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Two members of the pro-mainland China-Australia Legal Exchange Foundation were forced to resign this week, after media reported on them enjoying themselves in a KTV lounge with unidentified women while on an official trip to Beijing. The boys are in trouble—but the thing is, they were just doing it wrong. Here's how you should navigate treacherous China trips.

Banquets.

At a large banquet or meal, you will be expected to eat a bit of everything and drink a large amount of alcohol as everyone sitting around the table is toasted with a hearty "ganbei!" However, it is frowned upon to request tequila, lime and salt instead of maotai or Chivas.

Sightseeing.

You will be taken to see many items you are not interested in seeing. Stick with it, because it is rude to blow off your hosts. Just keep your mind on the prize: All those hot, hot KTV hostess girls no one will ever find out about.

Business Cards.

Just as in Hong Kong, business cards are not to be taken lightly. Accept and present them out with two hands, and leave the card on the table during a meeting or meal. That way if the meeting goes badly, you can theatrically set fire to the small pile you've accumulated on the table before storming out.

Face.

Again, just as in Hong Kong, the giving and receiving of "face" is vital. Fortunately, the rise of global online business makes giving gift cards from Korean plastic surgery clinics easier than ever.

Guanxi.

Chinese business and politics works on "guanxi"—that mix of personal connection and loyalty that can only be gained by frequent wining-and-dining and relationship-building. To truly lock in your guanxi, consider framing your counterpart for an illegal activity which you can subsequently make disappear, earning you undying loyalty. Have you considered filming them in flagrante with a KTV hostess?

June 4th.

Maybe... just don't say anything about this for any reason. Why even would you?

KTV.

This is the big one. The way you comport yourself at KTV is the difference between political success and career suicide. KTV hostesses will be charming and you will be tempted to reciprocate their attentions, which could have potentially disastrous consequences. Avoid the issue by making use of the new Facebook Live video streaming function. By broadcasting the iniquity of your colleagues in real-time to the whole world, then at least YOU won't appear in the video. Your future success is guaranteed.

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

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

Where do Hongkongers get their unusual names? – Norman Namer

Hong Kong is home to some interesting names that go beyond the usual curious appellations. There's more to the city than our Winsons and our Kelvins, our Apples and our Samsons.

For much of it, you can thank the Portuguese. Macau has always seemed more open to crossing the racial divide than the British—blame those hot Latin temperaments instead of your standard British rectitude, perhaps—and as a result there are many in Hong Kong and Macau who claim a mixed Chinese-Portuguese heritage. It's reflected, most evidently, in our names. Even today, you'll meet Chinese-speaking Macanese who have Portuguese names but no Chinese ones—or even Chinese and English names that diverge.

So there's Court of Final Appeal judge Roberto Alexandre Vieira Ribeiro, in Chinese simply 李義—Lee Yi. Or there's legislator and MTR executive Abraham Razack, also known as Abraham Shek. Or even singer, actress, cooking show host "Fat Mama" Maria Cordero, whose Chinese name is just 瑪俐亞—Ma Lei-ya.

But you don't need the European influence to have an unusual name: China has that covered all on its own, thanks to a long history of different cultures mixing and matching. You might readily think of Chinese names as being made of two parts: A one-character surname and a one or two-character given name: "Leung Chun-ying" or "Li Ka-shing," for example. But that isn't always the case. In fact, Chinese has a wealth of what's called "compound surnames": last names which have more than one character. They have their roots

in Chinese history, deriving often from occupations, titles or simply when one clan married into another—much like double-barreling in the west. And while many of these names have passed out of usage, some are still alive and well today.

Take legendary and dearly missed democracy campaigner Szeto Wah. "Szeto" was actually his last name, and originally meant "Minister over the Masses"—an ironic name for this fearless champion of self-determination. Or then there's "Ouyang," in Cantonese Au Yeung (歐陽)—which means "South of Mount Ouyu," in Zhejiang Province. It's one of the most common compound surnames in Chinese: TVB actor Bobby Au Yeung or rapper MC Jin Au Yeung, for example. Of course, it's never that straightforward: Hong Kong racing driver Darryl O'Young isn't mixed-race, he's actually an Ouyang, whose name has been Romanized with an Irish twist.

And of course, there's the golden family, the Aisin Gioro clan. If you meet one, you should be bowing and scraping, because the House of Aisin Gioro are the Manchu monarchs of China's Qing Dynasty, who ruled China from 1644 until 1912. What's in a name? An awful lot, if you're an Aisin Gioro...



Bow before Nurhaci, founder of the Aisin Gioro clan



This week in My Perfect HK:
Some great news for the little guy this week: Hongkonger Faisal Mohammed successfully took a taxi driver to court for refusing to cross the harbor and smoking while a passenger was in the vehicle. The driver was fined \$3,000 after a seven-month process. \$3,000 may not be much... but hey, it's a start. Faisal, we salute you. Read the whole story at tiny.cc/hk-taxiwin

Letters

"I was not sitting in your taxi for free ok? Blardy idiot!"

Taxi Tales

Responses to our online story ("Hongkonger Wins Case Against Taxi Who Refused to Cross the Harbor," May 23) about Hongkonger Faisal Mohammed, who got a cab driver fined \$3,000 for refusing to take him to his destination (see My Perfect HK, upper right).

In the last 3 years cab drivers in HK have got worse and worse, they have become so arrogant and rude, and very often can't be bothered to even stop and pick passengers up, and then, when we the passengers turn to Uber they freak out and go on strike, I'm so happy for this guy that he won his court case, and that he made the effort to go through with it until the end... Good for him.... I really really wish the police would sort this issue out once and for all.

Jan Barclay

I am a tourist and I was a victim before. I sat in the taxi but was chased out by this very rude taxi driver. On a second incident I was scolded by the taxi driver for going to a destination which seemed too near for him. Woi! I was not sitting in your taxi for free ok? I still have to pay!! Blardy idiot! And how could I know it was far or near, I am not from HK.

Bird Okane Ga Kuru

Why only HK\$3,000? Should have been 90,000, and ban him to drive for 1 month.

Al Tseng

Lol I am glad that someone had the time and effort to sue the taxi driver. Good stuff.

Joseph Cheng

Those rude taxi drivers never learned a lesson. This is happening constantly every single day.

Michael Roshan

Our weak government refuses to break the ugly monopoly.

Ronald Ng

good job..they are real douche bags...
UBER BABY

Bob Drapeau

A lot of them can't speak even simple English, international finance center my ass.

Albert Hui

@Albert They are taxi drivers because they are not really educated. In Holland they also claim to be international, yet most of the taxi drivers also don't speak English.

Philip Chau

Uber - it's the only way! [Taxis] won't cross the harbour; won't go to Sai Kung; won't even unlock the doors until they know the destination (TST); won't go further than Wan Chai (I was trying to get from Wan Chai to Pok Fu Lam)... Omg, just over it! This isn't a taxi service.

Carolynne Knowling

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Flat Colors

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Wednesday 6/1

All Glowed Up

For one magical night only, Orange Peel has ALL the party combinations going at once: Neon glow paint, beer pong, live Cantopop and 10 different kinds of free-flow sake. Bring your spiffiest white sneakers and hit A Blazing Night: It's gonna be lit.

6:45pm. Orange Peel Music Lounge, Ho Lee Commercial Building, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central. \$250 before May 30 from gratifyevent.com; \$380 at the door.

Friday 5/27

Pima from Lima

Grana is welcoming their new additions to their super-soft Peruvian Pima cotton basics and athleticwear line by celebrating all things Peruvian: Their **Peruvian Pima Party** features pisco sours, Peruvian snacks, and lots and lots of cotton. **6-9pm. The Fitting Room by Grana, 108 Hollywood Rd., Sheung Wan.**

Saturday 5/28

La Dolce Vita

Save yourself a plane ticket and head to Cyberport: The view might be a sight different from the Amalfi Coast, but for the two days of the **Italian Market**, you'll get a little bit of Italy in Hong Kong. Chase your espresso with a glass of chianti, carb-load on pizza and focaccia, and bring some of the Mediterranean home with you in the form of olive oil, Italian fashions, jewelry and more. Viva Italia!

May 28-29, 12-8pm. The Arcade Cyberport, 100 Cyberport Rd., Pok Fu Lam. \$50 from ItalianMarketNM.pelago.events

Sunday 5/29

Jiminy Cricket!

Hear that sound of leather on willow? It's cricket season: This **T20 Blitz**, watch the Woodworm Warriors, Kowloon Cantons, Hung Hom JD Jaguars and GII Lantau Galaxy Riders face off as Hong Kong's best cricketers come together for a weekend-long tournament.

May 28-29, 8:15am-6pm. Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground, 15 Tin Kwong Rd., Kowloon. \$100 per day for general admission; \$2,000 per day with fully catered food, beer and wine from ticketflap.com/t20blitz

Monday 5/30

Ries' Pieces

For oenophiles with a proclivity for sweet white German grapes, it's going to be a good month. Head to the **Riesling Weeks Kick Off Celebration** to sample more than 100 German wines and meet Katharina Fladung, German Wine Princess for 2015-2016. A German Wine Princess!

6-10pm, Silverbox Ballroom, Hotel Icon, 17 Science Museum Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$240 for wine pass, including wine tasting, glass, \$200 wine coupon and \$200 in hotel vouchers; \$340 for the above plus two tapas platters from ticketflap.com/rieslingweeks

Tuesday 5/31

Yummy Yummy Yummy

Dinner and a movie takes on a whole different meaning with **Amélie presented by Yum Yum Movies**. As viewers take in this whimsical French favorite starring Audrey Tautou, they'll also be treated to small bites and a four-course dinner, served at specific points during the movie. The menu is secret, but we're hoping for artichokes (after all, even they have hearts). It's BYOB, so don't forget a nice French red. **7:30-11pm. Cuore Private Kitchen, Wong Chuk Hang. \$640 from cuoreprivatechef.com**

Thursday 6/2

Pat the Cat

Jazz guitarist, composer, jazz fusion pioneer and 20-time Grammy-winner **Pat Metheny** has added an extra night to his Hong Kong tour. We're hoping his four-necked, 42-string Picasso guitar will even make an appearance... **Jun 1-2, 8-11pm. Academic Community Hall, Hong Kong Baptist University, 224 Waterloo Rd., Kowloon Tong. \$680 from ticketflap.com/patmetheny**



Friday 6/3

Brazilian Beats

Get ready to dance the night away, Brazilian-style. **Solidame**, one of Brazil's finest DJs and director of two-time "best club in the world" Green Valley, brings his beats to Volar. He forges mixes that range from deep house to 80s classics, house to techno. **10pm. Volar, B/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central. \$250 including two drinks from ticketflap.com/greenvalleybr; \$300 at the door.**

Saturday 6/4

Teenage Dreams

If your preferred dance style falls somewhere between moshing and nodding enthusiastically with a beer in hand, this party is for you: the **Indie Rock Dance Party** brings together four Hong Kong bands whose genres range between punk, classic rock, psychedelic and synth-pop along with Brit-rock-loving DJ Supersonic, all in a sweaty basement in LKF.

9pm. HK Brew House Basement, 21 D'Aguilar St., Central. \$80 from ticketflap.com/indierockdanceparty

Wine and Walk

Hit up **Wan Chai Wine Walk and Music Stroll** for a day full of games, stilt artists, live portrait-drawing, buskers and—of course—rivers of wine. Strollers can attend wine workshops if they want to get educated, or simply wander around more than 30 different checkpoints on the wine trail to sample tasters aplenty.

Jun 11, 2:30-6pm. The EAST and Lee Tung Avenue. Free, register at promotions.hk-magazine.com/winewalk





Illustrations: Joyce Kwok

Last Week In Reality



SAT 14

Doggone Bastard A post to Facebook goes viral: It depicts a man walking his dog in Tin Shui Wai who gets impatient and commands it to walk faster. Fed up, he picks up the dog by the scruff of the neck as they cross the road. When they get to the other side, he drops it from waist level to the ground.

SUN 15

Occupy ATM In the morning, two women are found sleeping on newspapers in front of an indoor ATM in Sheung Shui. Next to them are a suitcase and two pairs of shoes they have kicked off. A passerby takes a photo of them and uploads it to Facebook. Noting the 24-hour surveillance and air-conditioning, a netizen says the women have chosen a good spot for their overnight stay.

MON 16

Potty Training Outside a duty-free store in Tsim Sha Tsui, a young boy bends over as his mother cleans his buttocks. He has just defecated on the ground, and it appears that someone has stepped on his feces. Passersby are shocked, and some stop to take photos of the boy, who looks confused. Netizens are outraged: Some wonder whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department should step in.

TUE 17

Mouse Attack! At around 1pm, a mouse appears at the back of a Yau Ma Tei-bound MTR train. Several passengers run towards the front of the train, away from the mouse. A child walks up to the creature out of curiosity, which seems to alarm it, causing it to turn around and dash towards a row of seats. A woman jumps onto a seat, screaming. The mouse runs towards the front of the train as passengers dart out of its way, and then disappears. The MTR says an inspection revealed no mice but they have disinfected the train.

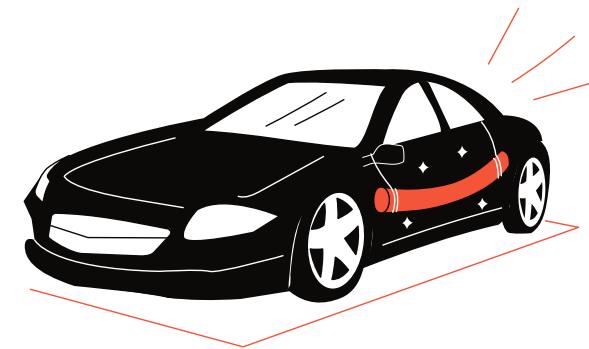
WED 18

Bald Move On a public bus, a bald man is seen shaving with an electric razor. He runs the shaver over his head several times and later works on his chin. A fellow passenger captures this on his smartphone and uploads it to YouTube. One netizen says she'd be horrified if she were sitting behind the bald man, and another laments, "You know this is Hong Kong because nobody bothered to tell him to stop."



THU 19

Domestic Violence? A photo of a notice at a store entrance goes viral: The notice reads in Chinese "Boss beaten up by wife, shop closed today." Netizens speculate that the notice was actually penned by the shop owner's mistress, and one netizen suggests helping the shop owner compose a notice for the following day: "Wife can't get enough of giving boss a beating, shop closed for another day."



FRI 20

Noodle Protector In a car park, a man sees a black luxury car with a red pool noodle strapped along its side. He posts a photo of the car to Facebook, deducing that the noodle acts as a bumper to prevent dents and scratches from other car doors. A netizen suggests that the driver should use a black pool noodle so it blends better with the car body.

Quote of the Week

"I was taking care of some business during the third reading, so I pressed the wrong button."

Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong legislator Wong Ting-kwong explains why he was the only lawmaker to vote against granting the Hong Kong Institute of Education university status in a Legislative Council meeting. Wong has fallen asleep during Legco sessions on several occasions.

Talking Points

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

Baby Falls Out of Incubator

Earlier this month, a **24-day-old baby fell out of her incubator** at the Special Baby Care Unit of a Kowloon hospital. According to the hospital, a nurse and her colleague **heard the baby crying and found her on the floor**, with one of the windows of the incubator open. The baby had been admitted to the hospital with a respiratory problem. At a press conference, the baby's father said the nurse who notified him of the incident **said the baby had probably kicked the window open** because she wanted to nurse. He also said the **hospital urged him to check his daughter out of hospital** after an X-ray scan revealed no injuries to the baby's internal organs—but an MRI five days later showed a blood clot in the infant's brain. An investigation is underway.

Our take: Good to know we can trust our children with public hospitals....

Green Gone Wrong

The "green roof" of a hall at the City University of Hong Kong collapsed last Friday, injuring three people. It's suspected that the 26-year-old structure had been **overloaded by the vegetation planted on it as part of an eco-friendly cooling system**. A few days before the collapse, the hall was being used as an examination venue, but exam season is thankfully over. Questions have been raised about the legality of the structure after the university admitted it **did not seek government approval for the building plans of at least 10 of its green roofs**. A committee has been set up to look into the issue, but the chairman of City U's staff union questioned the neutrality of the committee as **most of its members belong to the university**. He said that he had raised concerns about the building's maintenance over a year ago but never heard back from authorities.

Our take: This is why we need virtual classrooms.

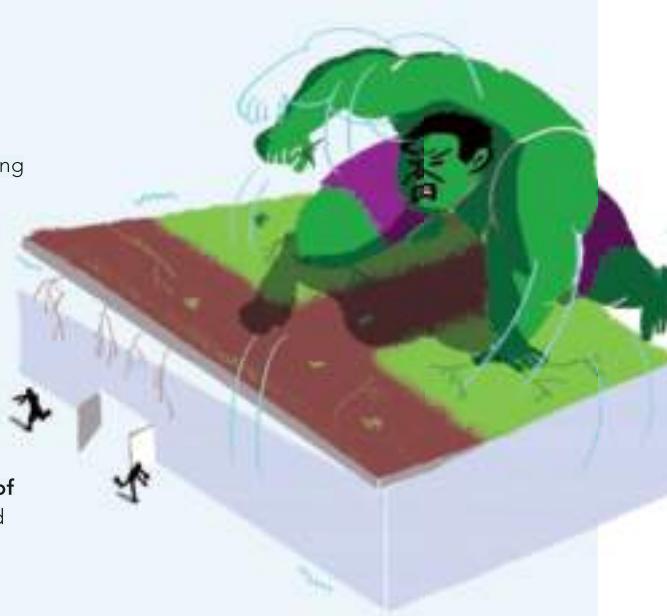
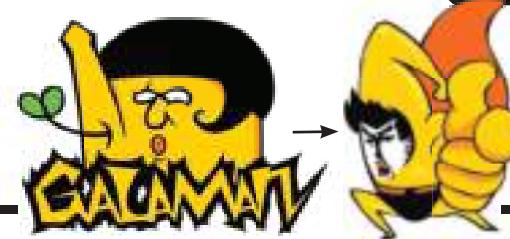


Illustration: Elaine Tang



Street Talk

Think all superheroes are sexy saviors? Think again. Artist **Johnee Lau** is the creator of Galaman—the armpit-inspired superhero. He also hosts nightly live Facebook broadcasts, creating impromptu illustrations based on audience suggestions. He tells Jasmine Ng about the joy of armpits and why there's nothing wrong with toilet humor.

HK Magazine: How did Galaman come about?

Johnee Lau: Superheroes have one thing in common: When they're fighting their nemeses or when they're transforming, they always show their armpits. Superman flashes his armpits at pedestrians when he's flying; Spiderman does the same when swings from building to building. Even in Sailor Moon—the Sailor Soldiers show their armpits when they lift their arms to get dressed in their superhero costumes. That's how I came to the conclusion that the armpit is an important superhero feature. So, for my final year project at PolyU, I created the character Ah Man, who turns into the superhero Galaman when he flashes his armpit.

HK: What else inspires you, besides armpits?

JL: We tend to avoid talking about "embarrassing" body parts like armpits and nostrils. For some reason, we give them negative connotations and consider them something to be ashamed of. In my work I try to redefine biological features and functions that are generally considered embarrassing, as well as taboo subjects such as transgenderism, so my audience can see these things in a different light. For example indecent postures, adult jokes and nude scenes are things that make us laugh—you wouldn't say they're negative. And what makes both adults and children laugh? Toilet humor. Of course, I still create cartoons that are traditionally considered "cute." My work isn't all toilet humor.

HK: What do you enjoy doing most?

JL: I love creating animations. The process can be torturous and time-consuming, but the sense of accomplishment is irreplaceable, especially when I look back at what I've created from a blank space: A whole new world where characters come alive. But most of all, I enjoy drawing. Eight years ago at a handicrafts market, I started incorporating wordplay into my drawings. People would

come to me with topics and I would draw based on those topics. My customers paid whatever they thought was an appropriate price. I later began broadcasting my drawings live on the Internet because it's a good way to gain popularity and be able to see my audience's immediate reaction. When I draw, I zone out and draw whatever comes to mind. I don't think at all.

HK: What do you think has been your biggest challenge so far?

JL: While I consider myself an artist, I also have to deal with administrative work and commercial considerations. Very often, I have to come up with business proposals for collaborations and think about how to promote my work to reach a bigger audience: This can sometimes distract me from creating new work. Family support used to be an issue. My parents wanted me to get a stable job after graduating because it seemed like the best way forward, but they finally decided to give me a year to try my hand at a career based on illustration and animation. I ended up winning several animation awards. Without my family, I wouldn't have been able to make it this far.

HK: What happens if you run out of ideas? Will you stop drawing?

JL: As long as you have creativity and passion, you can always work in different fields. I don't think I'll ever quit, but I might spend more time collaborating with other people. I'll turn 28 soon, and I've been told that we lose our creativity when we turn 30: So I've been saving weird and funny ideas in sketchbooks since an early age in case the same thing happens to me. I'll keep accumulating sketchbooks until I run out of ideas—but by then, I think my bank of ideas will last me a lifetime. I could also become a singer, though, just in case.

Check out Johnee's animations at [youtube.com/user/minimindstudio](https://www.youtube.com/user/minimindstudio) or feed him illustration ideas during his nightly live broadcasts at facebook.com/galamanhk

Blowing Water

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

fong³ man¹
放蚊

"RELEASE MOSQUITO"

"To yawn." Imagine opening wide to release a trapped mosquito.

HongKabulary



Rail Against the Machine (reɪl əgenst θə mæʃɪn), n.

To be unable to flag down a minibus or taxi because the sidewalk is sporting railings on either side as far as the eye can see.

"Late again?"

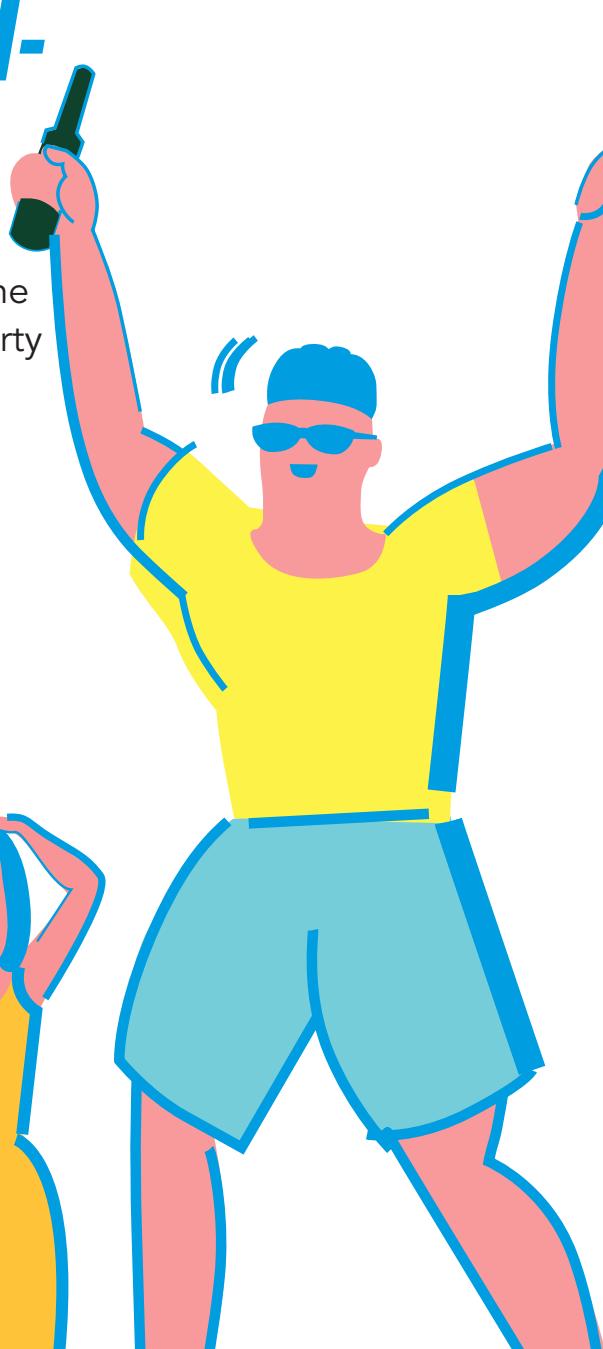
"It's not my fault I couldn't get a cab. I'm just railing against the machine!"

35 WAYS TO CHILL THIS SUMMER

It's hot and it's only getting hotter: But you'll be cooler than a popsicle in an over-air-conditioned Hong Kong shopping mall thanks to the **HK Staff**'s bag of tricks. We've got 35 amazing things to do to chill out in the warm weather.

For The Party-All- Nighter

The best way to beat the heat? Eat, drink and party straight through it, of course.



1. Be an Italian Stallion

Wine bar Stazione Novella has revived its "Summer of Spritz" deal, with \$48 Aperol Spritzes every Monday. Stop by from 5-7pm to cool down while grazing on their mouthwatering aperitivo spread. Mondays. 52-56 Staunton St., Central, 2559-0559, stazionenovella.com

2. Do Dinner and a Movie

Distract yourself from the heat with something a little different: at **Yum-Yum Movies** at Cuore Private Kitchen, chef Andrea Oschetti screens a movie and serves up the perfect meal to accompany your film for a fully immersive experience. Next up is "Amélie" on May 31, then "Moonrise Kingdom" on Jun 21. \$600 from cuoreprivatechef.com or 6903-1913.

3. Suck on Frozen Pineapple Slices

This Hong Kong favorite is available from ice-cream vendors who set up shop in public parks and cycling tracks. They serve the dual purpose of cooling you down—and ensuring your #beachbod stays on fleek.





COOL DOWN TIPS

Keep cool at work with these useful tips.

11. **Be a Fan.** Buy a mini fan from a streetside vendor. You may look like an idiot fanning yourself as you hike up Ladder Street but it's a lifesaver.
12. **Get Mist.** Carry around some DIY facial mist: Purée a peeled cucumber, strain and stir in ½ tsp of lemon juice, 1 tsp of aloe vera and ½ cup of rosewater. Pour into a spray bottle and spritz away.
13. **Prep Right.** If you don't want to walk into the office looking like a melted popsicle, sweat-proof your makeup with these beauty hacks. Blob on some primer, especially along the T-zone, before you apply color. Opt for an oil-absorbing mineral foundation to combat the humid air. And **ALWAYS GO WATERPROOF ON YOUR EYES.**
14. **Wristy Business.** You know how you can feel your pulse in your wrist? That's because the blood vessels are so close to the surface of your skin. Sneak to the bathroom and run cold water over this area to cool off.
15. **Fever Dreams.** Slap a fever patch on your forehead for instant cooling. Those non-fever-patch-forehead having critics will soon be wishing they had your genius. \$24.9 for six from Watsons citywide.
16. **Ice Off.** Not enough air-con to go around? Fill a metal bowl with ice and add salt to the ice. Place the bowl in front of an electric fan and feel instantly cooler.
17. **Flirt with Your Boss.** The cold stares of your co-workers will cool you off no problem.
18. **Embrace the Heat.** It's the best way.

Check out p. 16 for 20 icy summer treats!

There's more!

4. Go Full Fiesta

Turn a siesta into a beach fiesta at Shek O: At **Tapas by the Beach** you get free-flow tapas and paella, a dessert corner and cold drinks aplenty including sangria and Nice Pops' beer slush and ice pops.

Jun 5, 1-9pm. **Shek O Beach.** \$368 from ticketflap.com/tapasbythebeach, includes free-flow tapas and paella and five drink tokens.

5. Feel Fin

Chill out with a Caribbean cooler—and help out some sea life at the same time. As many as 100 million sharks are killed each year for their fins, and at least half of the world's shark's fin traffic goes through Hong Kong. At **Rummin' Fins**, a fundraiser for the Hong Kong Shark Foundation, \$10 from every drink bought all night will go towards the charity.

Jun 7, 7pm. **Rummin' Tings**, 28 Hollywood Rd., Central.

6. Party with Paris

Studio City Macau hosts the **Summer Love Pool Party** series all through the summer. First up is Paris Hilton on June 11, with further dates and DJs to be announced. Jun 11, Studio City Macau, Estrada Flor de Lotus, Cotai, Macau. \$350-\$450 from studiodcity-macau.com, hotel packages also available.

7. Pool and Cool

Can't get enough damp fun? Hit up the **Hot Streak Summer Series**, five pool parties in June and August at the W Hong Kong's rooftop pool. Jun 4, 25, 30; Aug 13, 27. **W Hong Kong**, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, 3717-2222. \$350 early bird, \$450 at the door with 1 drink; \$888 for free-flow drinks and champagne.

8. Lime So Fine

Limewood hosts the ultimate beachside BBQ on June 8 at the **Limewood Summer Party**, an evening filled with live music, unlimited seafood and meat, and tropical-inspired drinks. There's a session for kids from 4-6pm, and the party shifts into gear from 6pm with plenty of liquid fuel and live beats.

Jun 8. \$580 (kids' session \$100). **The Pulse**, 28 Beach Rd., Repulse Bay, 2866-8668, limewood.hk

9. Make it in Hong Kong

Tired of the usual lime sorbet and vanilla ice cream? New flavors on the menu at liquid nitrogen gelato makers **Lab Made** include local favorites such as "Hong Kong Custard Bun," and "Chinese Beancurd Dessert." "Hong Kong Milk Tea with Condensed Milk" and "Manila Mango Pudding" are also available for a limited time only, so get in quick.

Through Jun 8. **Various locations including G/F, 6 Brown St., Tai Hang**, labmade.com.hk

10. Get Beer and Pizza

'Nuff said. Clock off early on Friday to kick off the weekend with Motorino's "**Summer Fridays**" deal: Unlimited pizza and ice-cold Peroni from 3-6pm. Fridays through Sep 30, 3-6pm. **15 Ship St., Wan Chai**, 2520-0690. \$228.



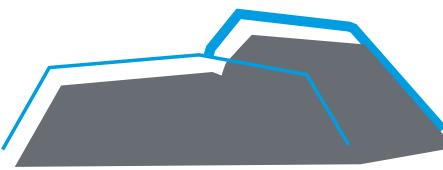
Splash away at the W Hong Kong's pool parties



For The Outdoorsy Explorer



Nothing beats getting out into nature in summer. So who cares if it's a little warm? You're looking cool, and that's the important thing.



19. Stop Dragon Your Heels

June 9 marks the **Tuen Ng Festival**, in which dragon boat teams from all over the city come together to splash madly at the water until victors are announced. What could be cooler? Catch the races all over Hong Kong: From the carnival atmosphere at Stanley, to the concentrated crowds of Aberdeen, to the village-feel of Tai O or Cheung Chau. Want to keep the boating going? The **Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races** take place that weekend right in the harbor—and San Miguel keeps the beers flowing.

Tuen Ng: Jun 9. **Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races:** Jun 10-12, Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade.



20. Revive Childhood Memories

Lai Yuen Super Summer is back. Once the biggest amusement park in Hong Kong, it was closed down in 1997 but it's back as a pop-up carnival for the second year in a row. Try your luck in the indoor game stalls, and feel the breeze as you zoom through the electric go-kart track before munching on an egg waffle.

July 15-Aug 7, Mon-Thu 11am-8pm, Fri-Sun 10am-8pm.
AsiaWorld-Expo. \$140 before noon with 10 game tokens; \$180 after noon with 12 tokens, laiyuen1949.com

21. Cool Off on the Star Ferry

No, not on the air-conditioned top deck. Get a window seat on the lower section of the **Star Ferry** to feel the welcoming breeze in your face while ignoring the overwhelming smell of diesel. Best of all, it's just \$2.80...

22. Cliff Jump

Cap off one of Hong Kong's most beautiful hikes with a spot of cliff jumping at **Sheung Luk Stream**. Don't forget to bring refreshments so you and your friends can spend a relaxing day plunging eight meters off a ledge into a natural pool created by a large waterfall.

Take bus 29R from Sai Kung town, walk to Sai Wan beach, follow beach to entrance of stream.

23. Namaste Beachside

Imagine this: you're out in the open, sand between your toes, feeling the fresh breeze on your face as you cycle through a few vinyasas. The Yoga Room's **Charity Yoga on the Beach** is celebrating World Environment Day by hosting a guided session on Repulse Bay Beach. Proceeds go to The Nature Conservancy, which protects 130 million ecologically important acres of land and water worldwide. Namaste to that.

Jun 5, 5:30-6:30pm. Repulse Bay Beach, Repulse Bay. \$100 from eventbrite.hk

24. Stargaze at Cheung Sha

Grab your bae and a bottle and set up shop on one of Hong Kong's best beaches. On Lantau island, away from the light pollution of the city, sit back and enjoy the constellations dancing overhead... if it's a clear night.

Take bus 1, 2, 3 or 4 from Mui Wo to Cheung Sha beach.



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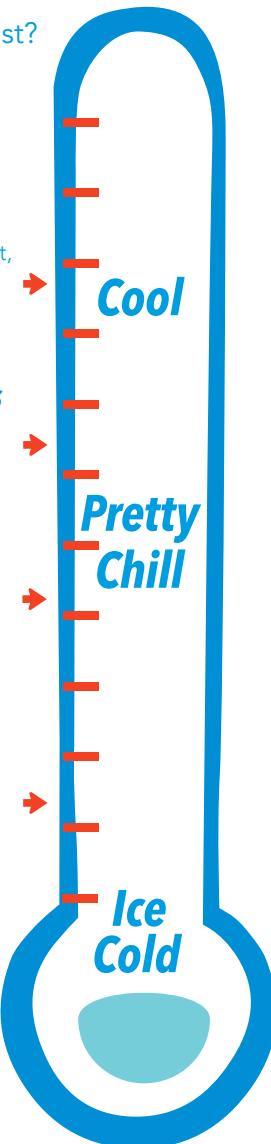
A bit too chilly for everyone's liking now, but we've still got time for Jasper's no-nonsense attitude.

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Always helpful and ready with a cheery hello. We think that's pretty cool.

CY Leung

What happens when you've got ice running through your veins? This.



25. Get Soaked

Sometimes all you really need is a quick douse. Run through the **Fountain Plaza at the entrance to Hong Kong Park**. No bathing suit necessary: that sun will just dry you right up again.

19 Cotton Tree Drive, Central, 2521-5041.

26. Ice Is Nice

Step 1: Acquire a kiddie paddling pool from **Toys"R"Us**. Step 2: Fill with ice and water. Step 3: Watch as friends you didn't even know you had come out of the woodwork to dip their feet into your urban oasis.

\$500 from Toys"R"Us stores citywide.

27. Make a Splash

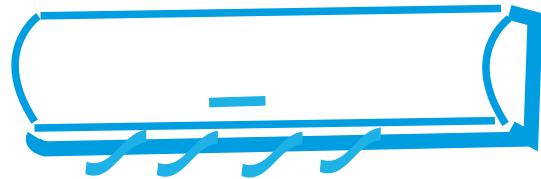
Quench the heat at this year's **Ocean Park Summer Splash**. Specific details of the event are yet to come, but it's safe to expect lots and lots of water. In the past, we've had the enormous Slide Racer, bubble-bath foam parties and some water-gun fuelled dance shows—just to give you an idea of what's in store.

Jul 1-Aug 31, oceanpark.com.hk

28. Get Some Wellness

Escape the hot, grimy bustle of the city without even leaving Central: **Iris: Your Escape** is a two-day yoga and wellness festival that promotes clean living and spiritual connection. Take yoga, meditation and fitness classes, fill up on healthy food and drink and more.

Jun 25-26, 9am-8pm. Central Harbourfront Event Space.
Free with registration at irishkg.com



For the Air-Con-Lover



29. Hear The Big Freeze

When you can't take the heat, head into the cold—and the coldest room this summer is the one with Benjamin Northey and the HK Philharmonic as they bring the full scope of the Arctic to life in **Frozen Planet In Concert**—a screening of the BBC nature documentary with live music. Bring a sweater—this is going to get chilly.

Jun 3-4, 8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$180-480 from urbtix.hk. See p.22 for more.

30. Find the Force

Use the Force to stave off the summer heat at Disneyland's new "**Star Wars: Tomorrowland Takeover**," opening June 11. Take a wild ride on Hyperspace Mountain or test your lightsaber skills against Darth Vader and Kylo Ren in "Jedi Training: Trials of the Temple." You'll meet your favorite Star Wars characters and get a chance to stock up on over 230 Star Wars collectibles.

Opens Jun 11. 3550-3388, hongkongdisneyland.com

31. Get Chin-stroking

Public buildings are invariably air-conditioned, but if you don't want to spend three months hanging out in a library, **Muse Fest** is back for the second year in a row. It's a series of more than 100 heritage walks, guided tours, film screenings and events based around the city's museums and public galleries. Check the website for full listings.

Jun 25-Jul 10. museums.gov.hk

32. Work It Out

Hong Kong's newest indoor boot camp studio **HIT45** is the place to hit if you're worried about embarrassing #squadphotos on the beach. Work up a sweat indoors rather than out with 45-minute high-intensity workouts combining cardio, free weights and bodyweight exercises. **\$270 for one-off session. 1/F, Abdoolally House, 20 Stanley St., Central, 9326-5379, hit45hk.com**

33. Skate Dates

The city's got plenty of ice skating rinks, so throw on a pair of skates and... hang on for dear life as you realize that skating isn't as easy as you remember. Maybe stick to rinkside people-watching instead...

Locations include Festival Walk, Elements, Megabox and Cityplaza.

34. DIY Ice (I)

Too warm to think? **Make your own ice pops.** Make a few basic purées from any type of fresh fruit (strawberries, blueberries, papaya), then alternate pouring the mixtures into molds or containers to create multi-colored layers. Throw in a popsicle stick and freeze for at least six hours.

35. DIY Ice (II)

Searing heat got you down? Stay chill with scavenger hunt makers **Game Masters HK**, who normally take you running around a district of your choice. But why not cool things down by customizing your own indoor-only game, where you dash from checkpoint to checkpoint in air-conditioned comfort?

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Cut Up City

In her new exhibition **Invertigo**, Hong Kong-born, LA-based artist Bovey Lee explores the relationship between the human world and the natural one. Her cut rice paper designs combine urban industrial imagery with the ecosystem: Birds are perched on stoplights and billboards, an inescapable part of human development. Don't miss this chance to check out her delicate designs.

Through Jun 11. **Grotto Fine Art, 2/F,**
31C-D Wyndham St., Central, grottofineart.com

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Hot Man Alert

You know it: Hong Kong summers average from 30-32 degrees Celsius and the humidity is through the roof. Here are some tips for dudes to cope with the sticky summer and still stay looking fresh.

Cotton Buds

Basically any shirt will look great if it has that rugged, woven cotton look to it. This lightweight shirt from **Zara** is a perfect example. Roll up the sleeves for some added casual vibes and feel free to open a few buttons, but be careful you're not showing off too much...

\$399 from Zara, 70 Queen's Rd. Central, 2903-9500.

Sun's Out

Nothing worse than walking around all day squinting from the sun. These aviators from Hong Kong brand **Absolute Vintage** will give your outfit a retro but elegant edge.

\$880 from Absolute Vintage, Shop H407, PMQ, 2369-0618.

Grana Farmer
Save those tank tops for the beach, please. If in doubt, brightly colored plain t-shirts look great with anything. V-neck styles look amazing, like this Pima t-shirt from **Grana**, which is made from breathable 100 percent Peruvian cotton. Make sure it's a bit loose to cope with the heat and that sweat under your arms...
\$117 from Grana, The Fitting Room, 108 Hollywood Rd., Sheung Wan, 2755-8744, grana.com

Bae Watch
Get a colorful and fun watch to match your colorful summer fun, like this metallic blue number from **Klasse14**, designed by Alessandro Baldieri.
Tropical Flight by Alessandro Baldieri, \$2,320 from HMV, 2-3/F, Pearl City, 22-36 Paterson St., Causeway Bay, 2504-3669, klasse14.com

Throwing Shade
Hats always add a touch of cool in the summer, plus they're also functional in keeping you from getting sunburnt. Try this brown straw hat from **Tasteless**, a handcrafter from Ecuador—it's equally suited for the beach or other outdoor activities.
Classic panama hat, \$1,299 from Kapok, Shop HG10-12, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central, 2858-8170.

Get Shorty
Shorts are a no brainer if you don't want to sweat your legs off all day. The ideal length is above your knees. Pair these gray shorts from my own brand, **RCANO**, with a t-shirt for a beachy look—or they can even look smart paired with a button-down shirt or light blazer.
\$499 from RCANO, rcano.co

Riviera Cruisin'
No matter if you are wearing loafers, boat shoes or rope-soled espadrilles, skip the socks. I particularly recommend these slip-ons from **Rivieras**. Great design, and they let your feet breathe!
Le Grand Bleu slip-ons, \$580 from Kapok.

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ESCAPE ROUTES

Papa's Paradise

This June 19, say no to another boring tie and give your old man a big Father's Day "thank you" in the fanciest way possible. Whether he's a fairway fanatic or more of the lounging type, book the perfect holiday for pop at one of these posh retreats.

Tee Off in Hainan

For the golf-loving dad, the **Mission Hills Haikou**—the world's second-largest golf club, encompassing a resort and 10 golf courses—is a hole-y heaven close at hand in Sanya, surrounded by lush green canopies and crystal lakes. Pamper papa properly with the three-day, two-night **Swinging into Golf Holiday Package** for two, which includes two 18-hole rounds of golf, buffet breakfast for two and two RMB800 vouchers for any purchase at the resort.

Of the numerous courses to choose from, Blackstone Course is not to be missed, spanning 350 acres of sweeping fields and undulating terrain. At the end of a long day on the fairway, Dad can loosen those

tired muscles in the world's largest volcanic mineral spring, which consists of 15 mineral springs themed around five continents. Find the "Lost City," an African safari-themed spring where you can plunge into the potassium-rich fig springs to help regulate blood pressure, or the coffee springs for improved endurance and cognitive function. With body and soul refreshed after a day of action, head back to the tastefully appointed Deluxe Room with a private balcony and everything you need for a cozy night in: fuzzy slippers, a mini bar and satellite TV.

\$4,265 per person. 1 Mission Hills Boulevard, Haikou, Hainan, China, (+86) 898-6868-3888, missionhillschina.com



TRAVEL TIP: Swing stylishly with some kickass golf gear from the Golf World shopping mall right next door, featuring a range of world-renowned golf brands.

Swim With Sea Creatures in Maldives

Celebrate Father's Day as a family at the kid-friendly **Constance Halaveli** resort in the Maldives. This star resort is equipped for all types of family fun, with amenities such as extra cot beds and swimming aids for juniors just learning to swim. Dive deep into crystal clear waters with the resort's expert scuba diving instructor to behold the Indian Ocean's magical underwater maze. For those who prefer to keep their heads above water, there are plenty of other aquatic activities to choose from, from water skiing to wakeboarding. And if the beach feels too crowded, there's always the private plunge pool in your own villa, surrounded by swaying palms and a plush private garden.

Spa days aren't just for moms—surprise dad with a rejuvenating spa treatment at U Spa by Constance. This world-

renowned spa offers treatments inspired by the multiple surrounding islands, using local tropical plants and fruits to connect mind, body and soul to the environment. Opt for a Ymalia body scrub, a reviving treatment using pearl powder and caviar honey, or go for the Sophro sculpting body treatment which uses anti-stress deep relaxation techniques—dad will walk out floating on cloud nine.

Book the Family Beach Villa through smithhotels.com for 40 percent off (\$8,387 per night, includes dinner and breakfast for four) stays of five nights or more. Must be booked 60 days in advance. Alifu Alifu Atoll, Halaveli, Republic of Maldives, (+960) 666-7000, constancehotels.com

TRAVEL TIP: Try to stay away from alcohol or caffeine the night before you go scuba diving, as they can dehydrate your system and increase the risk of decompression sickness.



TRAVEL TIP: There's a strict catch-and-release policy on Racha Yai island, so get your camera ready to snap a few mementos before setting your catch free.

Go Fish in Phuket

Before you cringe at the mention of "Phuket," it's not all blurry-eyed drunken tourists and crowded attractions: Book a weekend at **The Racha** resort for a peaceful hideaway on Racha Yai Island, located 12 miles south of the main island. This is the place to give dad the royal treatment, starting with luxury accommodation in a Grand Deluxe Villa—a minimalistically designed hideout with views overlooking the powdery white Batok Beach.

Charter a fishing boat to explore Phuket's serene sapphire waters, famous for its sport fishing. If you're lucky, you'll come across schools of dogtooth tuna, giant trevally and swordfish.

Back on land, traverse the beautiful

terrain on mountain bikes or rev up an all-terrain vehicle for a smooth ride across the stretch of pristine beach. At the end of the day, a relaxing soak in the indoor stone bathtub or a bask in the setting sun under the drizzle of the outdoor rain shower is just the ticket before a soothing nightcap.

The resort is currently offering a 10 percent discount for stays of two nights or more (book at least three days before the stay), breakfast included.

Grand Deluxe Villa starts from \$2,538 per night, accommodates two. Book through smithhotels.com for a free bottle of wine and a fruit basket. 42/12-13, Moo 5, Rawai, Muang, Phuket, Thailand, (+66) (0) 76-355-455, theracha.com



Sweet Shivers

It's heating up fast. Chill out with these 20 frozen treats that will leave your taste buds cool and tingling. By **Jack McCormack** and **Danielle Harris**

① The Vanishing Christmas Tree from Honey Crème

Dream of snowier times to distract yourself from the sweltering heat as you watch Honey Crème adorn and serve you their "Vanishing Christmas Tree." It goes like this: Soft serve plus chocolate and cocoa powder, topped with a wintery fluff of candy floss and mint green syrup.

\$54, 34 Lee Garden Rd., Causeway Bay, 3525-1264.

② Forever Young Smoothie from Catch Juicery

For all you "clean eating" Hongkongers looking for a refresher, Catch Juicery is getting a lot of attention thanks to their delicious raw juices and smoothies. Treat yourself to the Forever Young Smoothie with all-natural coconut water, strawberry, pineapple, goji berry and coconut oil.

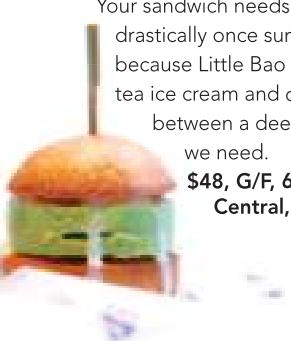
\$80, 67 Wellington St., Central, 2567-3677.



③ Ice Cream Sandwich from Little Bao

Your sandwich needs in Hong Kong change drastically once summer hits and that's OK, because Little Bao has got you covered. Green tea ice cream and condensed milk sandwiched between a deep-fried bao is the only burger we need.

\$48, G/F, 66 Staunton St., Central, 2194-0202.



④ Soft Serve from Eyescream and Churros

What do you do when you're craving a cooldown and a delicious Mexican churro? Cater to both of these needs at once at this dessert shop that serves the sugary fried dough sticks on top of soft-serve ice cream.

\$38, Shop B1, G/F, Tak Man Building, 29 Tak Man St., Hung Hom.



⑤ Donut Ice Cream Sandwich from Munchies

Build your own decadent ice cream sandwich with Munchies' array of fluffy doughnuts and ice cream flavors. Our favorite combo: classic vanilla ice cream sandwiched between two sugary-sweet lemon strawberry donuts—it's a calorie bomb that's worth every bite.

\$70, 4 Shin Hing St., Sheung Wan, [munchies.hk](#)



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⑥ The Night Wolf from Oddies Foodies

The "Night Wolf" combines classic gelato with traditional Hong Kong egg puffs and a twist of passion fruit pannacotta—and thankfully, it's just as delicious as it is #foodstagram-worthy.

\$52, Shop 1F, 149 Wan Chai Rd., Wan Chai, 9551-7972.



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⑦ Spiked Milkshake from Burger Circus

Need a summer's day break? Order up a spiked milkshake at Burger Circus. Pick your ice cream flavor and this cold and creamy concoction will make you wonder why you ever wanted to get your alcohol fix the basic way.

\$68, 22 Hollywood Rd., Central, [burgercircus.com.hk](#)

⑧ Nice Pops

Ice is nice in the summer. Not only will Nice Pops get you through the Hong Kong heat wave, but their delicious flavors also come with a boozy kick. Stock up on a box and stick them in your freezer for the next time you need to cool down, but don't quite feel like leaving the house. Or at least not sober, that is.

Various locations, [nicepops.hk](#)

⑬ Matcha Sizzling Brownie from Sinmei Tea

Pour a warm matcha mousse onto rich vanilla ice cream perched atop a perfectly baked brownie and you've got yourself a recipe for delight with the Matcha Sizzling Brownie.

\$78, 5/F, CS Tower, 50 Wing Lok St., Sheung Wan, 3690-8238.

⑭ Oreo Snowflake Ice from Hanbing Korean Dessert

Here's a dessert to keep you in that chilled-out mentality: the Oreo Snowflake Ice offers the perfect ratio of Oreo cookie shavings to sweet ice cream, all atop shaved ice.

\$85, Shop 4201K, 4/F, Gateway Arcade, Harbour City, 3-27 Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 3791-2547.

⑮ "Improvisation" from Atum Desserant

Snag a spot at Atum Desserant and order the "Improvisation" set. The pastry chef uses a huge range of molecular colors, dusts and flavors to create a dish right in front of you. It's (almost) too pretty to eat.

\$328, 16/F, The L. Square, 459-461 Lockhart Rd., Causeway Bay, 2956-1411.



⑯ Hazelnut Fudge Ice Cream from Happy Cow

Who says dairy-free peeps are doomed in the heat? Happy Cow Ice Cream is a dairy-free favorite—their handcrafted hazelnut fudge might even be better than the real dairy deal.

\$35 from various locations including Baumhaus, 1/F, Kar Yau Building, 36-44 Queen's Rd. East, Wan Chai, [happycowhk.com](#)

⑰ Gelato Cheesecake Stick from XTC

If you love ice cream and cheesecake, then XTC has the summertime treat for you. Rich and creamy, their newest creation is a simple and tasty way to keep cool on the go.

\$39, Shop B, 45 Cochrane St., Central, 2541-0500.

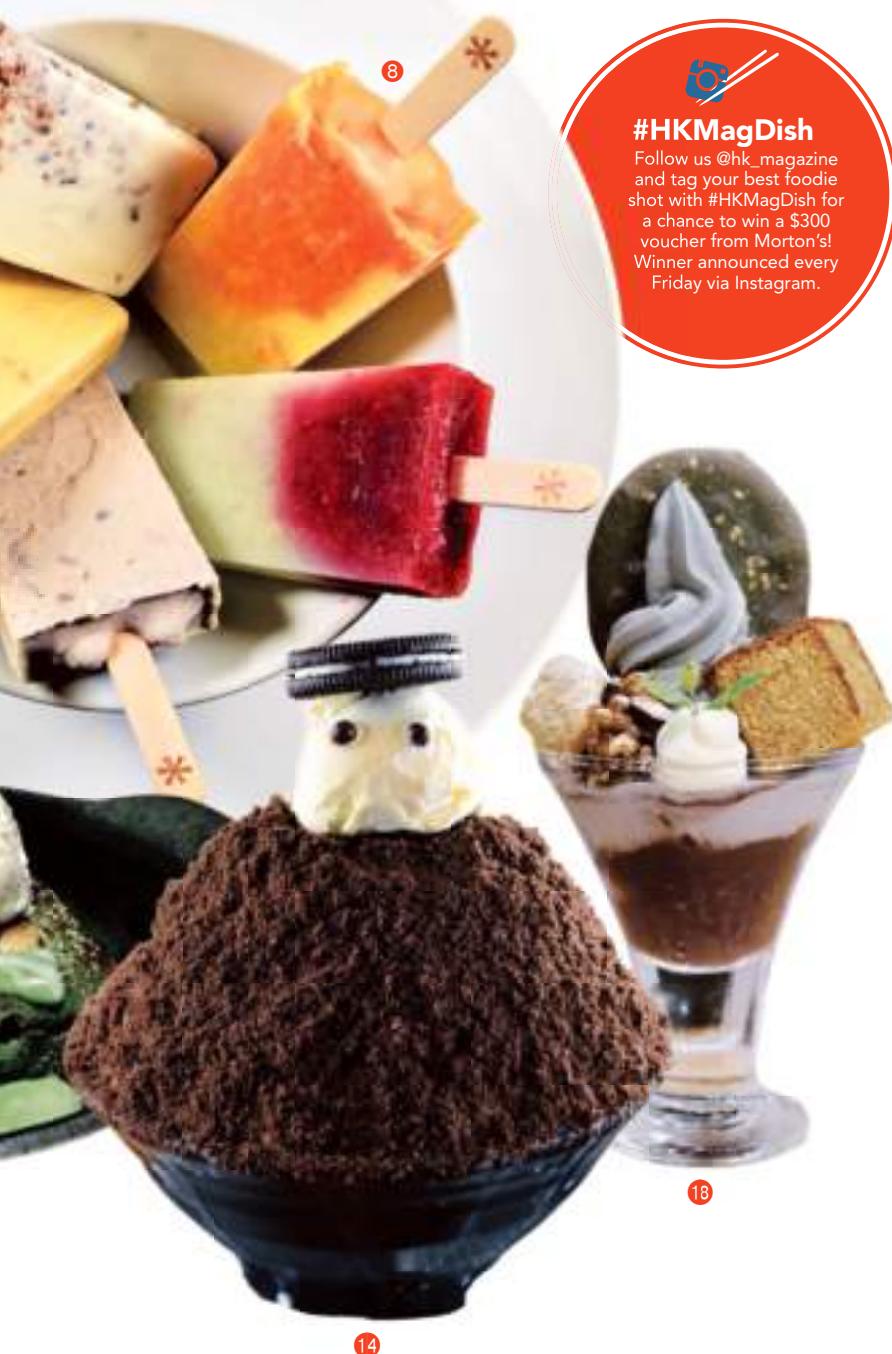


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⑪ The Peanut Gallery from Elephant Grounds

A PB&J in the form of an ice cream sandwich is the crazy delicious dessert you'll be handed if you order The Peanut Gallery at Elephant Grounds. Stave off hunger and heat as you scarf down this dreamy concoction from one of Hong Kong's favorite coffee shops.

\$68, Shop C, G/F, 4248 Paterson St., Fashion Walk, Causeway Bay, 2562-8688.



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⑩ Black Sesame Cream Parfait from Via Tokyo

The soft twists of this luscious black sesame soft-serve are enough to draw us in—and luckily, the flavors deliver. Via Tokyo is a crowd favorite, with each ice cream garnished with biscuits, mochi and sweet nibbles. **\$50, Shop 1A-1B, G/F, Leishun Court, 106-126 Leighton Rd., Causeway Bay, 2895-1116.**

⑪ Deluxe Melon Parfait from I Cremeria

Been looking for the real matcha deal? Find it just in time for summer with I Cremeria's Deluxe Melon Parfait: matcha and vanilla Hokkaido milk ice cream served in the hollowed-out half of a Japanese melon. **\$45, G/F, 67 Wellington St., Central, 2897-1118.**

⑫ Ice Cream Cone from Emack & Bolio's

You'll feel like a kid again every time you walk in this ice cream parlor. From crazy concoctions like "Space Cake" with shortbread cookies and red velvet cake to the cones dipped in marshmallows and stuck with fruit loops and sprinkles, this is one nostalgic treat that you'll go back for time and again. **\$63, 26 Cochrane St., Central, 2505-6626.**

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Instead of chasing down the best wagyu in the city, head straight to the source at **Marbling** (Shop C, Cleveland Mansion, Fashion Walk, 5-7 Cleveland St., Causeway Bay), the new steakhouse from Elite Fresh Food. Elite is the largest Japanese wagyu beef supplier in Hong Kong, so you know you're getting only the best in town. The meat at Marbling is just what the name suggests—full of intramuscular fat, i.e. those white streaks of fat that are so bad for you... but oh so good. Choose from US wagyu flat iron steak served with burgundy jus, 400-day-aged NY striploin, prime beef short rib, 21-day dry-aged USDA prime ribeye, Australian wagyu, and A4 saga wagyu beef—our favorite with a strong, meaty taste and plenty of that delicious marbling. Sides are minimal, but with beef this good, it's better to go caveman style with nothing but a dash of hot mustard. Can't make up your mind? Marbling also offers a sampler platter during dinner featuring three different cuts: grain-fed New York striploin, saga wagyu and Hanwoo A+ beef from Korea (limited supply) for \$568 per person—plus \$135 for a whisky pairing.

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The Ribcage ★★★★☆

Ribs. Shop J, G/F, May Sun Building, 1 Smithfield, Kennedy Town, 2956-4213.



Ever complained about there being no good ribs in Hong Kong? The Ribcage is here to put your complaints to rest, with their caveman portions and low- and slow-cooked meat.

HIT The Ribcage offers stick-to-your-ribs (no pun intended) southern food, and is a true meat-lover's paradise. The menu consists of four items: USA baby back pork ribs (\$148 for half, \$248 for full) and Canadian AAA beef ribs (\$298) for mains, and beef fat skinny fries (\$38) and coleslaw (\$28) for sides. It was a no-brainer for us to order all four items, and our eyes lit up when the glorious plates of heart-attack-inducing ribs

arrived. Tender, juicy and succulent, the slow-smoked pork ribs were glazed with a tangy bbq sauce that complemented the smokiness of the hickory and applewood. The beef ribs, served bone-in, were equally enticing. Glistening with an even marble of fat running through, they were melt-in-your-mouth tender. The glossy skinny fries were the perfect carb-y companion to the ribs, and the coleslaw with beetroot and pear slices was a wonderful palate cleanser.

MISS The place is uber-specialized, so it's not a place you'd visit every week. Although the service was wonderful, the 20-seat eatery was way too small for a place with such big, rambunctious flavors and the high stools were not particularly comfortable to sit on.

BOTTOM LINE Vegetarians, avoid this place like the plague. Carnivores, welcome home. You won't leave disappointed.

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Ratings

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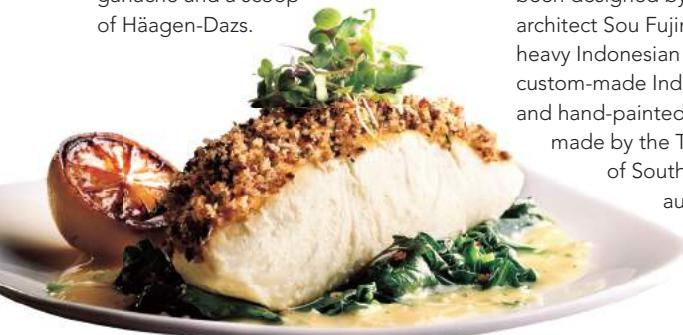
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Straight From the Windy City

We love heading to **Morton's of Chicago** (The Sheraton Hong Kong, 4/F, 20 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2732-2343) anytime we need a dose of the good ol' U.S. of A. With their new **Ranch to Table** menu, Morton's is bringing more mouthwatering additions to the table, including a juicy 8oz American wagyu steak sourced from Snake River Farms, a ranch in the Pacific Northwest known for its superb beef. Needless to say, the meat is full of delicious fat and flavor (\$680). Also on the seasonal menu is a 14oz bone-in filet mignon (\$748)—back by popular demand thanks to its buttery, melt-in-your-mouth quality. In case you're not a red meat lover, there's a new olive-crusted Alaska halibut (\$418), pan-seared with a Kalamata olive crust and served with a garlic beurre blanc. And the calories really get piled on for dessert: blueberry white chocolate bread pudding (\$135) drizzled with bourbon white chocolate ganache and a scoop of Häagen-Dazs.



Kaum one, Kaum All

If you've been rambling around Sai Ying Pun recently, you may have noticed a massive retail and dining space taking shape right next to Fish School on Third Street. This month, **Potato Head Hong Kong** (G/F, 100 Third St., Sai Ying Pun, 9447-4634) is revealed—an 8,000-sq.-foot space encompassing Indonesian restaurant **Kaum**; the Music Room, which brings in touring DJs and disco nights; an all-day café and bar using ingredients native to Bali; and a coffee stand and two retail stores selling boutique Indonesian items and PTT Family merchandise. The dining concept **Kaum**, which will eventually make its way to other countries, is grounded on the idea of reviving and celebrating the traditional cooking techniques and ingredients of Indonesia's diverse ethnic tribes, highlighting the country's rich indigenous ingredients and artisanal producers. As far as aesthetics, the interiors of the entire complex have been designed by Tokyo-based architect Sou Fujimoto and incorporate heavy Indonesian accents, including custom-made Indonesian furniture and hand-painted ceiling panels made by the Torajan people of South Sulawesi for an authentic touch.

For more in-depth reviews,
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33 Café y Mucho Mas ★★★★☆

Colombian. 33 Haven St., Causeway Bay, 9636-3371.



You can stop whining about there being no good Mexican food in Hong Kong—because now you can get Colombian instead, at this little restaurant tucked away at the back of CWB's so-cool-right-now Haven Street.

■ **HIT** We went for a bit of everything, starting with the chicharrones (\$88): wonderfully flavorful deep-fried nuggets of pork belly. It may not have been good for us, but it WAS very good. The stars of the meal were the various arepas (from \$48, or \$128 for set of two with drink and side): small corn breads stuffed with a selection of fillings. The bread itself was superb: Rich in corn aroma, light but

with a satisfying texture on the teeth. Fillings didn't disappoint either, from a hefty "red beef" to a lighter avocado, pesto and mushroom. We also ordered the signature Bandeja 33 (\$180 with drink and empanada), which was a large plate stuffed full of goodness: rice topped with a fried egg, plus stewed beans, avocado, chorizo, grilled corn, more chicharrones and mini arepas. While delicious, it didn't quite have the draw of the arepas themselves.

■ **MISS** A chicken sofrito empanada was crispy and the accompanying garlicky mayo sauce was great, but the filling was a little lackluster. Given the small size of the space, the kitchen is hardly lightning fast—we waited quite some time for a few of the dishes.

■ **BOTTOM LINE** "33 Café y Mucho Mas" means "33 Café and more"—and this Colombian restaurant certainly delivers much more than your average south-of-the-border eats.

Open Wed-Sun noon-10pm. \$\$

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Shanghai Street

Once the most prosperous street in Kowloon, Shanghai Street still has some magic up its sleeve. More than two kilometers of unique kitchenware and trinkets line this thoroughfare that extends from Mong Kok to Jordan. With its old-school shophouses and its quirky colorful stores, this street characterizes all that's best about Kowloon. Compiled by **Danielle Harris** and **Jack McCormack**

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Wing Lee Sandalwood

Incense makers since the 1920, Wing Lee Sandalwood is one of the most reputable names in the industry. The shop on Shanghai Street is a veritable kaleidoscope of colorful joss sticks and it's not uncommon to see them preparing log-sized incense for festivals or local temples.

434 Shanghai St., Mong Kok



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Home Classics Furniture Company

Home Classics resembles your grandma's house, with different treasures and knick-knacks stacked on top each other like a Jenga game. The scent of freshly carved wood would be overwhelming if it didn't smell so damn good.

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Kam Fat Co.

If you have a kitchen chock-full of baking materials but have come to the startling realization that you don't even know how to make a piece of toast, have no fear. Kam Fat Co. offers baking classes for those in desperate need of direction.

457 Shanghai St., Mong Kok.



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Chi Tat Prize Co. (捷達獎品)

So, you and your friends have a competition going and the winner deserves a trophy—or better yet—you want to give one to the loser to shame them. Look no further than Chi Tat to provide mock trophies, ribbons and medals for all your sarcastic awards show needs.

466 Shanghai St., Mong Kok, 2332-1889.



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Sun Kwong Nan Café

Serving classic, delicious Malayan food in a relaxed environment, Sun Kwong Nan Café has been a local favorite for years. With quality curry beef and Hainan Chicken, it's no wonder this place is always packed.

631 Shanghai St., Mong Kok, 2395-0695.

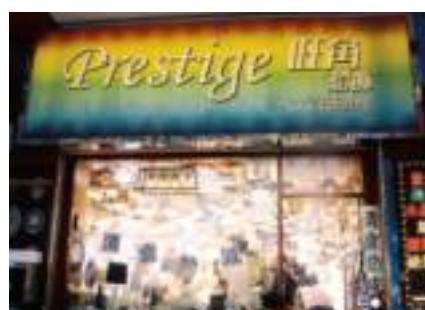


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Prestige Lighting

What sets Prestige apart from the other, almost indistinguishable lighting stores along the northern end of Shanghai Street, you ask? It's the clocks. Their walls of ultra-modern, retro and antique timepieces have a knack for getting you excited about telling time.

638 Shanghai St., Mong Kok



Check back next week for more awesome things to do in another corner of Hong Kong!



幾多錢呀? – Gei dor chin ah? – "How much is it?"

喂，大佬，咁貴嘅? – Wai, dai lo, gum gwai geh? – "Dude, so expensive?"

唔好玩我啦，平啲啦! – Mm ho waan ngor la, peng di lah! – "Don't mess

with me, let me have it for cheaper!"

算啦，我去對面買 – Suen la, ngor hui dui meen mai. – "Forget it, I'll go buy it at the shop opposite."

其實，我唔識講廣東話。我喺呢本雜誌學嘅。 – Kei sut, ngor mm sik gong gwong dong wah. Ngor hai ni bun jarji hok geh. – "In fact, I don't know how to speak Cantonese. I just learned it from this magazine."



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Brighten up Hong Kong's long, hot summer with a glass of wine in hand, as you explore the leafy enclave of The East and Lee Tung Avenue in Wan Chai. What better way to kick back and relax with friends, as you bask in the afternoon sun and soak up the atmosphere?

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UPCLOSE: BENJAMIN NORTHEY



Benjamin Northey is an Australian musician, arranger and the Chief Conductor of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra in New Zealand. He'll be in town conducting the Hong Kong Philharmonic's screening of the BBC's "Frozen Planet" set to live music. He tells Jessica Wei about the challenges of conducting a live screening and how music drives our emotions.

HK Magazine: Have you played with the HK Phil before?

Benjamin Northey: This will be my fourth time. I've got a good familiarity with the musicians and they know me too, which is really fortunate. We did "Planet Earth," another BBC series, last year. That makes a big difference because we don't have to discover the lines of communication from scratch—we already have a good base to work from and a good familiarity. They're such a wonderful orchestra: They make my life very easy.

HK: Why do you think this BBC series lends itself so well to live music screenings?

BN: A lot of it comes down to the composer. The composer in this case is a British guy named George Fenton. He did all of the music for "Planet Earth" [and "Frozen Planet."] You talk about visuals taking the audience on an adventure—it enables people to go to extremes of the North and South Poles in this case—but your subconscious mind gets the emotional cues from the music. That's how all film music works. The best film composers are the ones who can add layers to the vision, and that's certainly what George Fenton does. Take a wide cinematic shot of a vast glacier landscape: Fenton paints that in music and makes it suddenly majestic and epic.

HK: What challenges are there when you add a visual element to a concert?

BN: It changes everything. In a normal orchestral performance, you are able to be in control of the pacing of the work. As the conductor the tempo of the work is your responsibility and you have quite a bit of freedom in terms of interpretation. Whereas with the [visual element] there are key elements that need to be captured exactly. If a polar bear rolls down a hill, it has to correspond with the exact point in the music. If there's a scene where a fish is snapping at another fish, it's synchronized to a particular point. I have a lot more technology in front of me for this show: I have my own TV monitor, which has the timecode of the visuals running along in minutes and seconds, and I have that also on my musical score. I have to make sure those two things are lining up the whole time. If it drifts a little bit, I have to make sure we get back into absolute synchronization.

HK: Do the musicians also have these visual prompts?

BN: It's all up to me, unfortunately! So it's a big responsibility to carry for these kinds of concerts. I've done a lot of them now. You get more experienced and they become a little easier, but it's still a different mindset than conducting a regular concert. You're very much in the service of something bigger than just the music.

HK: What will the audience get out of "Frozen Planet" beyond the normal orchestra experience?

BN: I've conducted this concert once before. It's really epic, in terms of its scale. It's a great experience for people to come and see things that they would never have seen before, and have an amplified experience, emotionally—and to think about what the music is adding to the visuals and how it really changes things. It's a great way for people to discover the orchestra, and have a really interesting night out, too. To learn something about the world is the big message behind this show.

HK: Do people say "good luck," or do they say "break a leg"?

BN: You can say good luck, that's fine. Backstage, we never say good luck: we say "toi toi toi."



Watch Northey and the HK Philharmonic bring "Frozen Planet" to life Jun 3-4, 8pm at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$180-480 from urbtix.hk.

Concerts

Steven Ma: Symphonic Delights

A popstar and TV personality since the 80s, Steven Ma joins a 70-piece Chinese music orchestra for this one-night-only performance. The show features a mix of Chinese and Western pop and jazz standards, with the help of multiple-award-winning erhuist and composer Chu Wan-ping, the Tai Po Children's Choir and the Wao! Singers. Jun 5, 7:30pm. Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Rd., Sha Tin. 3761-6661. \$280-480 from urbtix.hk.

Classical



Stephen Hough Piano Recital

British pianist and composer Stephen Hough is one of the few living musicians to have been awarded a MacArthur "Genius Grant." He returns to Hong Kong to debut his own piece, "Third Sonata," and plays selections from Schubert, Liszt and Franck. May 30, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, \$80-580 from urbtix.hk.

HK Phil Presents Scheherazade

Get ready to be slapped in the face by two of the "Mighty Handful"—Russia's answer to the Romantics. Under David Atherton's baton, the Hong Kong Philharmonic will be playing selections including Polovtsian Dances from Borodin's "Prince Igor," and Shostakovich's mighty Cello Concerto No.1 led by Jing Zhao, one of China's fastest rising cellists. They round off the show with Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade" from the epic tale, "1001 Nights."

May 27-28, 8pm.

Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, hkphil.org. \$180-480 from urbtix.hk.



Solomusica: The Face of Mercy

In celebration of the Papal Year of Mercy, Solomusica has organized two concerts of Mozart's masterpieces: First his Great Mass in C minor, followed by the seldom-performed "Misericordias Domini," a sacred work he composed at the age of 19 that's now considered a minor masterpiece. Featured in this performance by the City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong are Francesca Lombardi Mazzulli, Roberta Mameli, and Mirco Palazzi from Italy, as well as Hong Kong's own tenor Attis Y Chen. Proceeds go to Save the Children and Helping Hand. Jun 16, 23, 7:30pm. St. John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Rd., Central, solomusica.org. \$288-1,450 from ticketflap.com.

Arcadi Volodos Piano Recital

Russian piano virtuoso Arcadi Volodos returns to Hong Kong for a recital chock-full of German classics, such as Schumann's "Papillons," Brahms' "3 Intermezzi" and one of Schubert's final sonatas, "Piano Sonata No. 20 in A." Known for his interpretation of Romantic compositions, Volodos has recorded Schubert sonatas and Rachmaninoff solo pieces, as well as a Gramophone Award-winning album devoted to Catalonian composer Federico Mompou. Jul 26, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, \$180-450 from urbtix.hk.

Comedy



TakeOut Comedy Presents John Robertson

Britain-based Australian comedian, TV presenter and columnist John Robertson brings his YouTube-hit-turned-live-show "Dark Room," which merges stand-up comedy with retro gaming into a live-action videogame, to Culture Club. Jun 17, 8pm. Culture Club Gallery, G/F, 15 Elgin St., Central. \$150 from takeoutcomedy.com.

Dance



I, Carmen

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

Recital Flamenco with Manuel Liñán

Don't miss this opportunity to see one of Spain's leading male dancers grace the Hong Kong stage. Manuel Liñán will be dancing selections taken from his best productions, with live accompaniment from guitarist Francisco Vinuesa and flamenco singer David Carpio. Jun 5, 8pm. Sheung Wan Civic Centre, 345 Queen's Rd. Central, Sheung Wan. \$250-500 from urbtix.hk.



Cinderella: A Neo-Classical Production

In Thierry Malandain's contemporary ballet reimagining of the classic folk tale, Cinderella gets recast as a rising, dancing star. This minimalist production balances ballet with a hint of burlesque, all set to the score of Prokofiev's original 1944 opus. Jun 1-2, 7:30pm. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2016.frenchmay.com. \$120-480 from urbtix.hk.

Carlos Acosta: A Classical Farewell

After a 26-year career, legendary Cuban ballet dancer Carlos Acosta is embarking on his final tour, "A Classical Farewell." He'll perform excerpts from his favorite ballets, including "Swan Lake," "La Sylphide," "Winter Dreams" and "Je ne regrette rien." Jun 30-Jul 2, 7:45pm. Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$160-520 from urbtix.hk.



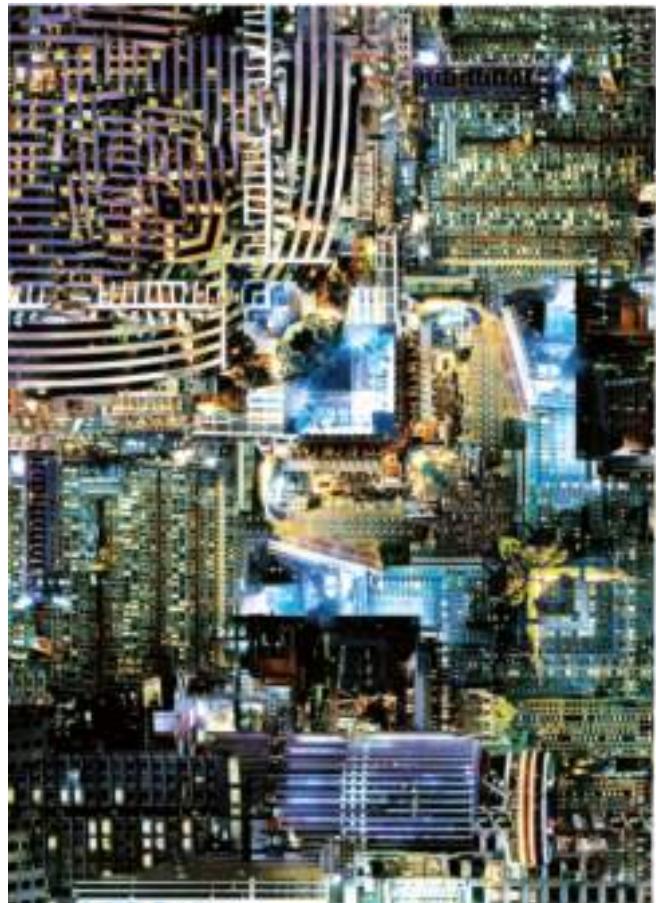
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Fame: A Weekend of Dancing Stars

For two hours, let yourself be carried away (hopefully not literally) by the high-flying aerial stunts of the Aerial Arts Academy. Their new "Fame"-themed production delivers provocative aerial silk and hoop performances, burlesque and pole dancing, and acrobatics. Jun 4, 7pm; Jun 5, 3pm. Youth Square Y-Studio, 2/F, 238 Chai Wan Rd., Chai Wan, aerialartsacademy.com. \$295-355 from urbtix.hk.

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Exhibitions



Over the Ocean, On the Road
Follow the journey of Hong Kong artist Leong Ka-tai and his wife Rebecca Ng, who spent 35 days crossing the Pacific Ocean on a container ship—and then continued on for three months from Colombia to Cuba. Leong shares his unique perspective, as well as digital collages from his native Hong Kong. Through May 30. HKDI Gallery, 3 King Ling Rd., Tseung Kwan O, hkdi.edu.hk.



Tetsu Takeda:
"The Sound of Nature"

The Sound of Nature
Inspired by his daily walks to the coast as well as the aftermath of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, Tetsu Takeda—who moved back to Japan in 2010 after 23 years in New York—re-examines the relationship between humans, despair, and our surroundings through sculpture and painting. See his first solo exhibit in Hong Kong at the Art Experience Gallery. Through Jun 11. Art Experience Gallery, Room 2009, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Rd., Tsuen Wan. artexperiencegallery.com.



Manon Recordon: I Was Walking Through the Fields, When Suddenly a Building Sprang From the Earth

When Suddenly a Building Sprang From the Earth
Merging classic French impressionism and contemporary digital media, Manon Recordon's newest installation "I Was Walking Through the Fields, When Suddenly a Building Sprang From the Earth" immerses visitors in her digital and visual space. A response to the Monet exhibition at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the installation invites you to walk over her images, exploring natural landscapes through film and photos. Through Jun 11. Mur Nomade, 1606, 16/F, Hing Wai Centre, 7 Tin Wan Praya Rd., Aberdeen, murnomade.com.

The image features a close-up of a woman's face from the chest up. Her hair is dark and pulled back. She has brown eyes and is wearing light pink lipstick. The word "NOVALASH" is prominently displayed at the top in large, bold, pink and gold letters. Below the word, the word "EYELASH EXTENSIONS" is written in a smaller, gold serif font. The woman's face is split into two halves by a vertical line down the center of her nose. The left half, which includes her left eye, is labeled "BEFORE" in a light pink, sans-serif font. The right half, which includes her right eye, is labeled "AFTER" in a similar light pink font. The woman's eyes show a clear transformation; the left eye has shorter, more natural-looking lashes, while the right eye has extremely long and voluminous eyelashes, demonstrating the results of the eyelash extension treatment.

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UPCLOSE: EMMY THE GREAT

"Anti-folk" singer-songwriter Emma-Lee Moss, aka **Emmy the Great**, was born and grew up in Hong Kong before moving to the UK at age 11. The singer has just released her third album "Second Love"—and online she's released versions of her new song "Constantly" sung in both English and Putonghua. She tells Adam White about getting mom to help with translation and embracing her Eurasian roots.



HK Magazine: Your video for "Constantly" is split-screen: On one side you sing English, on the other Chinese. Are you pointing to your dual identities?

Emmy the Great: It's something that I wanted to acknowledge because I've acknowledged it to myself. I spent half my life growing up in Hong Kong and the second half into adulthood growing up in England and I really do have two distinct selves: a set of cousins I only speak Chinese to, a set of cousins I only speak English to. It's very natural that there should be two selves. I always used to be like "who am I? Which one do I accentuate?" and now it's like "No, you can be both." Anyone growing up in Hong Kong feels that—Hong Kong has a split personality, let alone anyone in it.

HK: Why did you decide to translate your music?

EtG: When I moved to England from Hong Kong, I went from being the only person who spoke English at school to the only person who spoke Chinese: I became a little shy of speaking Chinese. But as I reconnected with my full self, that led to this desire to sing in Chinese. I translated a few of my songs and I felt like I had unlocked all this stuff that had been buried. It felt so freeing and natural.

HK: How did you do the translation?

EtG: Me, my mom, my auntie and a friend of my dad were emailing back and forth. We were even using Google Translate! Mom would be like, "OK, here's the direct translation, but here's something that sounds better"—so we would change it to something that was more poetic. It was a lovely ritualistic experience to go through with my family.

HK: You don't speak Putonghua. Why not just sing in Cantonese, as you know it already?

EtG: I felt that Mandarin has this romance that really suited this song. Mandarin is a really great language for longing. Like that beautiful Teresa Teng song ["Yue Liang Dai Biao Wo Di Xin"] ("The Moon Represents My Heart"). But there's another song that we translated into Cantonese—it's about walking around on the street. To me, that was definitely a Cantonese song. To me Asia and the Hong Kong I grew up in is like a Babel: everyone is speaking their own language, they've all come together in this place, and we're understanding it together.

HK: These days, western artists cover Chinese songs as quick cash grabs. Do you think your songs could open up the China market to you?

EtG: It's something that people have been telling me to do my whole career, but I don't want to do a cash grab. I've finally come to a point where it feels natural and important to me: It's literally a question of what's going on in my soul. I'm so glad I waited and didn't force it.

HK: Any plans to come back to Hong Kong soon?

EtG: I think so, yeah—my parents live there. I come back once a year and I want to do it twice, but it's so far from New York. But I just feel so happy when I'm exploring Hong Kong. I feel like it's become more peaceful recently.

"Second Love" is out now on Bella Union. Watch both videos for "Constantly" at tiny.cc/hk-emmy.

Clubs



Volar x Love & Beats Present Nakadia

From humble beginnings in a rural village in Koh Samui to international DJ star, self-made Thai EDM princess Nakadia will be working the turntables with her deep house, tech house and techno sounds at Volar. May 27, 10pm. Volar, B/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central. \$250 from ticketflap.com/nakadia, entry before 12:30am with two drinks, or one drink thereafter; \$300 at the door before 12:30am, \$350 thereafter, both with two drinks.

Body & Soul in Hong Kong

Legendary 90s New York party Body & Soul comes to Tazmania Ballroom for one night only. Bringing a trifecta of disco/funk, dance and electro are DJs Danny Krivits, Joe Claussell and co-founder François K himself. If you're looking for that classic New York sound, don't miss it. Jun 8, 10:30pm. Tazmania Ballroom, 1/F, LKF Tower, 33 Wyndham St., Central. \$300 at the door.

Night Owls

Wide awake on a Friday night? Gather with your fellow night owls at Otto Lounge for some non-stop hip-hop by Pablo el Diablo, LBD Soundsystem and DJ Bobby Dazzler. From 90s classics and R'n'B to modern bangers, you'll be grinding all night long. May 27, 9pm. Otto Lounge, 4/F, Grand Progress Building, 15-16 Lan Kwai Fong, Central. Free.

Concerts

Super Junior Super Camp

K-pop gods Super Junior, all 57 of them (kidding: there are only 13, but seven of them are currently serving in the army), head to Macau's Studio City for a mini concert to meet the fans and to celebrate their 10-year career. For the superfans who care: Leeteuk, Heechul, Yesung, Kangin, Ryeowook and Kyuhyun will be making appearances. All tickets are seated. Will you be able to stay in your seat? May 28, 8pm. Studio City Event Center, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$580-1,580 from aegticketing.com, studiocity-macau.com or hkticketing.com.

Rain: The Squall

It's rainy season, and our sister SAR is bringing in the stormy weather with the King of K-pop himself, Rain. Part of his first world tour in years, Rain will be slicking the Venetian stage for one night only with his famous dance skills, smooth pipes—and washboard abs—before heading off to Japan, Europe and the US. Jun 4, 8pm. Cotai Arena, The Venetian Macao. \$380-1,680 (VIP) from hkticketing.com. Add \$108 for a round trip Cotai Water Jet ferry ticket between Hong Kong and Macau.

Tegan and Sara

Indie rock fans are in luck, because the Grammy-nominated twin sisters are back in town! After a fantastic set at Clockenflap in 2013 and hot on the heels of their eighth album release in June, Canadian indie queens Tegan and Sara return to the city for a one-night-only concert at KITEC. Jul 28, 8pm. Rotunda 3, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay. \$588 from hkticketing.com (all standing).



Gigs

Soul Sisters at Grappa's Cellar

Kicking off its spring concert season, the Hong Kong Women's Choir will be singing for a good cause, bringing on a soulful a cappella and accompanied performance at Grappa's Cellar for a three-course dinner show. Funds raised will go towards family literacy advocates Bring Me a Book Hong Kong, and also to buy instruments to facilitate healing for women and girls supported by the women's welfare group The Sisters of the Good Shepherd. There'll also be a charity lucky draw for the chance to win prizes. May 28, 7:30pm. Grappa's Cellar, B/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central. \$528 from ticketflap.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.



The Bollands

The Bollands are back! The foot-stomping husband-and-wife indie folk duo were mainstays of the Hong Kong gig scene, but they returned to their Kiwi home a year ago. They're coming back for a one-off gig together with local rockers Tango and Snatch, playing all-new material. If you missed them the last time they were in Hong Kong, don't make the same mistake twice. Jun 25, 9pm. Hong Kong Brew House, G/F & Basement, 21 D'Aguilar St., Central. \$100 at the door, includes one drink.

Happy Hours

Free Flow Beers at Le Garçon Saigon

New Vietnamese restaurant Le Garçon Saigon is extending its opening hours and offering a \$98 deal for free flow beers between 5-7pm. From hipster local Young Master Ales to French La Parisienne brews, you'll also be able to soak up that booze with a range of complimentary bar bites. Mon-Sun, 5-7pm. Le Garçon Saigon, 12-18 Wing Fung St., Wan Chai. \$98.

Magnum Fridays at Bistro Du Vin

K-town French resto Bistro Du Vin is digging deep into its cellars and uncorking a great selection of rare vintage magnums from small producers in France, Austria and California, available every Friday from May 6 for just three months. Through Jul 29, Fridays. Bistro Du Vin, Shop 1D, 1 Davis St., Kennedy Town. Prices start at \$130/glass.

Summer of Spritz at Stazione Novella

Celebrating the summer (and helping us survive the imminent heat), Italian wine bar Stazione Novella is offering the classic Aperol Spritz for \$48, all day, every Monday. Quenching! Dangerous! Through Sep 26, Mondays. Stazione Novella Bar, 52-56 Staunton St., Sheung Wan. \$48.

Music Festivals



Clockenflap 2016

It's not even midway through the year, but this year's initial Clockenflap lineup has already been announced. While last year hipster kids went wild over New Order and The Libertines, this year they can shed a happy tear to the sweeping sounds of Icelandic post-rock giants Sigur Rós, as well as other alt and indie giants such as Foals and José Gonzalez, before going nuts over Crystal Castles. This year, Clockenflap uproots from its West Kowloon home to head to the New Central Harbourfront for the first time. Fewer trees for canoodling, but bigger sounds? We're cool with that. Nov 25-27. Central Harbourfront Event Space, 9 Lung Wo Rd., Central. Phase 1 tickets available from now through Jun 16, \$790-850 for single day entry, \$1,450 for weekend pass from clockenflap.com.



Nightlife Events

Exotic Arabic Nights at Dada Bar + Lounge

The Luxe Manor hotel's Dada Bar + Lounge is hosting a monthly Arabian-themed night, featuring belly dance performances (of course), Arabic lounge beats, and a buffet of Middle Eastern pastries and sweets, from baklava to milk pudding and more. There's also a \$188 deal for free flow Arabic teas: it's time to chill out and get really, really minty breath. May 26, Jun 30, 9pm. Dada Bar + Lounge, 2/F, The Luxe Manor, 39 Kimberley Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui.



DJ Revolution Presents: Don't Let Daddy Know 2016

The legendary Don't Let Daddy Know DJ festival, which came to Hong Kong shores last year, hits our sister SAR this summer and leaves yet more fathers in the dark. While this season's lineup is still yet to be announced, past superstar headliners have included Steve Aoki, Skrillex, Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike and more. Better snap up those tickets quick... Jul 1, 8pm. Studio City Event Center, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, facebook.com/djrevolutionhk. \$850 from hkticketing.com.

Dimensions HK

Croatia's EDM festival Dimensions is teaming up with Bass Music China and music promoters Push to bring a Hong Kong launch of the event to Social Room. Featured DJs include live sets from Casey Anderson, Ouissam from Cliché Records, and AKW from Push. May 28, 11pm. Social Room, 3/F, Won Hing Building, 74-78 Stanley St, Central, \$100 at the door.

Pacha Macau Presents: Summer Love Pool Party

Superclub Pacha Macau is hosting a series of tropical themed pool parties at Studio City's massive outdoor pool (fitting 1,800) this summer, and the first one in June will feature a headlining act from entrepreneur and celebrity icon, Paris Hilton herself. The pool events will continue into the night with an after-party at Pacha, after 10pm. Jun 11, 2:30pm. Level 3 Outdoor Pool, Studio City Event Center, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, \$350 early bird tickets to \$450 from studiocity-macau.com. Admission and after-party, cabana and hotel stay packages available.

Born Out of Music Pool Party

June kicks off with The Asia Music Conference, an EDM conference that brings together global DJ talents, club owners and promoters to network and check out seminars by industry giants. Thankfully, it's not all dry talk of beat-matching: It all tails off into a pool party at the Hard Rock Hotel. Wanna party with a pool full of DJs? Here's your chance. Jun 4, 3pm. Hard Rock Hotel Macau, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, tamcasia.com. \$480-580 from boomticketing.com, \$680 at the door. For cabana and table booking, email amy.mak@tamcasia.com.

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Spring Celebration at Cabana
Through to the end of June, The Pulse's rooftop bar Cabana is hosting G.H. Mumm-fueled parties every weekend where you can relax in a Japanese onsen hot tub and sip on iced bubbly, with chill house beats spun by live DJs. Sounds like an ideal weekend plan to us... May 28, Jun 5, 12, 19, 26, 3pm. Cabana, 4/F, The Pulse, 28 Beach Rd., Repulse Bay, \$580 from cabana.hk, \$680 at the door, includes a bottle of complimentary G.H. Mumm. VIP Cabanas available for booking. Dress code: beach chic.

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X-Men: Apocalypse ★★★

(USA) Action. Directed by Bryan Singer. Starring James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, Oscar Isaac. 145 minutes. Category IIA. Opened May 15.

It's hard to believe, but the first "X-Men" movie was released in July 2000—almost 16 years ago. Since then we've had the original trilogy, two Wolverine movies, the phenomenally successfully Deadpool—and a second trilogy, which comes to an end with "X-Men: Apocalypse." But should the "X-Men" world end with "Apocalypse"?

Here's the setup: Teenager Scott Summers (Tye Sheridan) is finding puberty harder than most, as it seems to have manifested via the medium of red energy beams exploding from his eyes. He's taken to Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters, where Professor Xavier (James McAvoy) balances being debonair with pastoral duties for a school of 100 kids going through mutant puberty—especially Jean Grey (Sophie Turner, aka Sansa from "Game of Thrones"), who might be a still more powerful telepath than Xavier himself.

Meanwhile, Raven Darkholme aka Mystique (Jennifer Lawrence) has become a globe-trotting vigilante mutant savior, traveling the world to free mutants held in captivity.

Meanwhile (part 2), Magneto (Michael Fassbender) seems to have finally found happiness in Poland, where he lives in hiding with his wife and young daughter... until it all goes wrong and he's consumed with the need for vengeance.

Meanwhile (part 3), A group of cultists have unearthed the resting place of En Sabah Nur aka Apocalypse (a hammy Oscar Isaac), the world's first mutant, who is able to transfer his consciousness between bodies to ensure his immortality. Apocalypse wakes up from centuries of sleep and decides



that he's got to make the world a better place—by destroying it, naturally.

That's just the beginning, and the above summary glosses over at least other six characters who get a chunk of attention. With so much work being put into setting up or developing its characters, this film's superpower isn't a tight runtime.

Still, "Apocalypse" delivers on its bangs and thrills. Action and effects are strong and the film is uniformly well-acted, despite the occasional clunky line. But it's a little too reliant on what's gone before. The standout scene in previous movie "Days of Future Past" was when speedster Quicksilver (Evan Peters) plugged himself into an iPod and super-speeded all over a room while time seemed to stand still. Director Bryan Singer has obviously decided that you can't get too much of a good thing, and so the slow-mo sequence returns in

"Apocalypse," with a better soundtrack too. It's great fun, but there's nothing very original about it.

Still, that's forgivable: You'd be hard-pressed to find a studio that wouldn't want to recreate the money shot. The main problem with "Apocalypse" lies in its character arcs. It's the inevitable risk you run with so many characters: It's hard to develop them all equally, and in this movie they unwisely skimp on Fassbender's Magneto.

This trilogy has shone thanks to McAvoy and Fassbender, who have worked to build the unique relationship of their characters and their opposing philosophies. Magneto's arc in this movie starts strong but it fizzles by the final act, leading to an unconvincing resolution. A good Magneto is essential to a good "X-Men" flick, and that's this movie's apocalypse. You'd think that 16 years on, they'd have worked that out. **Adam White**

Coming Soon

The Angry Birds Movie

(USA/Finland) What happens when a group of flightless birds with anger management issues meet a team of suspicious hogs? The next biggest film franchise (based on a mobile game) to hit box offices. Stars SNL alumni Jason Sudeikis, Maya Rudolph and Bill Hader. Opens Jun 2.

Regression ▾

(USA/Spain/Canada) Emma Watson and Ethan Hawke star in the time-worn story of a new detective investigating a case of domestic violence in a small town, who stumbles into a Satanic cult conspiracy—but this time it's via a psychological dig through the unremembered past. Opens Jun 2.

A Perfect Day

(Spain) Spanish director Fernando León de Aranoa's first English film centers on a group of aid workers (Benicio del Toro, Tim Robbins and Mélanie Thierry) who have to retrieve a corpse from a well at the end of the Yugoslav Wars. A darkly whimsical film with strong performances from Del Toro and Robbins, though it's marred by its 2D female characters. Opens Jun 2. ★★★

The Taste of Youth

(Hong Kong) In the wake of the Umbrella Protests, independent filmmaker Cheung King-wai turns his focus to the post-00s generation: His nine subjects range from ages 10 to 16, plus one 24-year-old, all from varying backgrounds. Out of the mouths of babes come sobering concerns, fears and dreams about the future of the city. Opens Jun 2.



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows

(USA) The Ninja Turtles are back, and this time they've got their work cut out for them: First they've got to defeat mutant nemeses Bebop and Rocksteady, and then join April O'Neil (Megan Fox) and Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett) to defeat an alien invasion led by supervillain Krang (Fred Armisen). Opens Jun 2.

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Brother Bajrangi

(India) When a six-year-old mute girl accidentally gets left behind in Delhi, there's only one person who can help her get home: devout Brahmin Brother Bajrangi (Salman Khan). Only one problem: She lives in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir. This rollicking epic tale is a fun and moving watch from start to finish, with impossibly likeable characters. Opened May 26. ★★★



The Jungle Book

(USA) The beloved 1967 Disney cartoon gets a CG/live-action makeover and they've packed the screen with star A-listers. Bill Murray voices Baloo, the lovable bear; the Bengal tiger baddie, Shere Khan, is played by Idris Elba. Opened May 26.



Chongqing Hot Pot

(China) What begins as a bank heist by four amateur robbers turns into a labyrinthine tour through subterranean Chongqing, a trip down memory lane, a damsel in career-distress, and a showdown with the real pros. Full of twists and turns, with moments of intimate romance and mind-numbing violence, Chongqing Hot Pot serves it up just right. ★★★

Hardcore Henry

(Russia/USA) Video gamers won't know what to do with their hands when they sit down to watch "Hardcore Henry," a first-person-shooter movie filmed almost entirely on a GoPro worn like a mask on Henry—a newly resurrected cyber-soldier with no memory of his past life. A cool idea, but it's more like watching someone play "Call of Duty" than a good movie. ★☆

The Himalayas

(South Korea) Two South Korean mountaineers (played by Jung Woo and Kim In-kwon) are lifelong trekkers who must scale Everest to retrieve the body of a stranded teammate under ever more forbidding circumstances.

The Inerasable

(Japan) Keeping with Japan's tradition of slow-burning, bone-rattling horror films, "The Inerasable" follows a novelist as she investigates the case of a student who hears strange noises coming from an empty room in an otherwise perfectly ordinary house.

The Kid from the Big Apple

(Malaysia/Hong Kong/Singapore) A lot of people will recognize this story of an assimilated, second-generation Asian kid who goes back to the old country and deepens her cultural awareness of her roots. Stars legendary Shaw Brothers veteran Ti Lung as a conservative grandfather and Malaysian newcomer Tan Qin Lin as Sarah, the kid in question.



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The Lobster

(Ireland/UK/Greece) In a city in the ambiguous future, single people are given 45 days to find a partner or they're forced to turn into animals and are released into the wild. It is in this chaos that newly arrived David (Colin Farrell) has to get over his former love and start anew. Also stars Rachel Weisz and John C. Reilly.

Microbe & Gasoline

(France) In this French-language film from Michel Gondry ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "The Green Hornet") two awkward teen boys in Versailles decide that the solution to all their teenage hardships is to build a car out of a lawnmower engine and a few planks, and hit the road. Stars the always lovable Audrey Tautou.



Money Monster

(USA) Economic disparity is the theme of this Jodie Foster-directed suspense film. A financial TV presenter (George Clooney) is taken hostage by blue-collar viewer (Jack O'Connell, "Unbroken") who lost all his money on a bad tip. Features Julia Roberts and a soundtrack by Bruce Springsteen.

The Propaganda Game

(Spain) With the guidance of Alejandro Cao de Benós, the only foreign employee of the North Korean government, director Álvaro Longoria delivers a unique and surprising documentary all about how information is manipulated—both inside and outside North Korea. Depicting the DPRK with a rarely seen playfulness thanks to interviews with unreliable narrators, Longoria leaves us with a distinct feeling of unease. ★★★★

Race

(Canada/Germany/USA) Jesse Owens was an African-American runner from Alabama who set three world records in one meet and went on to win four gold medals in the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin—during the rise of Nazi Germany. This biopic's absurdly unearned optimism makes it an awkward and dissatisfying watch. ★



What a Wonderful Family!

(Japan) Twenty years after making his last comedy film, Yamada Yoji returns after the success of the "Tora-san" series about a romantically inept traveling merchant. In this movie, an aging couple surprises their three grown children with news of their divorce.

X-Men: Apocalypse

(USA) See review, opposite.



"Tokyo Story," by Yasujiro Ozu, playing at Setsuko Hara Forever

Film Festivals

Setsuko Hara Forever

Often compared to Greta Garbo, Setsuko Hara was a quiet and powerful force in Japanese cinema throughout the 40s-60s, before entering into life of seclusion in 1963, the same year her longtime collaborator Yasujiro Ozu died. But through films such as "Tokyo Story" and "The End of Summer" she embodied the idealized Japanese woman of her time: compassionate, elegant, patient yet principled. Cinefan is screening seven of her most notable films through June and July in honor of her passing in late 2015. Jun 5-Jul 31. The Grand Cinema, 2/F, Elements, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon; Hong Kong Film Archive, 1/F, 50 Lei King Rd., Sai Wan Ho, cinefan.com.hk. \$65-85 from urbtix.hk.

Trick Factory—German Animation Film Festival

Before Walt Disney, there was Lotte Reiniger. The German animator's style silhouetted her characters against dream-like backgrounds and swelling, symphonic scores. For over 60 years she paved the way for animators across the world. Get intimate with German animation with the Goethe-Institut: They've created 14 programs focusing on everything from contemporary animated films to German fairy tales, animated films in the Nazi period and plenty of Lotte Reiniger. Apr 28-Nov 11. Comix Home Base, 7 Mallory St., Wan Chai, goethe.de/hongkong. Free.

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GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): "Whatever you're meant to do, do it now," said novelist Doris Lessing. "The conditions are always impossible." I hope you take her advice to heart, Gemini. In my astrological opinion, there is no good excuse for you to postpone your gratification or to procrastinate about moving to the next stage of a big dream. It's senseless to tell yourself that you will finally get serious as soon as all the circumstances are perfect. Perfection does not and will never exist. The future is now. You're as ready as you will ever be.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): French painter Henri Matisse didn't mind being unmoored, befuddled, or in-between. In fact, he regarded these states as being potentially valuable to his creative process. Here's his testimony: "In art, truth and reality begin when one no longer understands what one is doing or what one knows." I'm recommending that you try out his attitude, Cancerian. In my astrological opinion, the time has come for you to drum up the inspirations and revelations that become available when you don't know where the hell you are and what the hell you're doing.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Proposed experiment: Imagine that all the lovers and would-be lovers you have ever adored are in your presence. Review in detail your memories of the times you felt thrillingly close to them. Fill yourself up with feelings of praise and gratitude for their mysteries. Sing the love songs you love best. Look into a mirror and rehearse your "I only have eyes for you" gaze until it is both luminous and smoldering. Cultivate facial expressions that are full of tender, focused affection. Got all that, Leo? My purpose in urging you to engage in these practices is that it's the High Sexy Time of year for you. You have a license to be as erotically attractive and wisely intimate as you dare.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): "Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others," wrote editor Jacob M. Braude. Normally I would endorse his poignant counsel, but for the foreseeable future I am predicting that the first half of it won't fully apply to you. Why? Because you are entering a phase that I regard as unusually favorable for the project of transforming yourself. It may not be easy to do so, but it'll be easier than it has been in a long time. And I bet you will find the challenge to reimagine, reinvent, and reshape yourself at least as much fun as it is hard work.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): "Never turn down an adventure without a really good reason," says author Rebecca Solnit in her book "The Far Away Nearby." That's a thought she had as she contemplated the possibility of riding a raft down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon. Here's how I suspect this meditation applies to you, Libra: There have been other times and there will be other times when you will have good reasons for not embarking on an available adventure. But now is not one of those moments.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): Russian poet Vera Pavlova tells about how once when she was using a pen and paper to jot down some fresh ideas, she got a paper cut on her palm. Annoying, right? On the contrary. She loved the fact that the new mark substantially extended her life line. The palmistry-lover in her celebrated. I'm seeing a comparable twist in your near future, Scorpio. A minor inconvenience or mild setback will be a sign that a symbolic revitalization or enhancement is nigh.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Norway is mountainous, but its neighbor Finland is quite flat. A group of Norwegians has launched a campaign to partially remedy the imbalance. They propose that to mark the hundredth anniversary of Finland's independence, their country will offer a unique birthday gift: the top of Halti mountain. Right now the 4,479-foot peak is in Norway. But under the proposed plan, the border between countries will be shifted so that the peak will be transferred to Finland. I would love you to contemplate generous gestures like this in the coming weeks, Sagittarius. It's a highly favorable time for you to bestow extra imaginative blessings. (P.S. The consequences will be invigorating to your own dreams.)

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): I believe that every one of us should set aside a few days every year when we celebrate our gaffes, our flaws, and our bloopers. During this crooked holiday, we are not embarrassed about the false moves we have made. We don't decry our bad judgment or criticize our delusional behavior. Instead, we forgive ourselves of our sins. We work to understand and feel compassion for the ignorance that led us astray. Maybe we even find redemptive value in our apparent lapses; we come to see that they saved us from some painful experience or helped us avoid getting a supposed treasure that would have turned out to be a booby prize. Now would be a perfect time for you to observe this crooked holiday.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19): Sometimes the love you experience for those you care about makes you feel vulnerable. You may worry about being out of control or swooping so deeply into your tenderness that you lose yourself. Giving yourself permission to cherish and nurture can make you feel exposed, even unsafe. But none of that applies in the coming weeks. According to my interpretation of the astrological omens, love will be a source of potency and magnificence for you. It will make you smarter,



braver, and cooler. Your words of power will be this declaration by Syrian poet Nizar Qabbani: "When I love / I feel that I am the king of time / I possess the earth and everything on it / and ride into the sun upon my horse." (Translated by Lena Jayyusi and Christopher Middleton.)

PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20): In November 1916, at the height of World War I, the Swedish schooner Jönköping set sail for Finland, carrying 4,400 bottles of champagne intended for officers of the occupying Russian army. But the delivery was interrupted. A hostile German submarine sank the boat, and the precious cargo drifted to the bottom of the Baltic Sea. The story didn't end there, however. More than eight decades later, a Swedish salvage team retrieved a portion of the lost treasure, which had been well-preserved in the frosty abyss. Taste tests revealed that the bubbly alcoholic beverage was "remarkably light-bodied, extraordinarily elegant and fantastically fresh, with discreet, slow-building toasty aromas of great finesse." (Source: tinyurl.com/toastyaromas.) I foresee the potential of a similar resurrection in your future, Pisces. How deep are you willing to dive?

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): To convey the best strategy for you to employ in the coming weeks, I have drawn inspiration from a set of instructions composed by aphorist Alex Stein: Scribble, scribble, erase. Scribble, erase, scribble. Scribble, scribble, scribble, scribble. Erase, erase, erase. Scribble, erase. Keep what's left. In other words, Aries, you have a mandate to be innocently empirical, robustly experimental, and cheerfully improvisational — with the understanding that you must also balance your fun with ruthless editing.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): "One must think like a hero to behave like a merely decent human being," wrote Taurus memoirist May Sarton. That's a dauntingly high standard to live up to, but for the foreseeable future it's important that you try. In the coming weeks, you will need to maintain a heroic level of potency and excellence if you hope to keep your dreams on track and your integrity intact. Luckily, you will have an extraordinary potential to do just that. But you'll have to work hard to fulfill the potential — as hard as a hero on a quest to find the real Holy Grail in the midst of all the fake Holy Grails.

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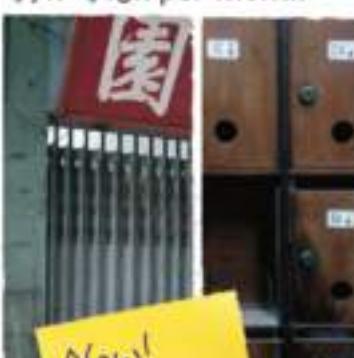
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I am a 40-year-old woman; I came out when I was 16. When I was 17, I met M and we dated for eight years. M was a horrible human being—emotionally and occasionally physically abusive. M still sends me the occasional (creepy) e-mail, wishing me a happy birthday or giving me updates on people I don't really recall. I don't respond. A few years back, I got an e-mail saying that M was now "Mike." I think it's important to use the pronouns people want you to use for them. But Mike wasn't Mike when he was in my life. Changing his pronoun when describing him feels like I'm changing my identity—my first real long-term relationship was with someone I thought was a woman. Mike caused a lot of damage in my life—does he get to fuck up (or complicate) my identity, too? It's not like the subject of Mike comes up daily. When it does, I feel like a liar if I use "she," using "he" makes me feel like I'm lying about myself, and stopping to explain everything derails the conversation. And it's not like I'm being a great trans ally when a conversation gets sidelined by something like: "Well, random coworker whose only trans reference is Caitlyn Jenner, my ex is trans and he's a psychopath."

— Mike's Hard Lemonade

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And stop talking about Mike—don't discuss him with random coworkers, casual acquaintances, or friends. If you absolutely, positively must discuss him with someone—a true intimate with a right to your relationship history, who needs to be sensitive to the abuse you suffered—you can be a good ally to other trans people (not your abusive trans ex) by carefully using nouns and descriptors in place of your asshole ex's preferred pronouns. So instead of "I met him when I was still a teenager," you say, "I met the abusive piece of shit when I was still a teenager." Instead of "It took me eight long years to get away from him," you say, "It took me eight long years to get away from that asshole psychopath."

What I'm gonna say next will get me slammed on Twitter (heavens), MHL, but I've learned not to read my @s, so here we go...

If using male pronouns when referring to your ex is gonna complicate your life—really complicate it—if the "transitioned later" part is likely to get dropped during a game of interoffice telephone, if the qualifier about your ex having identified as a woman while you were together is likely to get dropped too, and if either of those drops could lead coworkers or casual acquaintances to assume something about you that isn't true, i.e., that you're into dudes and therefore gettable by dudes, and if that erroneous assumption could result in your having to deflect awkward and/or unpleasant advances from confused males, or if having your status as a Gold Star Lesbian questioned could induce orientational dysphoria... I don't see the nontheoretical harm in you—and only you—misgendering Mike on the rare occasion when a convo about him can't be avoided. You don't live near him, no one you know knows him, and the misgendering is unlikely to get back to him. The adage "no harm, no foul" applies here.

But it would be simpler, easier, and ally-ier if you sidestepped the issue by not speaking to anyone about your asshole ex ever again.

I am a fortysomething bi woman happily married to a newly transitioned 50ish trans woman. I have a history of putting myself about a bit (safely) before our relationship, but we have been monogamous since we met (except for a disastrous threesome). My wife hasn't put herself about and has

slept with only myself and one other to whom she was also married—and that threesome. She understands that I have a high libido and mostly she doesn't. Our sex life is loving and good mostly, but I do want more. There have been discussions on opening up our relationship—but essentially I want to and she is resistant. I want to do this with transparency and with men (mostly), but I don't feel this is realistic emotionally for her given some conflict we've had over this issue. Is cheating the only answer here?

— Never Overly Terrified

"I can see how it might be emotionally tricky for a recently transitioned trans woman—that would be your wife—to cheerfully sign off on her second wife sleeping with men (mostly) and with transparency (ethically). But if you absolutely, positively can't commit to sleeping with only her for the rest of your life, NOT, and you can't get her permission to sleep with others... then, yes, there's cheating. There's also fantasy, masturbation, repression, sublimation, self-sacrifice—and divorce.

I'm a queer woman. When I entered my 30s, I realized that I was more queer/bi than I had previously allowed myself to be, and I started exploring my attraction to cis heterosexual men. Five years later, and I'm in an incredible GGG relationship with a cis het male. He's everything I have ever wanted in a partner: sexy, funny, feminist, and smart. We have full disclosure about sexuality and kinks, no complaints there. What I do have trouble with is navigating his family and friends, twin social circles composed of heterosexuals who fall into stereotypical gender roles. I spent my teens and 20s fully submerged in queer/trans circles with like-minded feminist hippies who are not hung up on the gender binary. My partner's friends are fundamentally good people, but they see nothing wrong with "old fashioned" misogyny. I am often interrupted, talked over, and "mansplained" by my partner's male friends. And while I am a pretty friendly person, I can't get a foot in the door with the women in his friend circle. My notions on feminism and equality are way too out there, so I tend to keep to myself in a corner during parties in order to avoid starting an argument. How do I navigate this weird heterosexual world that I don't understand? I've tried to explain my feelings to my partner, but I think he has a hard time relating, as he is a heterosexual cis male and was raised as one. How do I keep from losing my cool when someone starts to mansplain to me? I may be in a heterosexual romantic partnership, but I am still a queer lady at heart.

— Bi Lefty Encounters Cis Hets

Some people "fall into stereotypical gender roles" because that's who they are, BLECH, and what you perceive as the thoughtless embrace of the gender binary can in some cases be an authentic expression of gender identity. That doesn't excuse misogyny and mansplaining, of course, but not everyone who embraces seemingly stereotypical gender roles is a dupe who needs a good talking to from the new queer girlfriend of an old straight friend.

That said, if going to parties with your cis het boyfriend's gender-normative friends makes you miserable... don't go to those parties. Or if you must go, drag along a leftist-hippie-queer friend who can sit in the corner with you and marvel at the mansplaining manmuggles and their clueless lady friends who aren't interested in your thoughts on feminism and equality.

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Opening in June, this chic, colorful and inventive restaurant will inject a huge dose of youthfulness to the hotel. Renowned Spanish graffiti and street artist Victoriano was invited to take part in the hotel's rejuvenation, contributing his vision of street and contemporary art in the form of four pieces that form focal points of the interior design of this urban industrial-chic restaurant. Victoriano's photorealistic artwork uses only aerosol paints, with delicate, detailed imagery executed entirely in spray.

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Café O
Café Queen
California Beach Club
C'est La Vie
Chachawan
CitySuper Ltd
Classified - Exchange Square Podium
Classified - New World Tower
Club 71
Cochrane's
Coco Espresso
Daz
DiVino Italian Wine Bar & Restaurant
Dot Cod
DROP
Escapade Sports
El Grande - Hong Kong Brew House
Epic MMA
ESSENSUALS (CENTRAL) LIMITED
Feel Good Factor
Flawless
Flow Bookshop - 29 Lyndhurst Terrace
FoFo by el willy
Foreign Correspondents Club
Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong
Frey & Ford
Fringe Club
G7 Private Dining
Garage Society
Gateway
Geronimo
Grappa's Cellar
Grey Hound
Hazel & Hershey
Helena May Library
Holly Brown
Holy Crab Bar & Restaurant
Hong Kong Book Centre
Hotel LKF
HYPOXIII Bel Paese
Impakt Academy
Infusion
Indulgence
Isola
Ivan the Kozak
Jeeves of Belgravia
Knight on Wyndham
La Belle Salon
La Piola
Le Gouter Bernaduad
LKF Group - Tokio Joe
Liberty Exchange Kitchen & Bar
Little Burro
Lumiere/Cuisine Cuisine
Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong
Maya Café
Mini Hotel Central
Natural Path
Nature's Village
O2 Hair Salon
Oolaa
Orange Peel
Orange Tree Restaurant
Ovo
Paisano's Central
Parentheses Continental Books Ltd.
Paul Gerrard Hair & Beauty
Peel Fresco Music Lounge/ Caravan Serai
Pier 7
Pizza Express
Propaganda
Red
Red Rock/Annexx
Rockabilly
Roundhouse Taproom

Sidewalk - LKF
Starbucks - 254 Des Voeux Rd
Starbucks - Alexandra House
Starbucks - Century Square
Starbucks - Duddell Street
Starbucks - Exchange Square 2
Starbucks - IFC Mall
Starbucks - Jardine House
Starbucks - Mainland Centre
Starbucks - Man Yee Arcade
Starbucks - MTR Station
Stormy Weather
Tandoor Indian Restaurant
Ten Feet Tall
The Globe
The Landmark Mandarin Oriental
The Putman
Tivo
Toni & Guy - 15 Wyndham St
Tranquil Touches
Uncle Russ Coffee
UP Health
Veggie SF
Wagyu
Yo mama
Yu Yuet Lai

Zentro - 66 Stanley Street
Zentro - IFC

SOHO
Bizou
Café d'I
Club 1911
Culture ClubDaddyo's
Enoteca Soho
Flaming Frango
Flutes
Flying Pan
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Hair Craft
Jaspas
Libertine
Life Café
Mimi2Go
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Taco Loco
The Herbivores
The Pierre
The Tavern
Toni & Guy
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208 Duccento Otto
99 Bonham
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Barista Jam
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Café Deco Pizzeria
Café O
Classified (Sheung Wan)
Corner Kitchen
Crispy Bistro
Fish N Chick
Forbes 36
Ho Mei
Holiday Inn Express Soho
Hotel Jen
Ibis HK - Central
Jaspas' - Kennedy Town
Kinsale
La Cantoche
La Viola
Little Burro
Living Art Café
Metropolitain
Monsieur Chatte
Ola
Park N Shop - Kennedy Town
Pizzeria Jacomax
Quintessentially
Shelter Lounge
Starbucks - 50 Connaught Road
Starbucks - Golden Phoenix Court
Starbucks - Hotel Ibis
Starbucks - Kwong Fat Hong Building
Starbucks - Shun Tak Centre
Tacobocha

Teakha
The Press Room
The Beautywave Skin Care
The Lot
Three Monkeys
Waffling Beans

MID-LEVELS
Blessing Garden Phase I
Chicken on the Run
Coffee Book
Dymocks - Bonham Rd.
Il Bel Paese
Ladies' Recreation Club
Lime @ Soho 38
Lof10
Mier Serviced Apartments
Peak Café Bar
Seymour
The Phoenix
YWCA English Speaking Members Department

PEAK
Bubba Gump
Cafe Deco
Starbucks
The Peak Lookout Restaurant

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

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

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

CAUSEWAY BAY

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

HAPPY VALLEY

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

QUARRY BAY/ TAIKOOSHING

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

NORTH POINT/ FORTRESS HILL

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

SAI WAN HO

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

POK FU LAM

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

AP LEI CHAU/ ABERDEEN

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

REPULSE BAY/ TAI TAM/ STANLEY

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

TSIM SHA TSUI

Agnes b Café Harbour City
Agnes' B Café SG
Assembly
Barista Caffe

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

JORDAN/YAU MA TEI/MONG KOK

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

SHATIN

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

SAI KUNG

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

OTHER NEW TERRITORIES

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

LANTAU

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

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HK GIVEAWAYS

Time flies and it's already the end of the month! We've got a lucky winner for our big giveaway at Le Meridien Cyberport. Not fortunate this time? Hang around for a preview of next month's awesome goodies to give away!

WE HAVE A
WINNER!



Congratulations to the winner of a suite stay at Le Meridien Cyberport!

Fai Lee is the lucky winner of a one-night staycation at Le Meridien Cyberport's Bayside Premier Suite, plus a sumptuous breakfast for two at Prompt for a much deserved break from the hustle and bustle of the city!

Fai picked up the magazine each week to find the words "sensitive," "resplendent" and "mouthwatering," before putting them together into a description of what a stay at the property would mean. Here's the entry:

*Treat my sensitive skin, nose, and more,
To staycation at Le Meridien Pure Floor,
Gaze upon best resplendent ocean views
in Hong Kong,
Then eat mouthwatering dinner at Nam Fong!*

Congratulations, Fai! Sounds like you have your dream Southside getaway all planned out. Enjoy your holiday!



Not a winner? Check back for more prizes up for grabs next week!

Sorry you didn't win this Southside staycation, but we have even more prizes coming right up!

Check back next week for our June giveaways, in which we've got an amazing two-night staycation at the super-chic Madera Hollywood Hotel (valued at \$14,080), plus a bunch of other prizes up for grabs!

Pick up a copy of the magazine on **June 3** for another phenomenal instalment of **HK Giveaways!**

COMING UP
NEXT MONTH...



FIRST PERSON

Dystopian movie "Ten Years" has been a huge hit in Hong Kong. Its five different depictions of a dark, bleak future for the city won the Best Film gong at the Hong Kong Film Awards last month.

Ng Ka-leung produced the movie and also directed the segment "Local Egg." He tells Xavier Ng about coming up with the idea, his take on localism, and what he thinks of being compared to wonton noodles.

I was born in 1981 in Hong Kong, and raised here.

I graduated from PolyU in 2003, studying multimedia design.

I've worked in post-production, computer graphics, as a drama production assistant in TVB and production houses, and even as a wedding photographer.

The first time I could actually work on my own project was the one before "Ten Years," called "Fading Marketplaces."

It's a series of documentaries, recording the stories of hawkers and small shops in Hong Kong.

My family had a store in Shek Wu Hui [in Sheung Shui] for decades, until it closed down last year.

So when I started my own project, I wanted to record the uniqueness of Hong Kong in its marketplaces, which could be slowly disappearing.

After that, I started to think about my next project. I saw so many problems in Hong Kong, and we were at a bottleneck.

Who was affected by these problems? Grassroots Hongkongers. But many were not aware that this situation was affecting them directly.

I talked to many people from different walks of life, and asked them three questions about their past, present and future.

I realized people's answers all had something in common. When it came to their future, people actually started to think a lot harder.

Some people imagined a brighter future, some a darker one, but it didn't matter—in their mind, they all had a certain strength to change something in the present.

So I decided to create a film about the future of Hong Kong.

I worked with the other four directors [Jevons Au, Chow Kwun-wai, Wong Fei-pang, Kwok Zune] because they could all tell the stories of those on the edge of society.

Our thoughts and techniques were not that similar, but how we treated the relationship between our work and society was.

All five stories describe a future we don't want to see. We tried to project it to its extreme, because right now, people think that things are still fine.

We followed the track Hong Kong is on to imagine the future, but will it actually happen like we thought? It's only a 50/50 chance.

It's still the future and if we can make changes during the process, that "future" will not come true. We still have time to change.

We are not trying to provide a solution, because that's not what films are meant for. But we want to inspire people to think and care about society.

We chose to portray a future 10 years away because if we talk about 30 years in the future, it's hard to imagine—and there might not be that big of a change in five years.

Ten years is a range of imagination that matches with the story.

The big picture will be hard to change, and it could even get worse. But at the same time, people can make their own choices.

No matter what situation we are in, independent and critical thinking is the most important and precious of all, and I still have trust and hope in Hongkongers. I'm still optimistic.

When I first started on the script of my story "Local Egg" in 2014, the word "local" was not as politicized as it is now. It was a very neutral word.

Localism is a good thing—It's only if a place has a history and heritage, that it can create such strong localistic ideals.

Sadly in the past two years, whenever you talk about localism or conservation of local culture, politicians will start labeling you, calling you a separatist.

At first when we started this project, we never thought it would be so well received. We were only hoping for a few screenings.

The result was unexpected, and it created so many chemical reactions in Hong Kong's audience. It's not just a movie anymore.

It's very natural for a movie to have lovers and haters. I'm open to it.

But some people criticized the movie without even watching it, and some criticized it based on the budget of the production—that didn't mean much to me.

I'm actually quite happy that the movie was compared to a wonton noodle place [after it won Best Film, Hong Kong Tourism Board chairman Peter Lam Kin-ngok said in an interview: "If I told you a wonton noodle shop is the best restaurant in Hong Kong, would you accept that?"].

Because I quite enjoy wonton noodles. For a Hongkonger, it's a compliment and an honor to be compared to a wonton noodle place.

There are quality and constructive criticisms that we can actually learn from: But with meaningless criticism, there isn't much to discuss.



NEED TO KNOW...

Missed "Ten Years" in the cinema? You can now rent the movie on iTunes Store and Google Play or check out fb.me/hktenyears for upcoming community screenings. Find out more about Hong Kong's movie industry at the HKDI's TalkX Series: fb.me/hkdipeec

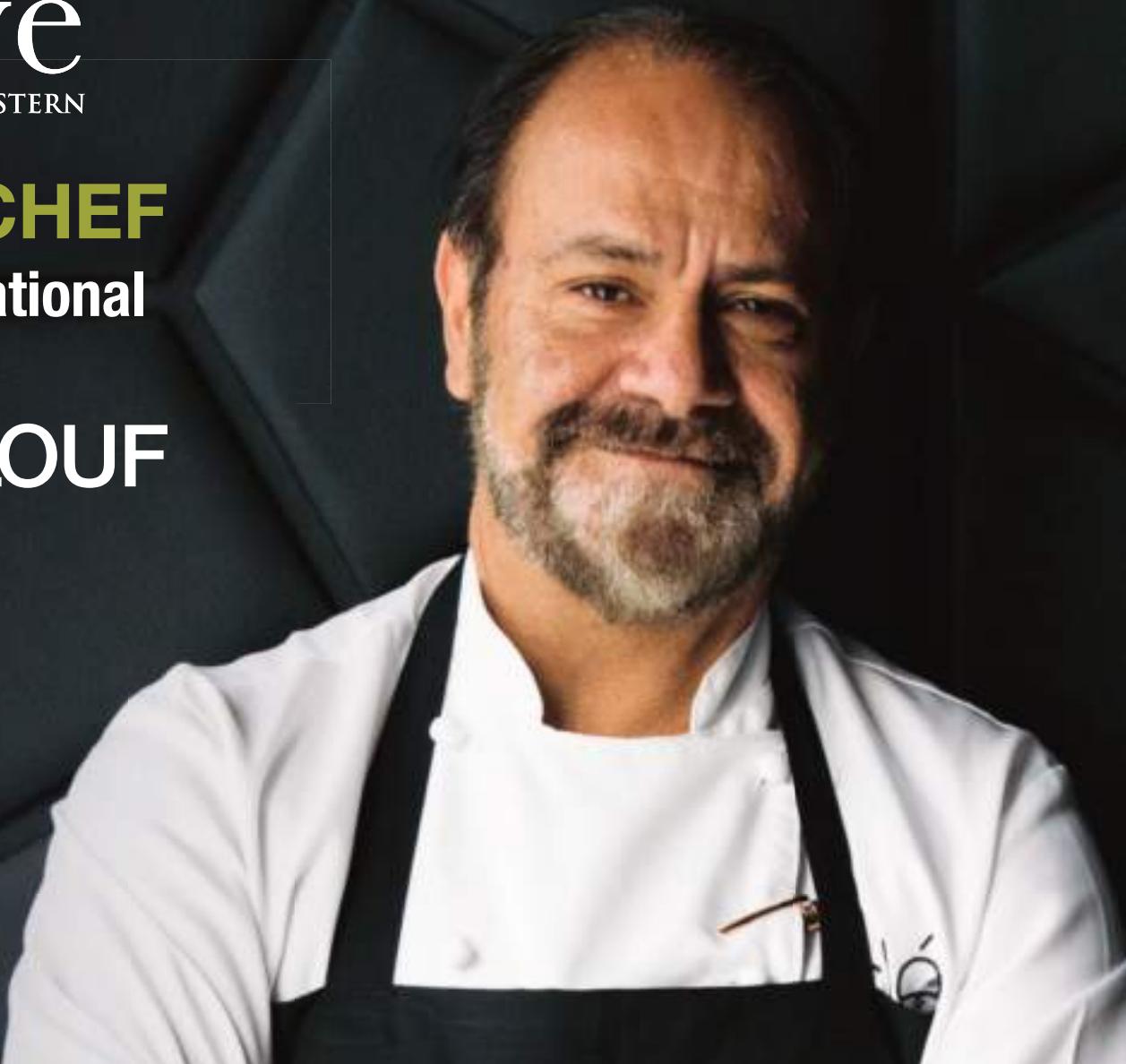
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