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Chicago Improv All-Stars

A lot of bad jokes have been told at Henry's Brewery. Most of them have been the unfortunate side effect of their house-brewed beer – and thankfully, Henry's doesn't charge at the door to listen to such amateur stabs at bar-stool humor.

But for two days, the level of the comedy will increase as dramatically as the cover charge (to ¥280 at the door; ¥220 in advance). One of Chicago's premier improvisational comedy troupes lands here for two nights of shows that draw on audience suggestion, will likely include audience taunting, and be a general professional lashing of everyone who holds their sense of humor in high regard. The four members of the troupe who make up the show are collectively responsible for improv super-group Baby Wants Candy, and hold positions on shows from MTV and NBC as well as co-writing revues with titles such as Thank Heaven It Wasn't 7/11 and Seriously, We're All Gonna Die Someday. Hacks, proceed at your own risk.

Chicago Improv All Stars. Advance tickets (until Dec 4) are ¥220; at the door it's ¥280. Dec 6 and 7, 8pm. Henry's Brewery & Grill, 1/F, 33 Sichuan Zhong Lu, near Guangdong Lu. For more info call 6209 6209, email richard@thecomedytour.com or visit www.thecomedytour.com.

classes, workshops, and seminars

ADULT PAINTING CLASS. A relaxed way to learn composition, and the mechanics of painting, for beginners. ¥250 per class, ¥1,000 for a block of five classes. Every Thu, 7-9pm. The Studio, 796 Julu Lu, near Fumin Lu. For more info call 138 1882 4262, email nicky@thestudio.cn, or visit www.thestudio.cn.

CREATIVE ACTING WORKSHOP. Led by professional actors, this course hones skills in character development and on-camera acting.

First two sessions free. Every Sun, 3-6pm. Mecoon, 3/F, Bldg 100, Lane 200 Longcao Lu, near Kaixuan Lu. For more info call 138 1723 1787, email homsu26@gmail.com, or visit <http://taw.cabanova.com>.

CHRISTMAS FACTORY. A seasonally themed playground for kids to learn how (gift) factories operate. For children from four to 14. ¥2,100-3,800. Dec 17-21. Three hour sessions begin at 10am or 2pm. Prices vary according to morning or afternoon session. Children's Technology Workshop, Units 46-47B, Thumb Plaza, Lane 199 Fangdian Lu, near Yingchun Lu. For more info call 5033 3053, email dora@ctworkshop.com.cn or visit www.ctworkshop.com.cn.

FAMILY HOLIDAY CRAFTS. Learn different crafts with your children. ¥250 for parents and one child, ¥100 per additional child. Dec 2 and 9, 1-3:30pm. Art of Seeing, Apt 101, Bldg 35, Tiffany Gardens, 300 Huagang Lu, near Hongmei Lu. For more info call 6145 5843, 135 0161 5774, or email rd_rae@hotmail.com.

JAPANESE SUSHI LESSON. Roll it, cone it, eat it. ¥200 per person. Nov 23, 1-3pm. Workshop Kitchen, 1/F, No 35, Lane 865 Yuyuan Lu, near Jiangsu Lu. For more info call 137 0187 3243, email cookingworkshop@gmail.com, or visit www.chinesecooking-workshop.com.

MUSICAL MINDS. Kids aged three to eight are invited to strengthen their skill with instruments and improve their musical theory and imagination through the JZ school. ¥200 per class. Schedule varies. JZ School, No 6, Lane 270 Wuyuan Lu, near Yongfu Lu. For more info call 5403 6475, email ericali@jz-school.cn, or visit www.jz-school.cn.

PRESENTATION SKILLS. Teachers introduce children to communication skills, manners, and speaking in front of a group of their peers, a la Show and Tell. ¥1,400 per 2 month term. New term starts Dec 4. Every Wed and Sat, 3:45-4:45pm. Kids' Gallery, No 5-9, Lane 650 Biyun Lu, near Yunshan Lu. For more info call 6105 9336, email infoshanghai@kidsgallery.com, or visit www.kidsgallery.com.

PRIVATE COOKING CLASSES. Classes are flexible in this new cooking studio near the Bund. Chef Lotus is happy to take suggestions for particular classes. Price varies accordingly. Passionate Chef Studio, Rm 1901, Bldg 2, Bund Garden, 38 Waixiang Street, near Dongmen Lu. For more info call 139 1749 3069, email chef@passionatechefsh.com, or visit www.passionatechefsh.com.

bulletin board

AUSSIE DRINKS. Meeting place for Australians and friends of Australia. Free for members of AustCham and one guest, ¥30 for non-members. Every Fri, 6-10pm. 789, 64/F, Le Royal Meridien Shanghai, 789 Nanjing Dong Lu, near Xizang Zhong Lu. For more info call 6248 8301, email admin@austchamshanghai.com, or visit www.austchamshanghai.com.

BRITS CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Overseas Brits get together for a Christmas lunch at the Shangri-La, with mulled wine, carols, and mince pies. Brits Abroad is an association for newcomers to the city. ¥350 for member of Brits Abroad, ¥400 for non-members. Dec 6, 11am-3pm. The Ballroom, 3/F, Tower One, Pudong Shangri-La, 33 Fucheng Lu, near Lujiazui Xi Lu. For more info call 138 1796 2745, email britsabroad57@hotmail.com, or visit www.britsabroad.org.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT. A German-style Christmas market with gifts, crafts, food, and glühwein. ¥20, free for children under 10. Nov 30, 5-9pm, Dec 1-2, 11am-8pm. Paulaner, 150 Fenyang Lu, near Taqiang Lu. For more info call 5466 5700, email mkt49@bln.com.cn, or visit www.bln.com.cn.

CIG EXPO. The China International Gateway (CIG) Expo 2007 offers information about traveling overseas, aimed at the Mainland Chinese market. Free. Dec 7-9, 10am-5:30pm. Shanghai Mart, 2299 Yan'an Xi Lu, near Loushanguan Lu. For more info call 6236 6888 or visit www.shanghai-mart.com.

COMEDY TOUR. See Preview.

HANUKKAH LEGOLAND. Help build a giant Lego menorah, the eight-branched candelabrum. Latkes, jelly doughnuts, and dreidels (spinning tops) also available. Free. Dec 9, 3:30-5pm. The Clubhouse at Seasons Villas, 1983 Huamu Lu, near Luoshan Lu. For more info call 5878 2008, email rabb@jewishpudong.com, or visit www.jewishpudong.com.

KITCHEN TOUR. The Community Center leads a trip to restaurant supply stores, for those who'd prefer a little guidance among the aisles full of kitchen equipment. ¥250. Dec 4, 9:30am-12:30pm. Meet at Starbucks at Shanghai Center, 1376 Nanjing Xi Lu, near Xikang Lu. For more info call 3382 1770 or visit www.community-center.cn.

MEET THE DESIGNERS. Vervia's international designers display their furnishing and accessory designs and hold an open discussion about the design scene in Shanghai. Free. Sat-Sun, Nov 24, 3-9pm; Nov 25, 1-6pm. Vervia, Rm 109, No. 2-1 Dongping Lu, near Hengshan Lu.

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TEACHERS NEEDED. Volunteers needed to teach English to poor and migrant kids living in Baoshan, for one hour on Sundays. Transportation to and from Baoshan provided. Every Sun, 2-3:30pm. For more info call 139 1637 3474.

WAITING FOR PARADISE. Screening of filmmaker Sylvie Levey's documentary, five years in the making, about three generations living under the same roof in Shanghai's old city, and who are suddenly confronted with the imminent demolition of their home. Levey will join the event for a discussion after the film. ¥50, includes a drink. Dec 2, 6pm. Glamour Bar, 6/F, 5 on the Bund, 20 Guangdong Lu, near Zhongshan Dong Yi Lu. For more info visit www.m-restaurantgroup.com.

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