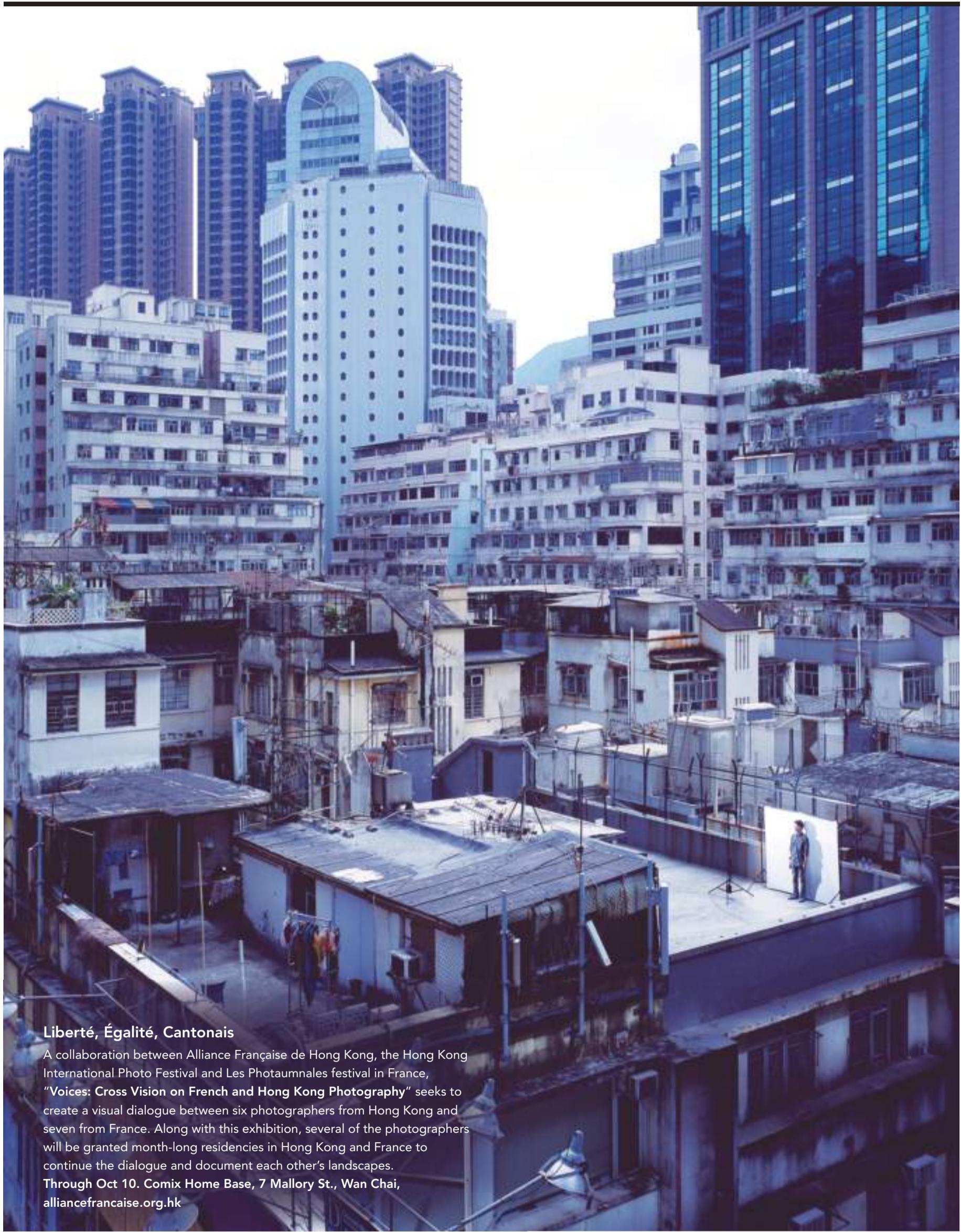


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A collaboration between Alliance Française de Hong Kong, the Hong Kong International Photo Festival and Les Photaumnales festival in France,

"Voices: Cross Vision on French and Hong Kong Photography" seeks to create a visual dialogue between six photographers from Hong Kong and seven from France. Along with this exhibition, several of the photographers will be granted month-long residencies in Hong Kong and France to continue the dialogue and document each other's landscapes.

Through Oct 10. Comix Home Base, 7 Mallory St., Wan Chai,
alliancefrancaise.org.hk

ESCAPE ROUTES

Compiled by Sophia Lam
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Plane Pleasure

Got a long-haul flight coming up? If you've saved up enough to shell out for a cozier ride (or the company's paying), up your sky game with these cabins that feel like you never left home—if your home was a plush mansion. By **Sophia Lam**

Booze-ness class

Spending 15 hours straight aloft is never fun... unless you've got the benefit of aviation's best onboard bars to make the journey a lot more bearable.

Blue Sky Lounging

Walk through the business class cabin of **Qatar Airways'** Airbus A380, push open the curtains and you'll discover The Lounge, a contemporary Arabian-styled area decorated with vivid colors and an array of fresh flowers. Sip on a glass of Krug Champagne while snacking on canapés and mingling with other travelers on the smooth leather sofa—you'll be at your destination before you've cracked open your third bottle.

Flights from \$23,185 (Hong Kong to Doha on Boeing 787-8, Doha to London on A380), qatarairways.com

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Emirates just walked off with the gold medal from the Skytrax World Airline Awards earlier this year (as well as the Best Inflight Entertainment prize), and they've definitely earned it. Their Airbus A380s have a dedicated bartender behind the table 24/7 to whip up whatever concoction you're craving: Order a few Cosmos with your girlfriends at the bar and get the holiday started early, true "Sex and the City" style.

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Mini Joys

The youngest airline on our list, **Virgin Australia** has just launched their new Boeing 777 1-2-1 layout business class cabin (named "The Business") and we're delighted to see a mini bar (named "The Bar"—guess they're keeping it simple) has sprung up in the cabin. With its black and white interiors and shelves of lined up liquors, this one feels like it's straight out of a James Bond movie. Here you can get your fix of wine, hors d'oeuvres, hot drinks or simply some extra legroom during long-haul flights.

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Head in the Clouds

If you think having a whole room to yourself on a plane isn't enough, how about THREE whole rooms? Think of The Residence on **Etihad's** A380 planes, the only three-room suite in a commercial airline, as the A5 Kobe strip steak of luxury flights. A round-trip flight from Hong Kong to London Heathrow will add a whopping \$374,525 to your bill—that's the same price as three flights in Cathay Pacific's first-class cabin. But if you have the cash to splash, this flight spares no expense—from the double-seated sofa in the living room to the luxurious double bed in the bedroom, and trained butlers and inflight chefs who stand by for your every need. Each A380 flight is also equipped with its own orange-aproned "Flying Nanny" to keep the little ones entertained.

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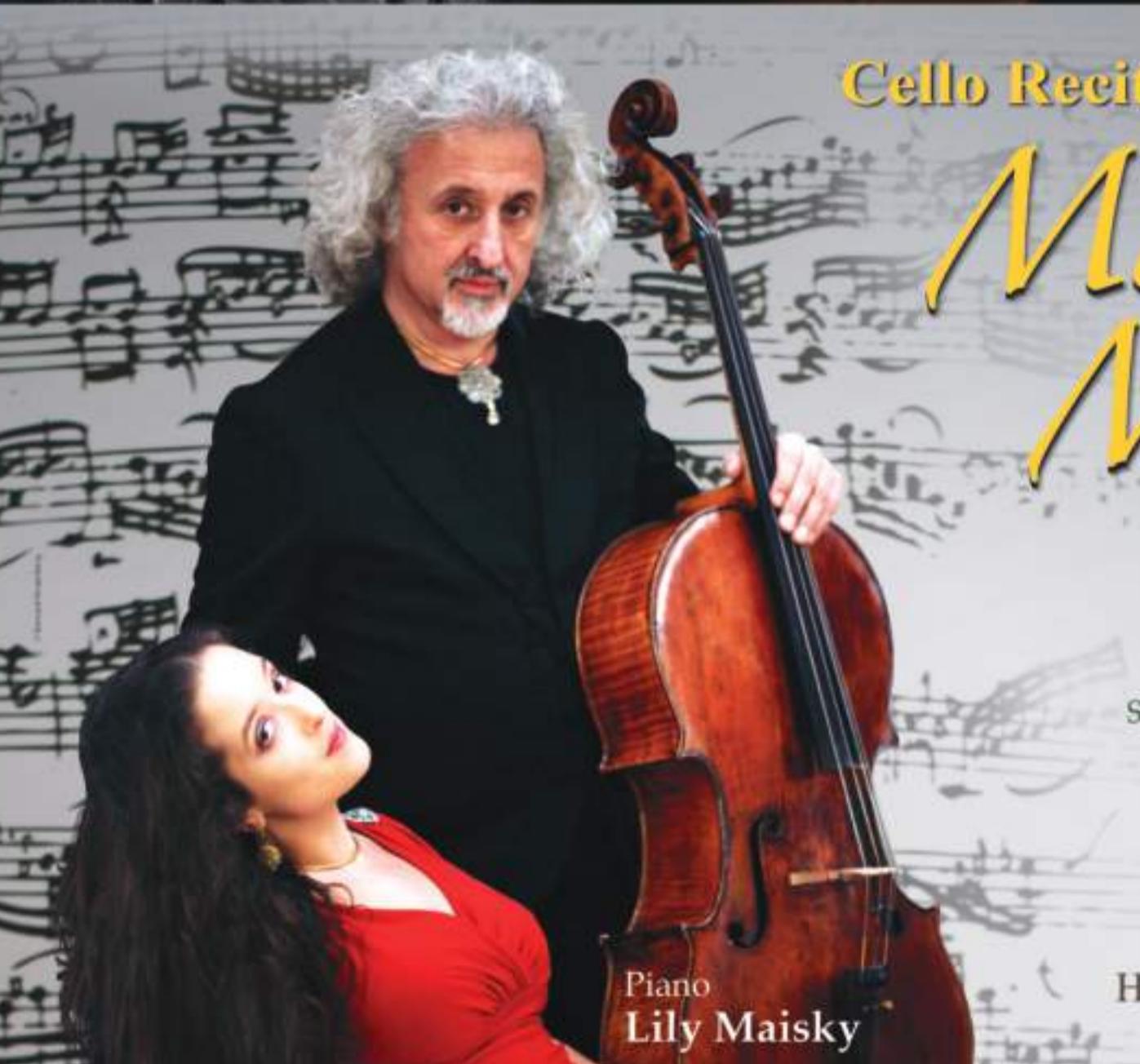
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Lily Maisky

Sugar Rush

Junk days are coming to an end, which means you no longer have to feel pressured to fit into that size two bikini while sucking in both sets of cheeks. Eat, rejoice and be merry at some of the best dessert bars in town. By **Leslie Yeh**



◀ You Had Us at Hello

A girly catch-up over a slice of cake and a pretty cocktail or two is only a stone's throw away at **Jerry Maguire**, the new cocktail and dessert bar that landed in Causeway Bay earlier this year. If you're rolling with two or more, tackle the Jerry Maguire Cheesecake Crunch—the retro shop's signature dessert which combines Baileys hazelnut cheesecake with crunchy biscuits and dark chocolate frozen foam (\$268). There's also a particularly Insta-worthy chocolate lava pudding served with Grand Marnier vanilla gelato and Nutella soil (\$108).

Pair it with: The whimsical Alice the Wonderland (\$198) cocktail made with 3-year-old Havana Club rum, Midori, elderflower syrup, mint and spun sugar.
23 Lan Fong Rd., Causeway Bay, 2881-5008.



◀ Café Culture

A household name in France, **Dalloyau Paris** is one of Hong Kong's top purveyors of fine French pastries—chocolates, macarons, éclairs, you name it. Grab a sweet treat to go, or sit in at Le Café Dalloyau, which is currently serving an afternoon tea (\$536 for two, through Oct 10) in collaboration with fashion brand Roger Vivier. Expect dainty bites including "La Rose Framboise," raspberry mousse shortbread designed off the Rose'n Roll collection; and Gianduia Rocher, a hazelnut praline crème cake with a micro diamond cut design.

Pair it with: A pot of Ceylon Orange Pekoe tea, a golden, crisp and full-bodied Sri Lankan tea.
Shop 403, 4/F, Ocean Centre, Harbour City, 3-27 Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 3185-8330.



◀ Guilt-Free Gluttony

If you're looking for a health-conscious fix to your sugary cravings, look no further than **The Cakery**, an all-organic, nutrient-rich dessert shop. With a range of gluten- and dairy-free recipes, The Cakery is all about healthy snacking that satisfies your sweet tooth with minimal guilt. Stop by the new Pacific Place pop-up and dig into their baked treats; we dig the "Men in Black" cupcake (\$38) with a black sesame filling.

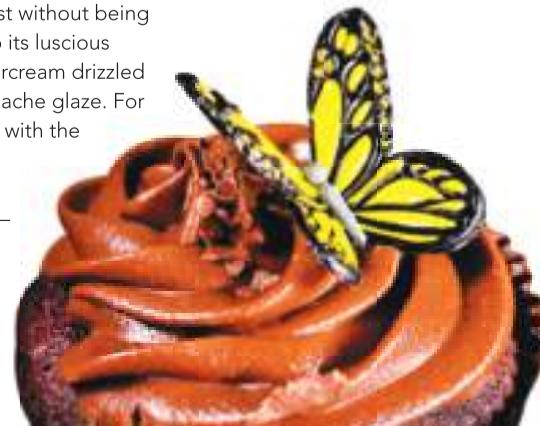
Pair it with: The Red Date & Gogi Berry Tea from Blooms Roastery & Craft Tea, served exclusively at the Pacific Place store.
L2 Pop-Up, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, 6688-6883.



Cupcake Nation ▶

Sift is no stranger to Hong Kong's dessert scene, but every time we stop by, we're reminded of just how perfect their chocolate cupcakes (\$28) are. Soft and moist without being overly dense or airy, the batter stands up to its luscious topping of chocolate mocha frosting, buttercream drizzled with salted caramel, or triple chocolate ganache glaze. For a lighter bite, go for the toffee apple made with the autumnal flavors of apple and cinnamon.

Pair it with: The decadent Valrhona Hot Chocolate with homemade marshmallows—or maybe a glass of champagne.
46 Graham St., Central, 2530-4288.





▲ Dessert Degustation

If you have yet to try Singaporean pastry chef Janice Wong's desserts at **Cobo House by 2am Dessert Bar**—you're in for a treat. Named Best Pastry Chef in 2013 and 2014 by Asia's 50 Best Restaurants, this young culinary star is pushing the boundaries of dessert making. Don't miss the "Kyoto Garden"—a nature-inspired landscape on a plate, with orange blossom ice cream "rocks," pistachio sponge, parfait, orange blossom jelly, apricot compote and lemongrass ganache creating an edible scene (part of the dessert degustation; \$298 per person).

Pair it with: The "Sabi Sabi" mocktail with green apple puree, wasabi, lemongrass syrup, elderflower cordial, lime juice and ginger beer.

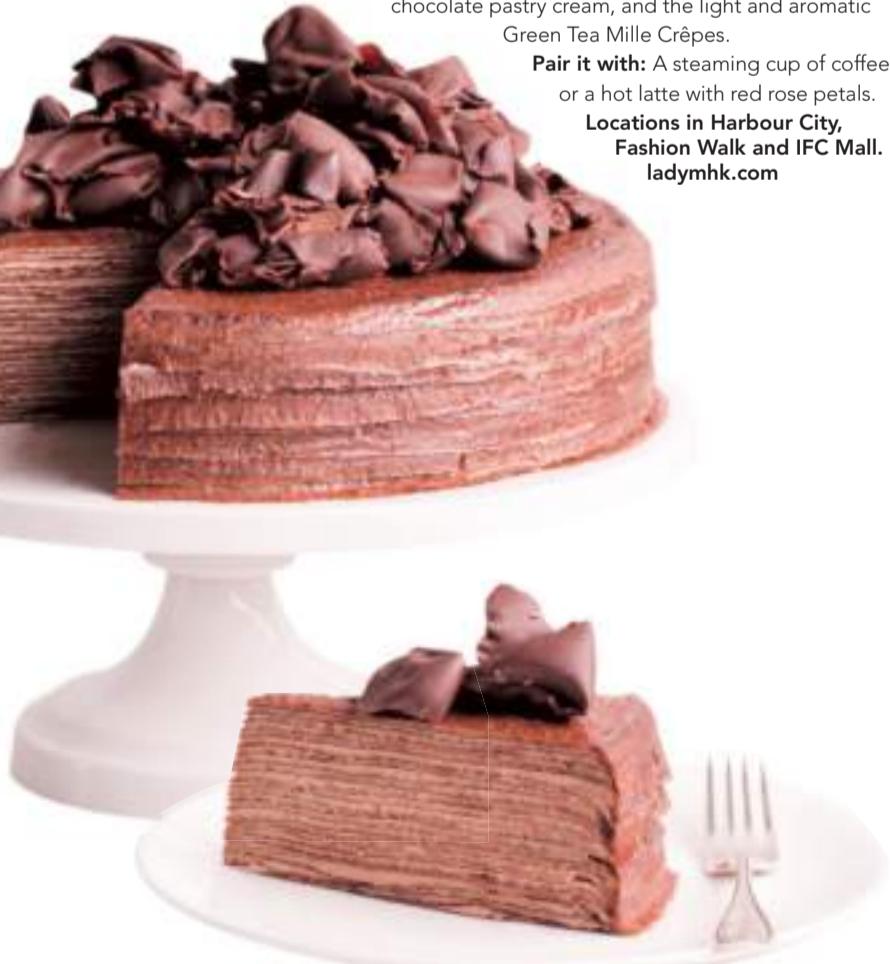
G/F & 1/F, 8/12 South Lane, Shek Tong Tsui, 2656-3088.

▼ The Crêpe Escape

Layers upon layers of paper-thin crêpes make for an ethereal delight in cake boutique **Lady M**'s signature "Milles Crêpes" creations (from \$68 per slice). Given Hong Kong's obsession with everything Earl Grey, it's no surprise that the Earl Grey Mille Crêpes is a big hit, with the paper-thin crêpes infused with French Earl Grey tea, garnished with tea leaves and edible blue cornflowers. Other delights include the Chocolate Mille Crêpes made with 20 handmade crêpes layered in cocoa and chocolate pastry cream, and the light and aromatic Green Tea Mille Crêpes.

Pair it with: A steaming cup of coffee or a hot latte with red rose petals.

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NEW AND NOTED



Sea wonders await at the Bostonian

Bostonian Lobster's Back

It's been a mainstay of Tsim Sha Tsui dining for well over a decade, but The Langham Hong Kong's **Bostonian Seafood and Grill** (The Langham Hong Kong, 8 Peking Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2132-7898) has just come out of a two-month makeover to update it for the modern age. The underground space is all about the industrial chic, banishing the American steakhouse look of old for a cleaner, more modern look, complete with exposed concrete walls adorned with contemporary Chinese art. There's also a brand new craft beer bar, serving up brews including made-in-Hong-Kong Young Master Ales. But the food is still as good as ever, with a revamped menu that retains its focus on sustainable, delicious seafood. Check out the signature "You and I" oysters (\$278 for six), freshly shucked and topped with Hokkaido sea urchin, seaweed, sesame and salmon roe. Or the two-day aged beetroot-cured salmon (\$258), served with pomegranate molasses, crème fraîche, orange and fennel. But if you're a traditionalist, there's no need to panic: old Bostonian favorites such as the lobster bisque and crab cakes still occupy pride of place on the menu.



Discover your favorite wine at Decanter

All Bottled Up

Tsim Sha Tsui continues its streak of churning out notable F&B destinations with The Mira Hong Kong's new wine lounge, **Decanter at Whisk** (5/F, The Mira Hong Kong, 118 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2315-5999). We popped by the newly outfitted space last week during the soft opening period, and instantly felt as if we'd been transported to a friend's living room, with the plush carpet, funky yellow armchairs and a secluded yet convivial atmosphere. Perfect for a tête-à-tête after work, Decanter offers a relaxed space to discover new wines while enjoying savory bar snacks from the Whisk kitchen. They're one of the first in Hong Kong to use the Coravin technology, which allows you to pour wine without pulling the cork (using a super thin needle that punctures a tiny hole)—so you can try up to 18 premium labels by the glass, including Super-Tuscans and Premier Cru Burgundy wines.

Safe Butchery

Avoid dodgy looking supermarket meat or excessively priced cuts from international chains by heading to **Bones & Blades** (1 Second St., Sai Ying Pun, 2540-0048), Hong Kong's latest butcher and delicatessen for conscious carnivores. If you want to know exactly what you're getting and where it comes from, Bones & Blades is a great bet: Dedicated to sustainable farming practices, they stock only free-range cattle, untouched by antibiotics and growth hormones. Premium beef, pork and lamb comes from grass-fed animals, ensuring quality is at the core of each product sold. Take home their sausages and pâté, or grab a seat at the adjoining twenty-seater restaurant Quarter Master (2517-4266) to feast on a delicious in-house menu that consists mostly of burgers—try the BBQ pulled pork (\$88)—and heart attack-inducing sides such as the Piggy Fries (\$40) cooked in bubbling pork fat.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Qi-Nine Dragons ★★★★☆

Sichuanese. 20/F & Rooftop, Prince Tower, 12A Peking Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2799-8899.



Qi-Nine Dragons is a sister of the Michelin-starred Qi-House of Sichuan in Wan Chai; With dark, sleek interiors and a sweeping view of the harbor, Qi serves up a surprising mix of refined Sichuanese classics with a modern twist.

HIT Qi specializes in the signature mala (aka numbingly spicy) flavors using Sichuan chilis and peppercorns. We started with the chili oil wontons (\$80): Thin and transparent, the wonton wrapper revealed a juicy, meaty interior, and eased us slowly into the spicy onslaught to come. The deep-fried Chongqing style sliced chicken (\$215) was served on a bed of chilis and peppercorns. The dish was

properly spicy—this was when the sweat beads started to form—but the unique sensation of hot, crispy and tangy made us go back for more. Cumin lamb with roasted chili (\$260) was similarly served with a side of red hot-fire, and was just as addictive, although we wished the lamb itself held more inherent flavor. We dove into the braised mandarin fish fillet in chili oil soup (\$200 for small, \$300 for large). Served in a bright red pond with mung bean noodles, bean sprouts and mushrooms, the dish gave us that unique numbing sensation without overshadowing the subtle taste of the tender, fresh fish.

MISS The mapo tofu (\$105), another staple Sichuanese dish, was underwhelming and under-seasoned.

BOTTOM LINE Well-executed dishes and a killer rooftop bar make this a great place to take out-of-towners who aren't afraid to work up a sweat.

Open daily noon-2:30pm, 6-11pm. \$\$\$

Alto ★★★★☆

31/F, V Point, 18 Tang Lung St., Causeway Bay, 2603-7181.



This newcomer from Dining Concepts offers up one of the best dining rooms and views in Causeway Bay, with a reasonably priced menu to boot.

HIT Located on the 31st floor, Alto is a stunner—all floor-to-ceiling glass windows overlooking the harbor, a ceiling glowing with hundreds of golden lights, and elegant furniture supplied by Tom Dixon design studios. The menu draws from all over but lacks a central theme, instead reflecting the chef's travels from around the world. We started with the soft shell crab (\$148)—four juicy halves, nicely battered with a crisp, golden exterior. They didn't skimp on the quality of the crab, and the tangy shaved

vegetable salad helped provide some relief and contrast. The carbonara mac and cheese (\$128) was made with fontina and topped off with parmesan, giving it a buttery, nutty flavor. Fresh peas provided a pop, and we were pleased to find the bacon was thick-cut and flavorful, rather than thin and crispy slivers. Grilled asparagus (\$88) and truffle French fries (\$88) were tasty sides to round out the bistro-type meal. On a separate occasion, we also enjoyed the 14oz USDA prime ribeye (\$398), which was tender and flavorful with a nice sear.

MISS The foie gras starter (\$178) was touted as a signature, but the foie turned out on the dry side, as did the forgettable almond spiced waffle it sat on. Like much of the rest of the menu, the origin and inspiration behind the dish drifted.

BOTTOM LINE With some fine-tuning and a bit more focus, we can see Alto becoming a top destination dining spot in CWB. Bistro prices in a fine dining setting make this one to watch.

Open daily noon-3pm; 6-11pm. \$\$\$

Ratings

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

Price Guide

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CITY STROLL

Sai Kung

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



7 Sai Kung Promenade Weekend Market

Every weekend, around 40 stalls populate the promenade, selling fresh produce, arts and handicrafts from Hong Kong artists, designers and farmers. Head over for a look, leave with organic veggies...

**Sai Kung Promenade, Sai Kung,
2792-1762.**



8 18C Retro Living

This little boutique stocks casual and stylish finds. Expect quality shoes, leather goods and an assortment of interesting and quirky décor and homeware. We're fans of the intricate metalwork and beautiful wallets.

G/F, 18C Tai St., Sai Kung, 2191-3203.



9 Floating Seafood Market

A quick stroll down the waterfront will bring you to a colorful lineup of boats and sampans moored along the side of the promenade, where fishermen sell their catches of the day. Haggle for the best price, and take your catch to any of the nearby restaurants to have it cooked up.

Sai Kung Promenade and Pier.



10 The Bottle Shop

A longstanding Sai Kung beer joint, The Bottle Shop stocks over 300 kinds of beers from micro-breweries all over the world as well as local brands. Grab a craft brew and while away an hour as the sun sets.

**G/F, 114 Man Nin St., Sai Kung,
2791-1600.**



11 Tung Kee Seafood Restaurant

Another star restaurant and one of our favorites. Set against the backdrop of Sai Kung harbor, Tung Kee stocks all kinds of fresh seafood including lobsters, fish, crabs, abalone, and more. Set a budget for the chef to work with—we recommend around \$500 per person for a hearty selection.

96-102 Man Nin St., Sai Kung, 2792-7493.



12 Hong Kong Geopark

Sai Kung is the gateway to the city's UNESCO-certified Geopark. Fascinating landscapes are just a boat ride away: Take a trip out to the Ninepin Islands to see their stunning hexagonal rock columns.

Sai Kung Pier. 4-hour boat tours from \$1,800 for 6-7 people, Sai Kung Yacht Association, 9167-4941.



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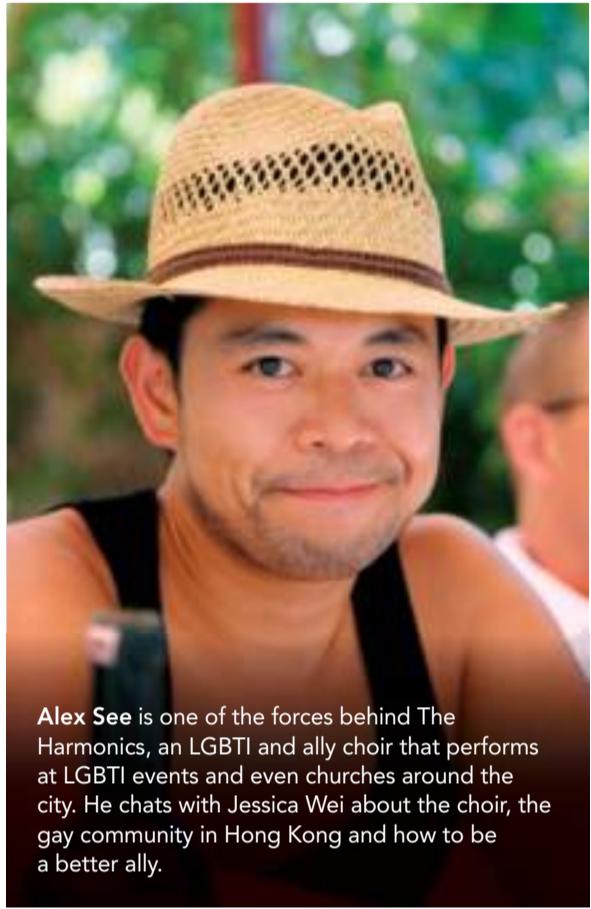
Check back next week for more awesome things to do in Sai Kung!



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UPCLOSE: ALEX SEE



Alex See is one of the forces behind The Harmonics, an LGBTI and ally choir that performs at LGBTI events and even churches around the city. He chats with Jessica Wei about the choir, the gay community in Hong Kong and how to be a better ally.

HK Magazine: How did The Harmonics get their start?

AS: The Harmonics was founded in August last year by a group of eight people from Out in HK. At the beginning, they just thought they would gather together, do something with music—until they had to perform at a fundraising event for AIDS awareness. I joined shortly before the performance. With that performance, we knew that we'd be a singing group. The direction and identity was formed, and we became a choir.

HK: What kind of music do you perform?

AS: We sing pop music and musical showtunes: Mainly positive, uplifting fun music. Some of the songs talk about injustice, but every season we have a different theme. We're just a year old, so we're experimenting a lot and learning from other choirs, like the Pink Singers in London. We learned that each year has two seasons, and each season has a theme. At this point, our theme is "Sing as One."

HK: How is the atmosphere during rehearsals?

AS: One of main reasons we sing as a choir is to create a supportive and safe environment for LGBTI people and allies. I think we've been doing a really great job of that. The rehearsals are really fun. We also have people who have just come out, or are still in the closet, who have come to join us. Then they make friends and they feel like they have a support system.

HK: Are there other similar groups in Hong Kong?

AS: Most of the people think that the LGBTI community all revolves around drinking and dating apps. But recently, there have been more organizations like Out in Hong Kong, Out Runners, and us. Lots of people in the community want more variety.

HK: How large is the LGBTI community in Hong Kong?

AS: I started to help with the organization of the choir in December. If you'd asked me this question before this, I would have said that Hong Kong is a small place, everyone knows everyone, and the community seems really small and there are only a handful of bars. But the more I get involved with community work, I've realized that there are lots of people who don't go to the bars. When we perform at some events, I only know 10 out of 200 people there. I think this is why this kind of work is needed: We need to reach out to people who don't go out or socialize with other LGBTI people.

HK: How can people in Hong Kong be better allies to the LGBTI community?

AS: After having helped organize the choir, I'm more comfortable with my sexuality. I've started to talk about it with people who are not in the LGBTI community. I've realized that a lot of people don't really know what the LGBTI community is. Of course, it depends on their age, education and whether or not they have LGBTI friends themselves. People are just really uninformed. Just talking about it openly helps the community.

Interested in joining The Harmonics? Send them a message at facebook.com/theharmonicshk



The Harmonics

Concerts

Lea Salonga: Disney & Broadway Magic

Lea Salonga, a Filipina singing star who has graced stages from the West End to Broadway, and supplied the singing voice for not one but two Disney princesses (1998's "Mulan" and Jasmine from "Aladdin" in 1992), makes her way back to Hong Kong. Joining forces with the HKPhil, she'll be performing Disney hits and Broadway classics, conducted by her brother, Gerard Salonga. Sep 30-Oct 1, 8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$280-780 from urbtix.hk



Ching Sau-wing with the Hong Kong City Orchestra

The Hong Kong City Orchestra will be joined and led by conductor, erhuist and Artistic Director of the HKCO Ching Sau-wing, for a program of popular Chinese instrumental classics. Pieces include "Celebration Overture," "As the Moon Rises," "Torrents of the River," and a new spin on "Capriccio on the Theme of Qinqiang." Sep 25, 3pm. Tai Po Civic Centre, 12 On Pong Rd., Tai Po. \$100-140 from urbtix.hk

The Fidelio Trio

The Fidelio Trio have performed in some of the most prestigious venues around the world and were recently shortlisted for the Royal Philharmonic Society's Ensemble Award. They come to the Ladies Recreation Club for a performance of Haydn's "Gypsy Rondo," Beethoven's Op. 70 No. 1 "Ghost," Dvorak's "Dumky Trio," and a trio by Ravel. The higher ticket price includes a dinner with the musicians after the concert. Sep 27, 6:45pm. Ladies' Recreation Club, 10 Old Peak Rd., Mid-Levels, \$320 for the concert; \$690 for concert and dinner with the musicians. Reserve tickets by emailing program@fama.org.hk

Miloš Karadaglić

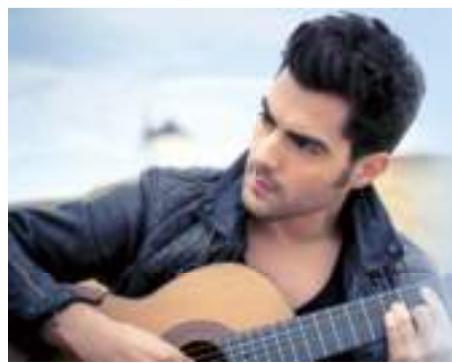
Considered one of the leading classical guitarists of his generation, Miloš Karadaglić comes to Hong Kong, defiant on his position that The Beatles are bigger than Bach (or, at least just as significant). With a seven-piece string band, he'll be leading audiences through a musical exploration that begins with the father of the fugue, followed by a selection from Manuel de Falla, Luigi Boccherini, Astor Piazzolla and landing on the Fab Four. Oct 24, 8pm. \$180-880 from urbtix.hk

Classical



Jaap van Zweden's Mahler and Mozart

After extending his contract as Music Director of the HK Phil through to 2022 (as well as taking on a new role of Music Director of the New York Philharmonic), Jaap van Zweden will be back behind the podium for the first time this season to lead them in a performance of Mahler's Symphony no. 1, "Titan." They are joined by Chinese violinist Yang Tianwa for Mozart's Violin Concerto no. 4. Oct 20-21, 8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$280-680 from urbtix.hk



Good Music @ The Fringe with James C.

James Cuddeford, current Concertmaster of the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, turns his virtuosic attention to Hungarian musical tradition for a more laid-back string performance at the Fringe Dairy. He'll be performing a series of chamber pieces by Hungarian composers György Ligeti, Béla Bartók and his former teacher György Kurtág, in honor of his 90th birthday. Sep 27, 7pm. Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$62 for Fringe Club members, \$180 for nonmembers, includes a drink.



Dance

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

There's a play within a play, enchanted woods, a fairy queen running game on a literal asshead, and two adolescent couples waking up naked in a field, all orchestrated by a shrewd and knavish sprite—there's a lot to love in Shakespeare's comedy, and even more to love in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's touring adaptation of it. Set to a score by Mendelssohn and performed by this world class assortment of dancers, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one you won't want to wake up from. Oct 7-8, 7:45pm; Oct 9, 3pm. Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Rd., Sha Tin. \$160-420 from urbtix.hk

Musicals



Stomp

After touring the world for 25 years, and staging over 20,000 performances in more than 53 countries, Stomp is coming to Macau. The eight-piece performance group turns everyday items—bin lids, plastic bags, lighters; everything, including the literal kitchen sink—into an explosive percussive symphony. Combining dance and rhythm, this show is a can't-miss! Through Oct 9. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$180-780 from hkticketing.com

Theater

Twelfth Night

It's Shakespeare's timeless comedy about twins who find themselves in an impossible situation of genderswapping, loving the wrong person, being loved by the wrong person and, finally, finding happiness in the arms of a confused Channing Tatum, or something like that. The upcoming production of "Twelfth Night" by AFTEC in collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company's Education Team finds these wandering lovers in colonial Hong Kong around the turn of the 20th century. Oct 22, 7:30pm; Oct 23, 3pm. Kwai Tsing Theatre, 12 Hing Ning Rd., Kwai Fong, \$80-160 from urbtix.hk



Lady of the Camellias

Alexandre Dumas' enduring love story about a young idealistic bourgeois and his illicit affair with a highly celebrated Parisian courtesan in 19th century France gets an HK Ballet staging with some of the finest musical talents in the city. Choreographed by the esteemed Val Caniparoli and set to music by Chopin, this performance is accompanied by the Hong Kong Sinfonietta with soloists Colleen Lee on piano, baritone Albert Lim and soprano Louise Kwong. Nov 4-5, 11-12, 7:30pm; Nov 5-6, 12-13, 2:30pm. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$140-1,000 from urbtix.hk

Catch Luo Yang's "Girls" before they disappear!
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Exhibitions

Flatland:

A Romance of Many Dimensions

In British/Balinese artist Sinta Tantra's first solo exhibition in Hong Kong, she explores the concept of "dimensions" through her colorful, geometric shapes. Known for her site-specific murals and public installations, Tantra has won many prestigious art prizes, including the Deutsche Bank Award and the British Council's International Development Award. Through Oct 22. Pearl Lam Galleries SoHo, Shop 1, G/F & 1/F, SoHo 189, 189 Queen's Rd. West, pearl-lam.com/city/hong-kong-soho



"Beijing Couple," Luo Yang

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Pure Evil at Above Second

Pure Evil is the alias of Charles Uzzell Edwards, the Welsh street artist and founder of Pure Evil Gallery in London. He will be exhibiting his work at Above Second gallery. His best-known series, "Nightmare," depicts mega celebrities such as the Queen and Elvis Presley stenciled in bright spraypaint, tears forming small pools on the ground, dripping off the canvas. His Hong Kong show features a few homegrown celebs, including a rendering of Bruce Lee shedding a single, enduring tear. Through Oct 1. Above Second, 9 First St., Sai Ying Pun, above-second.com



"Sarasvati" by Lin Chi-wei. Image courtesy of the Artist



Revolving Binary Forces

An avant-garde icon in Taiwan throughout the 90s, Lin Chi-wei (formerly of noise group Zero and Sound Liberation Organization) holds his first solo show in Hong Kong. This exhibition features his original paintings and mixed media artworks, as well as his unique blend of sound art, inspired by the changes he has witnessed in Taiwan's culture and politics, as well as by his family in Taiwan. Through Oct 8. Hanart TZ Gallery, Room 401, Pedder Building, 12 Pedder St., Central, hanart.com

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19/9 OFF	20/9 Causeway Bay 7-11pm	21/9 Tsim Sha Tsui 7-11pm	22/9 Wanchai 7-11pm	16/9 Prost 7-11pm	17/9 Hung Shui Kiu 6-10pm	18/9 Tsim Sha Tsui 7-11pm
26/9 OFF	27/9 Prost 7-11pm	28/9 Tsim Sha Tsui 7-11pm	29/9 Wanchai 7-11pm	23/9 Prost 7-11pm	24/9 Hung Shui Kiu 6-10pm	25/9 Stanley 12-4pm
3/10 OFF	4/10 Causeway Bay 7-11pm	5/10 Wanchai 7-11pm	6/10 Prost 7-11pm	7/10 Tsim Sha Tsui 7-11pm	8/10 Hung Shui Kiu 6-10pm	9/10 Stanley 12-4pm
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BARFLY HONG KONG'S BEST GAY BARS

Looking for one fabulous night? We've got you covered. By Xavier Ng

Circo ▶

Tucked away behind Times Square, Circo is a breath of fresh air away from the regular scene in SoHo and Sheung Wan, with a sweeping view of the Causeway Bay cityscape. The cocktail lounge is quieter on weekday nights; on weekends it gets dancy, with in-house DJs and plenty of beautiful people. It's also straight-friendly, as the bar believes in inclusivity rather than aiming to become a niche gay venue targeting a specific group.

The Crowd: Dancing queens on weekends and party nights.

22/F, Oliv, 15 Sharp St. East, Causeway Bay, 2892-8808, [facebook.com/CircoHK](https://www.facebook.com/CircoHK)

T:me

Located in a quiet alley off Hollywood Road, T:me is a cozy lounge for people to chill out and mingle over a few glasses of wine and good music. This long, narrow venue tends to get busy earlier than other bars. It also has an extra sense of exclusivity and privacy, as the entrance is hidden from plain sight: Look for the bar on the narrow Man Hing Lane behind Hollywood Road, next to Club 71.

The Crowd: Those who want to see and be seen.

B/F, 65 Hollywood Rd., Central, 2332-6565, time-bar.com

Virus

Virus has been around for almost two decades, and is probably the oldest lesbian bar still standing in Hong Kong. Although it has a long history, the bar doesn't feel old at all, as the current location is actually only around a year old, with cozy, vintage yet stylish décor. Chill and relax on the large couches in the main room, and have a sing off with the karaoke machine in the center. Larger groups can also reserve the air-conditioned private balcony room. Feeling hungry? The bar also serves robata-yaki as a late-night snack.

The Crowd: Girls, girls, girls.

4A, Winner Commercial Building, 401 Lockhart Rd., Causeway Bay, 6180-6255, [facebook.com/virusbarhk](https://www.facebook.com/virusbarhk)

Linq

A little bohemian bar on the stony steps of Pottinger Street, Linq's wonderful location (just around the corner from Lan Kwai Fong) and charming personality makes this bar a mainstay of the LGBTI community. Expect lots of cute locals, expats and visitors at Linq, and when the party gets going on weekends the bar fills up quick and the crowd extends to the stone sidewalks. The vibe is exuberant and welcoming, and everyone's just looking to have a good time. Linq also hosts regular happy hours and DJ nights to get the crowd going.

The Crowd: Centralites and the chilled-out crowd.

G/F, 35 Pottinger St., Central, 2971-0680, [facebook.com/LinqWineBar](https://www.facebook.com/LinqWineBar)

Concerts

YourMum Presents: Daniela Andrade

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

Earth, Wind and Fire Live

American funk R&B legends Earth, Wind and Fire bring their timeless hits to Hong Kong for the first time, almost five decades after they formed. Sing along as the trio, winner of nine Grammys, brings down the house at AsiaWorld Expo with smash hits like "September" and "Boogie Wonderland." Sep 24. Hall 10, AsiaWorld-Expo, Airport Expo Boulevard, Chek Lap Kok, \$680-\$1,680 from hkticketing.com/events/LTEARTH0916

Gigs

Studio & Cliché present: Kartell

Bob to Kartell's groovy beats as he kickstarts this showcase of funky French house tracks and intricate remixes as the clock strikes 12. Founder of his own label, Roche Musique, and one of the archetypal producers of the French house movement, Kartell will be spinning the mesmeric tunes that have made him a stand-out in the flourishing Parisian electronic scene. Oct 21, midnight. Studio, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, studioclub.asia. \$150 and \$200 from kartell.pelago.events, \$250 at the door; book a table at reservations@studioclub.asia.

The Skatalites Live

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



Kurt Vile & The Violators

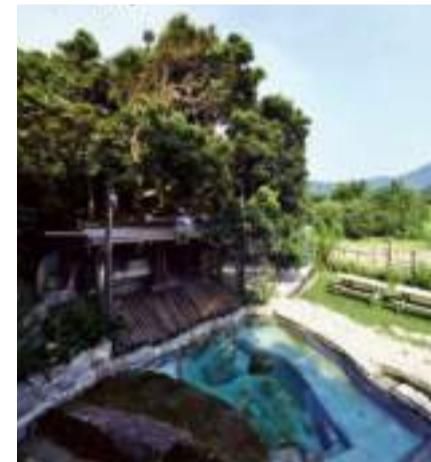
Singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist Kurt Vile is hitting town for one night this October. Catch the American singer-songwriter and his backing band The Violators at the hippie hub Hang Out, where he'll be showcasing his indie-folk tunes and (hopefully) flaunting his skills with some of his more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

Studio Live with Penny Salcedo ▼

Hong Kong is in desperate need of more live music, and Studio in Central is jazzing it up six nights a week. Every Saturday from 9pm till midnight, songstress Penny Salcedo will be taking the stage with a repertoire that ranges from pop and jazz to soul and disco, accompanied by Studio's house band. Saturdays, 9pm till late. Oct 8, 1:30-9:30pm. Studio, 1/F, On Hing Terrace, Central, 2798-7115, studioclub.asia. Free. Book a table at reservations@studioclub.asia.



Music Festivals



Shi Fu Miz

Music curatorial agency FuFu is teaming up with event organizers La Mamie's to bring the first edition of the eco-friendly music festival to Hong Kong. Hong Kong's version of Macki Music Festival in Paris, the Shi Fu Miz Festival is held in Life Base alongside of Pui O Beach. Think BBQ from Mavericks, yoga and drum workshops, street art and more. Not to mention the tunes—a mishmash of performers from France, the UK and Japan will be taking to the stage. Oct 29, 11am-10pm. Life Base, Pui O Beach, Lantau, facebook.com/FuFuCreative. \$372 through Oct 21, \$426 thereafter from ticketflap.com/shifumiz

Happy Hours

Bistro Du Vin Thirsty Thursdays

Who says Thirsty Thursdays have to be about some ratchet kinda hooch? At K-Town restobar Bistro Du Vin, it's decidedly more elegant: They're launching a seven-course wine pairing menu through to the end of October, putting the spotlight on rare "grower Champagnes," which come grape to bottle in the same vineyard. Available for reservations for groups of 10 or more at \$1,000 per head. Saturdays, 9pm-late. Aug 1-Oct 31. Thursdays. Bistro du Vin, 1D, G/F, 1 Davis St., Kennedy Town, 2798-7115. studioclub.asia. Free of charge. Reserve a table at reservations@studioclub.asia.

Rosé All Day with Chez Patrick Deli

Order a regular bottle of AIX 2015 Rosé (\$428) at Chez Patrick Deli and enjoy a complimentary upgrade to a magnum bottle (pours ten glasses). Relish the summery flavor of the pale peachy fizz from the 130-year-old Maison Saint AIX winery nestled in the south of France. Pair the pink sundowner with light eats like the deli's steak tartare on the terrace at their Star Street edition, or share with friends al fresco at the seaside branch in Stanley. Aug 31-Sep 30. Thursdays-Sundays. Various locations, including Chez Patrick Deli, 3 Star St., Wan Chai.

Nightlife Events



"Neon Jungle" Party at Kee Club

Kee Club is turnin' 15, and they're teaming up with Club Clicquot to throw one of the wildest birthday parties in town. The 32nd Club Clicquot party, dubbed "Neon Jungle," will transform the club into a luminous tropical oasis, with African drum beats, Latin dance moves and plenty of champers. Sep 23, 10pm. Kee Club, 6/F, 32 Wellington St., Central, \$200 early bird from ticketflap.com/clubclicquot; \$300 at the door. Both include a glass of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label. Dress Code: Tropical Glamor.

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Clay Pot Cocktails.
See details below.

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MGM Macau Oktoberfest

Head to our Sister SAR—where everything looks bigger and grander—to keep those taps flowing. Having poured more than 96,000 liters of beer over the past seven years, MGM's Oktoberfest is back with an 11-day calendar packed with Bavarian fun. The Högl Fun Band is jetting in from Munich to light up the evening with folk dances and performances. Soak up the authentic German flavor with Spaten, one of Munich's six official Oktoberfest brews, under the traditionally decorated beer tents. Oct 13-23, 6pm-midnight; Oct 22, 11am-3pm. MGM Macau, Avenida Dr Sun Yat Sen, Peninsula, Macau, (+853) 8802-2666. MOP160 from mgmmacau.com/mgm-oktoberfest



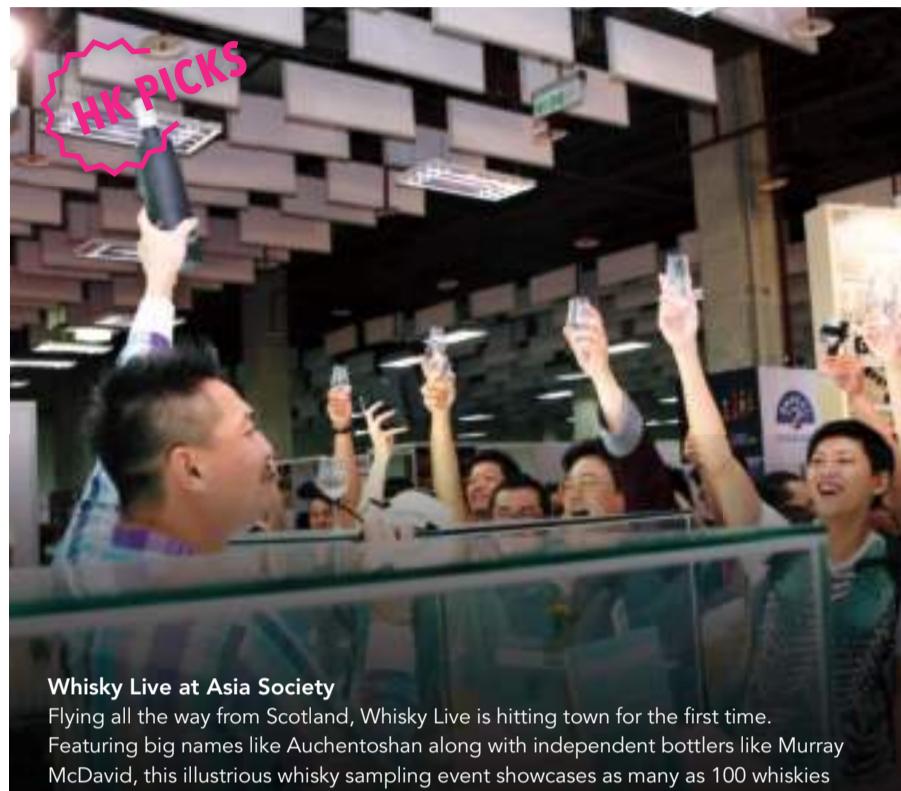
Marco Polo German Bierfest

Running now for 25 years and counting, the Marco Polo German Bierfest is the grand-daddy of all German celebrations in the city. It's back this year with a generous slice of Germany, featuring a dizzying lineup of food, music and ale. Fancy tossing back an Erdinger Oktoberfest beer to German band Die Notenholber's jaunty trumpet and accordion tunes, while savoring a helping of Black Forest cherry torte against unbeatable views of the harbor? Make it happen. Oct 21-Nov 12, 6-11pm. Level 6, Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel, Harbour City, 3 Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$160 (Sun-Thu, includes one beer); \$280 (Fri-Sat, includes one beer and a Marco Polo German Bierfest beer mug) from gbfhk.com



Clay Pot Cocktails at ON Dining Kitchen and Lounge

If barrel fermented wines sound passé, what about a clay pot brew? Italian cocktail supremo and founder of his own brand of Vermouths, Giancarlo Mancino has designed a new bar menu for the Michelin-starred ON Dining Kitchen and Lounge. Storing his new cocktails in four-liter Italian clay pots for over a week before bottling, he sorts the drinks into "Stirred," "Shaken" and "Built" according to the way they are served. The collection consists of nine cocktails, including the revamped classic ONegroni #2, with Rinomato Aperitivo, gin, Mancino's very own Vermouth Rosso Amaranto and an extra hit of cold-brewed coffee. On Dining Kitchen & Lounge, 28-29/F, 18 On Lan St., Central, 2798-7115. ontop.hk. \$140 a glass; \$980 a bottle.



Whisky Live at Asia Society

Flying all the way from Scotland, Whisky Live is hitting town for the first time. Featuring big names like Auchentoshan along with independent bottlers like Murray McDavid, this illustrious whisky sampling event showcases as many as 100 whiskies from around the world. If you're serious about your bourbon, we suggest securing a VIP ticket, which gives you access to the Whisky Luxe Tasting Room, where you can get a taste of rare drams normally found only at auctions. Oct 8, 1:30-9:30pm. Asia Society, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty, 2798-7115. All tickets include one Whisky Live x Glencairn whisky glass. More details at whiskylivehk.com.

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PREVIEW: Sundance Film Festival Hong Kong

Sundance season is well under way in Hong Kong, bringing with it a parade of internationally renowned indie films from the prestigious annual film festival. Here are our picks for the ones to watch.

All screenings at the Metroplex, G/F, E-Max, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay. \$90 from hk.sundance.org

Southside With You

Director and writer Richard Tanne's début film gives audiences a different view of the relationship between the First Couple of the United States: A first date between lawyer



Michelle Robinson (Tika Sumpter) and young associate Barack Obama (Parker Sawyers). In "Southside With You," the pair go to an Afrocentric art exhibition, catch a screening of Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and share their most idealistic thoughts, planting a seed which would become the Obamas' monumental presidential term.

Sep 23, 9:30pm; Oct 2, 2pm.

Coming Soon

The Purge: Election Year

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

Deepwater Horizon

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



Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

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

Cafe Society

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

Storks

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

The Commune

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

Opening

Absolutely Fabulous

(UK) Britain's favorite problem-drinking fashionistas are back at it again, this time on the big screen. After accidentally shoving Kate Moss into the river Thames, the two hit the road to the south of France. It's stuffed with cameos both fashionable (Jean Paul Gaultier, Stella McCartney) and entertaining (Chris Colfer, Rebel Wilson). Opened Sep 22.

Spa Night

Directed and written by Korean-American Andrew Ahn, "Spa Night" merges themes of coming out with the second-generation Asian-American narrative. In this English and Korean-language feature début, the closeted 18-year-old David (Joe Seo) takes up a job at a Korean spa and popular cruising spot in LA to help his family with finances.

Sep 24, 7:45pm; Oct 1, 3:30pm.



Swiss Army Man

Directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, this highly anticipated festival favorite tells the story of a man stranded on a desert island (Paul Dano, "12 Years a Slave," "Prisoners") who makes an unexpected friend (Daniel Radcliffe) with some interesting quirks—for example, he's dead. Known among international critics as "the farting corpse movie."

Sep 23, 7:30pm; Oct 1, 9:45pm.



The Lovers and the Despot

A documentary uncovering the bizarre and thrilling story of South Korean celebrity couple Choi Eun-hee and Shin Sang-ok. After a tumultuous divorce in the late 1970s they were abducted and brought before noted film buff Kim Jong-il. For years, they were forced to make films together under the dictator's watchful eye. Directors Ross Adam and Robert Cannan make full use of interviews with Choi—and secretly taped recordings from the period.

Sep 25, 7:30pm; Oct 1, 5:45pm.



She Objects

This new offering by 27-year-old Hong Kong director Nicole Fan tackles a problem that hits very close to home for many: The objectification

of women in media in Hong Kong, and the effect it has on girls and society. From interviews with celebrities and frank portrayals of everyday Hongkongers, this documentary exposes how "pretty" images on social media can be linked to eating disorders and violence against women.

Sep 25, 1:30pm; Sep 29, 7:45pm.



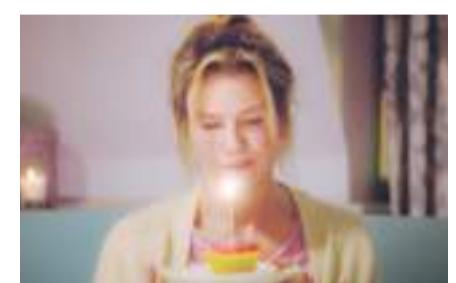
Blair Witch

(USA) Twenty-two years after Heather Donahue disappeared into the woods in 1999's cult phenomenon "The Blair Witch Project," her brother (James Allen McCune) and his group of handycam-toting buddies head back into Black Hills Forest to uncover the legend. Opened Sep 22.



The BFG

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



Equals

(USA) In a dystopian future in which society has managed to shed the inefficient burden of human emotions, Silas (Nicholas Hoult) and Nia (Kristen Stewart) are infected with a disease that awakens their ability to feel. Opened Sep 22.



Knight of Cups

(USA) Named after the tarot card that signifies excitement and recklessness, this new film by Terrence Malick ("The Thin Red Line," "Tree of Life") follows a distressed screenwriter (Christian Bale) as he wanders through LA and Las Vegas encountering love and lust in different places. Features appearances by Freida Pinto, Natalie Portman and Cate Blanchett. Opened Sep 22.

Continuing

At Cafe 6

(Taiwan/China) Adapted from the popular Taiwanese novel, "At Cafe 6" is a light hearted coming of age film about a group of high school students who are deeply in love and trying to figure out how to continue their lives after graduation.

Bridget Jones's Baby

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

The First Monday in May

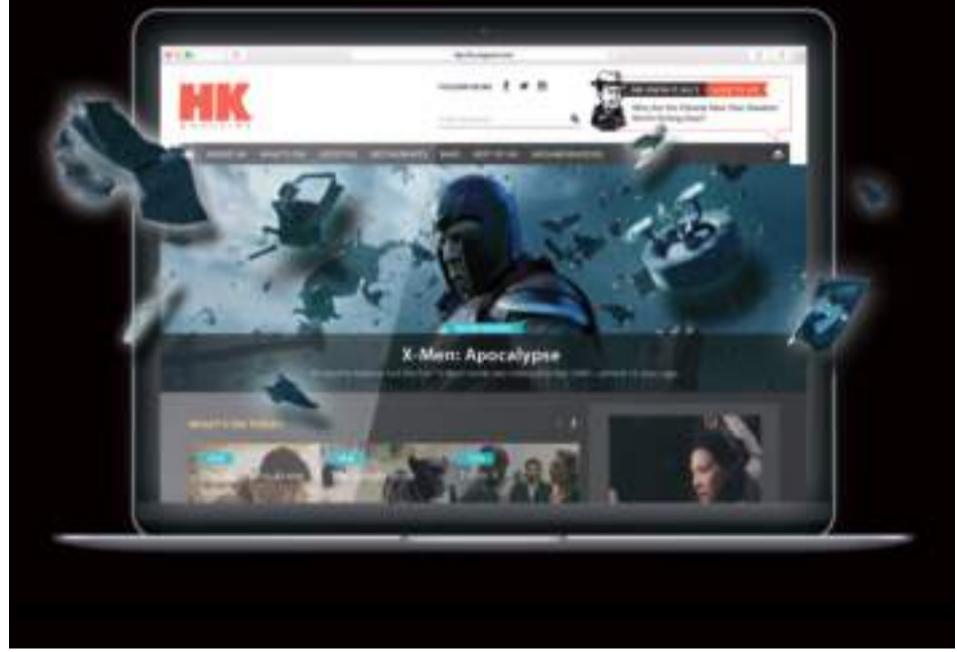
(USA) Documentarist Andrew Rossi ("Page One") takes audiences into one of the most glamorous events of the year, the Met Gala, and the most attended fashion exhibit in the history of The Metropolitan Museum of Art: "China: Through the Looking Glass." Beautifully shot with some killer footage of Anna Wintour, but struggles to deal with its subject matter without seeming Orientalist. ★★★

Genius

(UK/USA) "Genius" takes audiences back to the Roaring 20s, and all the heavy hitters make an appearance: Hemingway, the Fitzgeralds, and the man who cleaned up their greatest works, Max Perkins (Colin Firth). His next biggest project? "Look Homeward, Angel," by the exceedingly promising (if not slightly long-winded) Thomas Wolfe (Jude Law).

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Happiness

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



Julieta

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

Nerve

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

Nine Lives

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

Storm

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



"Love Next Door 2," HKLGF

Film Festival

Hong Kong Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

Now in its 27th year, the Hong Kong Lesbian & Gay Film Festival continues to be the longest standing LGBTI film festival in Asia, and this year it's bigger than ever. With more than 30 films from across the world and appearances from noted directors, including Ira Sachs, whose latest film "Little Men" caught the attention of President Obama while he was on vacation. Other highlights include "Don't Look At Me That Way," a German/Mongolian coproduction about a complicated love triangle; "Chemsex," a documentary that interviews men across London who have fallen into drug abuse; and "Love," an Indian film that had to be shot in secret. Through Oct 12. Palace IFC, Podium, IFC Mall, 8 Finance St., Central; The One, 100 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui; Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St., Yau Ma Tei, hkgff.hk. \$85-160 from cinema.com.hk

China Documentary Festival 2016

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

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

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LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Here's my translation of a passage from the ancient Gospel of Thomas, a gnostic text about the teachings of Jesus: "If you do not awaken and develop the potential talents that lie within you, they will damage you. If you do awaken and develop the potential talents that lie within you, they will heal you." Whether you actually awaken and develop those talents or not depends on two things: your ability to identify them clearly and your determination to bring them to life with the graceful force of your willpower. I call this to your attention, Libra, because the coming months will be a highly favorable time to expedite the ripening of your talents. And it all starts NOW.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): You can't completely eliminate unhelpful influences and trivial saboteurs and debilitating distractions from your life. But you're entering a phase of your astrological cycle when you have more power than usual to diminish their effects. To get started in this gritty yet lofty endeavor, try this: Decrease your connection with anything that tends to demean your spirit, shrink your lust for life, limit your freedom, ignore your soul, compromise your integrity, dishonor your reverence, inhibit your self-expressiveness, or alienate you from what you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Work too much and push yourself too hard, Sagittarius. Eat corn chips for breakfast, ice cream for lunch, and French fries for dinner — every day, if possible. And please please please get no more than four hours' sleep per night. If you have any extra time, do arduous favors for friends and intensify your workout routine. JUST KIDDING! Don't you dare heed any of that ridiculous advice. In fact, I suggest you do just the opposite. Dream up brilliant excuses not to work too much or push too hard. Treat yourself to the finest meals and best sleep ever. Take your mastery of the art of relaxation to new heights. Right now, the most effective way to serve your long-term dreams is by having as much fun, joy, and release as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): I propose that you and I make a deal. Here's how it would work: For the next three weeks, I will say three prayers for you every day. I will ask God, Fate, and Life to send you more of the recognition and appreciation you deserve. I will coax and convince them to give you rich experiences of being seen for who you really are. Now here's what I ask of you in return: You will rigorously resolve to act on your core beliefs, express your noblest desires, and say only what you truly mean. You will be alert for those times when you start to stray from the path with heart, and you will immediately get yourself back on that path. You will be yourself three times stronger and clearer than you have ever been before.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19): If you loosen yourself up by drinking an alcoholic beverage, don't drive a forklift or ride a unicycle. If you have a hunch that your luck at gambling is peaking, don't buy lottery tickets or play the slot machines. If you're drawn to explore the frontiers of intimacy, be armed with the ancient Latin

maxim, *Primum non nocere*, or "First, do no harm." And if you really do believe it would be fun to play with fire, bring a fire extinguisher with you. In presenting this cautionary advice, I'm not saying that you should never push the limits or bend the rules. But I want to be sure that as you dare to experiment, you remain savvy and ethical and responsible.

PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20): I invite you to explore the healing power of sex. The coming weeks will be a favorable time to do so. You are also likely to generate good fortune for yourself if you try to fix any aspect of your erotic life that feels wounded or awkward. For best results, suspend all your theories about the way physical intimacy should work in your life. Adopting a beginner's mind could lead you to subtly spectacular breakthroughs. (P.S. You don't necessarily need a partner to take full advantage of this big opening.)

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Even if you are a wild-eyed adventure-seeker with extremist views and melodramatic yearnings, you'll benefit from taking a moderate approach to life in the coming weeks. In fact, you're most likely to attract the help and inspiration you need if you adopt the strategy used by Goldilocks in the fairy tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears": neither excessive nor underdone, neither extravagant nor restrained, neither bawdy, loud, and in-your-face nor demure, quiet, and passive—but rather just right.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): Some of my readers love me but also hate me. They are drawn to my horoscopes in the hope that I will help relieve them of their habitual pain, but then get mad at me when I do just that. In retrospect, they feel lost without the familiar companionship of their habitual pain. It had been a centerpiece of their identity, a source of stability, and when it's gone, they don't know who they are anymore. Are you like these people, Taurus? If so, you might want to avoid my horoscopes for a while. I will be engaged in a subtle crusade to dissolve your angst and agitation. And it all starts now with this magic spell: Your wound is a blessing. Discover why.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): In my dream last night, bad guys wearing white hats constrained you in a canvas straitjacket, then further wrapped you up with heavy steel chain secured by three padlocks. They drove you to a weedy



field behind an abandoned warehouse and left you there in the pitch dark. But you were indomitable. By dawn, you had miraculously wriggled your way out of your confinement. Then you walked back home, free and undaunted. Here's my interpretation of the dream: You now have special skills as an escape artist. No cage can hold you. No riddle can stump you. No tangle can confuse you. (P.S.: For best results, trust yourself even more than you usually do.)

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): The next four weeks will be a favorable time to come all the way home. Here are nine prompts for how to accomplish that: 1. Nourish your roots. 2. Strengthen your foundations. 3. Meditate about where you truly belong. 4. Upgrade the way you attend to your self-care. 5. Honor your living traditions. 6. Make a pilgrimage to the land where your ancestors lived. 7. Deepen your intimacy with the earth. 8. Be ingenious about expressing your tenderness. 9. Reinvigorate your commitment to the influences that nurture and support you.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): What tools will work best for the tasks you'll be invited to perform in the coming weeks? A sledgehammer or tweezers? Pruning shears or a sewing machine? A monkey wrench or a screwdriver? Here's my guess: Always have your entire toolbox on hand. You may need to change tools in mid-task—or even use several tools for the same task. I can envision at least one situation that would benefit from you alternating between a sledgehammer and tweezers.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): I'm confident that I will never again need to moonlight as a janitor or dishwasher in order to pay my bills. My gig as a horoscope columnist provides me with enough money to eat well, so it's no longer necessary to shoplift bread or scavenge for dented cans of beets in grocery store dumpsters. What accounts for my growing financial luck? I mean besides the fact that I have been steadily improving my skills as an oracle and writer? I suspect it may in part have to do with my determination to cultivate generosity. As I've become better at expressing compassion and bestowing blessings, money has flowed to me in greater abundance. Would this strategy work for you? The coming weeks and months will be a good time to experiment.

HOMEWORK: Name the one thing you could change about yourself that would improve your love life. Testify at Freewillastrology.com.

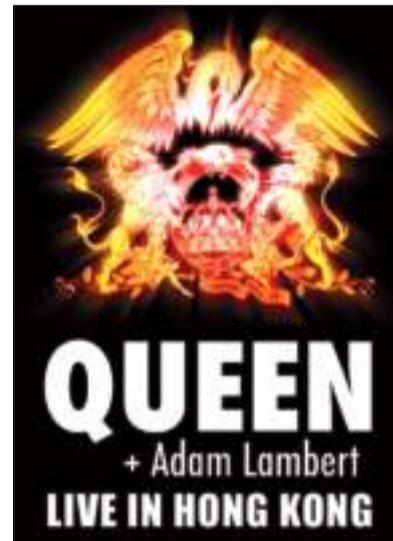
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DATING SERVICE / SPIRIT & MIND / ETC

SAVAGE LOVE

Dan Savage

I'm a 27-year-old straight male and a high-school teacher held to a strict code. I left my fiancée in June and haven't had sex since. Needless to say, I'm really horny. I'm also in that weird in-between age where I'm not comfortable hanging out at college bars but I'm also a bit younger than most of the women in other bars. But when I scour dating apps, I see profiles of women ages 18 to 22—women who, for all I know, could have been students at my school. I would never fuck a former student, of course, but I'm worried that I could get my license revoked if my supervisors discovered I was online trolling for sex. So what am I supposed to do? My cock is making sad faces at me right now.

—Teacher Evidently Needs Sexual Encounter

If you live in a college town, TENSE, there's at least one bar where grad students hang out—look for the bar where women are grading papers, not pounding shots, and hang out there. And with more than one in three new marriages beginning with an online meeting these days, and with Pew Research telling us that 60 percent of Americans approve of online dating, I don't see how your supervisors could possibly object to staffers scouring dating apps and the interwebs for age-appropriate partners. Unless we're talking about a Catholic school staffed entirely by nuns, which isn't what we're talking about.

I'm female, 26, and in an open marriage with a wonderful man. I am having a recurring fear that he'll get some other woman pregnant and she will refuse to abort. I trust him, but condoms break (or get holes poked in them). He inherited serious money from his father, and his father got "oops'd" into having three kids. I would immediately divorce my husband if this happened. (Yes, I'm an asshole, but my life plans have NEVER included children, step or otherwise.) My solution is for him to get a vasectomy. He says he's for it, but it's been a YEAR and he hasn't made an appointment. I'm seriously considering yanking "open" until he's sterile. Maybe he really wants children and he's not telling me, but I keep asking and he keeps saying no. Am I being unreasonable asking for the snip?

—Seriously Not Into Pregnancy

Maybe your husband wants children, SNIP, maybe he doesn't. Or maybe he's one of those guys invested in/aroused by the power of spunk to make babies they don't want; these guys would rather see their shots intercepted than go unattempted. So while a vasectomy is an eminently reasonable way for a married man who wishes to remain childless to prevent himself from impregnating someone who isn't his wife, SNIP, arousal often defies reason. And ultimately this is his decision to make—his body, his choice.

I'm a single gay male in my 40s. I have a good life and do good work. I'm not worried about finding the right guy to settle down with. I'm worried about what happens next. I've had three serious long-term relationships and several friends-with-benefits relationships. In every single one, a time has come, generally sooner rather than later, when I completely lose interest in my partner sexually. It's not a matter of him being less attractive to me. It's not a matter of us not being on good terms—often we become very close friends. It's not a matter of my sex drive shutting down—I'm all kinds of turned on by other guys, just not the one I'm with. It's reached a point where I'm deliberately holding myself back from getting into relationships because I'm tired of ruining good things.

—Confirmed Bachelor

You could get your ass into therapy, CB, and churn through several relationships while you work

on this—relationships that could fail for this or some other reason—and not have anything to show for your effort 10 years from now. Or you could find a guy who has the same problem you do—your predicament is not uncommon—and instead of breaking up when you lose interest in each other sexually, you stay together, you love each other, you take care of each other, and you both fuck other guys.

Mid-20s female here, ready to date after a period of difficulty in my personal life. I have started taking an antidepressant, which has allowed me to regain control over my life, but one side effect is difficulty having orgasms. People can be judgey when it comes to antidepressants, and it's not something that's easy to share. It's frustrating because this medication allows me to be in a place mentally where I can pursue healthy adult relationships, but it affects sex, which for me is something that is key for a healthy relationship. How do I have a conversation about this with a potential partner?

—Hopeful About Potential Partners, Yay

You can put off the convo about your meds with a white lie, HAPPY, by telling your potential partner you never come the first few times you're with someone new—no pressure on you to come (or come clean just yet), no pressure on them to make you come. Then level with them about the real reason you're having difficulty coming—new to antidepressants, still adjusting, but grateful for the other benefits—after you've gotten to know them better. It's a harmless, understandable white lie, not a major betrayal. If they react like it is one, HAPPY, then you'll have to DTMFA.

I'm male, 30, and newly single. I've been using my newfound freedom to sleep around, and last week I had sex with a married woman. Yes, she was cheating. Yes, I was aware. There won't be any future sexual encounters with this woman, but here's the thing I was wondering about: I don't feel guilty, not one bit. This fuck was a strong contender for best fuck of my life. Does that make me a bad person? And if so, do I just accept the fact that I'm a bad person?

—Basically A Dastardly Dick, Yes?

Fucking someone you know to be cheating implicates you in an infidelity, of course, and that's usually bad—but not always. In some cases, cheating is the least worst option for all involved (the cheater, the cheated, their dependents); in others, cheating saves marriages that needed saving; in still others, cheating ends marriages that needed ending. Absent more info about this woman's particular circumstances, BADDY, I can't make a definite ruling about her badness for cheating or your badness for aiding and abetting.

Straight 64-year-old man wanting to try the gay side of life!!! Don't have the bodybuilder's body anymore!!! Average size!!! Would anyone get turned on to old-timer's body!!! Need some advice where and how to meet other gay men!!! Also HIV is a concern!!! Any other advice would be appreciated!!!

—When I'm Sixty-Four

Check out daddyhunt.com, WISF, the "largest gay personals site for daddies, bears, and guys that love them"!!! Don't be paralyzed by fear!!! Of HIV or anything else!!! But consider getting on PrEP!!! And use condoms!!! And remember: Sex with a guy who thinks he's negative but isn't is way riskier than sex with a guy who knows he's positive and takes his meds!!! And stop calling yourself straight!!!

On the Lovecast, Dan chats with Mistress Matisse about the Sex Workers Outreach Project: savagelovecast.com.

Find the Savage Lovecast (my weekly podcast) every Tuesday at thestranger.com/savage.mail@savagelove.net

THE SAVAGE LOVE GLOSSARY

Need to update your sexual lingo? Read on...

Savage-isms

GGG Good, giving and game. Someone who works to be good in bed, giving to their partner, and game to try anything (within reason).

DTMFA Dump The Mother Fucker Already.

CPOS Cheating Piece of Shit.

Gender Identity

LGBTQI Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex.

Transgender People with a gender identity different from their assigned sex.

Transsexual Transgender people who want to transition permanently to the gender they identify with.

Cis/Cisgender Those with a gender identity that matches their assigned sex.

Queer Term for all those who are not heterosexual or cisgender.

Genderqueer Gender identities that are not exclusively masculine or feminine.

Intersex Having sex characteristics of both males and females.

Sexy Sex

Poly Polyamorous: Engaged in relationships with multiple sexual partners.

BDSM Bondage, domination, sadism and masochism.

Vanilla "Conventional" sexual behavior that does not include bondage, kink or fetishism.

Kink Unconventional sexual practices.

FWB Friends with Benefits: fuckbuddies.



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The Fit Lifestyle Program grants cardholders unlimited access to the hotel's modern fitness center (open 6am-10pm) as well as Le Meridien's state-of-the-art GoGym at Cyberport (open Mon-Sat 7am-9pm, closed Public Holidays).

But the benefits don't end there: You get a discount on all food and buffet menus, plus dining certificates, and a 20 percent beverage discount on all standard drinks at the Hotel's dining and bar venues, so you can indulge yourself after your workout. After a kick-ass session at the hotel's Cardio Vascular Suite, enjoy international gastronomy at

the stylish poolside diner Prompt, or sample Cantonese delicacies at the stunningly furnished Chinese restaurant Nam Fong.

GoGym has recently introduced the Huber Motion Lab to their extensive collection of fitness gear. This innovative machine brings a fun and effective workout experience by combining cardio training, stretching, muscle toning and postural exercise—all in a single session. You'll see a slender figure and better posture in no time!

Top it all off with a complimentary bottle of house wine and exclusive offers on quoted flexible rates for overnight stays at the hotel's rooms or suites.

The Club Horizon Fit Membership costs only \$3,588 for 12 months: Sign up now to get your part of this exclusive lifestyle program at Le Meridien Cyberport.
clubhorizon.com.hk

The Peak's Iconic Cafe Deco Continues its Legacy in Tsim Sha Tsui

A mainstay of Victoria Peak for more than two decades, Cafe Deco has arrived at its brand new location in Tsim Sha Tsui, moving from one side of the harbor to the other. Taking over the entire 20th floor of The One, the restaurant continues to offer panoramic views of the world-famous Hong Kong skyline, as well as delectable international cuisine.

The restaurant has kept its art deco heritage, with an ambience taken straight from that golden era of design. Even some of the original decorative elements have been relocated to the new venue.

Back with the restaurant is veteran executive chef Martin Kniss, who's been helming the kitchen since the first day of business 22 years ago. He and his team have brought with them some much-loved signature dishes from the Peak, including the classic Cafe Deco tapas, tandoori Himalayan chicken, and an enormous oyster selection.

But of course, a new location calls for new dishes, so Cafe Deco is presenting a range of new culinary treats, including a succulent whole Canadian lobster, taken straight from the tank and cooked in the method of your choosing. There's also the authentic Indian Thali platter, offering five different flavors in one single plate.

The restaurant's legendary Sunday brunch is also back by popular demand; a semi-buffet meal with live entertainment for diners looking for a laid-back weekend with friends and family.

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HK GIVEAWAYS



It's the fourth week of September and we've got winners for a hefty 100,000 Asia Miles, and a one-year Club Horizon Family Card from Le Meridien Cyberport! Not lucky this time? No worries—we have a whole new batch of prizes for a special FLASH GIVEAWAY next week, so stay tuned!

WE HAVE WINNERS!



Congratulations to the winner of 100,000 Asia Miles!

Jenny Wong Jing-yin, you're the lucky winner of a whopping 100,000 Asia Miles! Jenny has it all planned out: With the miles, she's going to explore Nepal with two of her best friends, taking on an amazing adventure to see unbeatable views—and indulge her inner daredevil with some bungee jumping and paragliding.

The trip sounds amazing. Too bad we can't join you guys! But Jenny's promised to share some awesome photos with us—we look forward to seeing them. Congratulations, Jenny, and enjoy your trip!

Congratulations to the winner of a Club Horizon Family Card from Le Meridien Cyberport!

Therese Cheng and her family are going to love this: They're the winners of a Club Horizon Family Card from Le Meridien Cyberport! Therese's going to teach her two daughters how to swim at the hotel's gorgeous pool, stay fit at the gym, and enjoy some foodie moments at the hotel's many restaurants.

Congrats, Therese, and enjoy some wonderful family time!



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Not a Winner? Check Back Next Week for Flash Giveaways!

Sorry you didn't win our two amazing prizes, but we have even more prizes coming right up! Check back next week for special Flash Giveaways—we've got tickets to see world-renowned percussion, dance and visual show STOMP at The Venetian Macao (total value \$11,364), plus a handful of other wonderful prizes to be won!

Want to win? Pick up a copy of the magazine on Sep 30 for a chance to win more fantastic prizes, available for one week only!

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FIRST PERSON

Singer Anthony Wong Yiu-ming is a defiant voice for LGBTI rights in Hong Kong. He famously came out in 2012, on stage in the middle of a concert. Ahead of Pink Dot, he talks to Xavier Ng about coming out and why he speaks up for minorities.

I was born this way. I didn't have to join the LGBTI community or become part of it. I've been part of it since I was born. It's not a lifestyle choice.

Most people know about me coming out in my concert in 2012, but to my friends and family, I was out long before that. Many of my songs directly or indirectly reference LGBTI issues.

To me, coming out in public was just a small step, but to many others it might be a big one.

I decided to take the step because there are still people in society who think [being gay] is an issue.

I wanted to demystify it, and I wanted to use the simplest language to tell everyone on stage, once and for all.

I think my coming out has changed some people's minds [towards the community].

I didn't realize this small step could have such a big effect.

I'm glad I made the decision to come out that night.

For a public figure to walk on stage to tell everyone he's gay... the impact is very different from people just assuming you're gay.

I founded BigLove Alliance in early 2013. Back then we were fighting for the legislation of the Sexual Orientation Discrimination Ordinance (SODO), but the government decided it wasn't urgent and they didn't need to put it forward for public consultation. The government is condoning discrimination against sexual minorities.

That's why a few of us decided to form BigLove Alliance, hoping to be a pressure group to push forward topics about sexual minorities and the LGBTI community.

We are furious because this had been delayed for so many years already, and there is so much blatant discrimination happening out there in society.

Society has been moving forward. Back then our Pride parades were very small.

But in the past few years, there have been a lot more people joining and they are no longer shy about it.

We've also started Pink Dot, and there are a lot more events for the LGBTI community in Hong Kong.

People are not afraid to step out and show they are members of the LGBTI community—they may not be coming out on stage, but one or two decades ago people wouldn't even want to participate in public events that would imply they were gay.

The most important thing is that there are non-LGBTI people willing to join us and participate in our events like Pink Dot and Pride Parade. We call them our straight allies.

Research shows that society is very accepting towards the LGBTI community.

Even on more specific issues such as same-sex marriage, support is very high amongst young people.

You can tell society is changing, but the government has to take the lead and make laws to give sexual minorities the rights they deserve.

Hong Kong is in such a complicated state right now and it's changing so quickly. I don't know what will happen next year.

But as long as we're united, it will gradually get better.

I think that I, as a public figure, have certain responsibilities.

I've been outspoken because I think this is a gift from above.

I have the platform, I have the crowd base, so I should utilize it. Not everyone has that.

I've never thought about being a "gay icon," because it's not important to me. I don't do what I do to be an icon.

As long as I think it's the right thing to do, I'll do it.

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NEED TO KNOW...

Anthony Wong became a household name as the vocalist of Cantopop duo Tat Ming Pair in the 80s, alongside composer and guitarist Tats Lau (R). He continued as a solo singer and producer after the group disbanded in 1990. He founded BigLove Alliance in 2013 with public figures including Denise Ho, Cyd Ho, Raymond "Slow Beat" Chan and Brian Leung.



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