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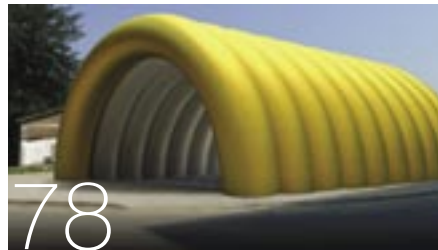
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FROM THE EDITOR

A talented photographer and dear friend of this magazine passed away recently. Luna Zhang died in the early morning of September 18. She was 38.

If you ever met Luna, you would have been astonished to know her age. She had a youthful energy, a chirpy and wide-eyed way of talking, and a bubbly laugh that radiated an eternal innocence. Yet at the same time, she was also tall and graceful, with dignified cheekbones and poignant eyes, and walked into rooms commanding attention.

Luna liked to eat good things, like steak and chocolate. She liked good music too, like jazz and reggae.

She was one of the first people I had come to know when I first arrived in Beijing in the summer of 2007. At the time, I was the editor of *tbjkids* (now *beijingkids*); Luna shot many of our covers and features. Prior to that, she had worked intimately with *tbj* for many years, and even served as the wedding photographer for our editorial director.

But Luna was also a highly sought-after commercial photographer with assignments that took her all over China – and a documenter of Beijing’s music scene, making many of the portraits seen in circulation today.

Some of these musicians – Long Shen Dao, Yaksa, Muma, Miserable Faith – held a benefit concert for Luna last June at Yugong Yishan. That night, approximately RMB 25,000 was raised – RMB 9,000 in ticket sales, the rest in donations – to allow Luna to receive much-needed surgery that would address a clogged blood vessel. The procedure did not, however, tackle the larger problem at hand, which was the need for a new liver.

And so a second effort began last month to help raise more funds. This new drive would also help Luna accomplish one of her life’s dreams: to have an exhibition of her work.

Two exhibitions of Luna’s work will be taking place this month: one at Yugong Yishan, running until October 10, and another at the Modern Sky Festival (October 4-7). Luna will not be here to see them through. But I am certain, despite having struggled immensely over the past six months, that in the end she was able to find some comfort in knowing her work *would* be exhibited, and that all money raised through sales of her photographs would assist her grieving family.

If you happen to be in either of these places in the coming weeks, take a moment to stop and look at the powerful images Luna was able to capture in her brief lifetime. If any of them happen to move you, purchase one – not only because doing so will help to ease the many burdens her family now faces – but also because it will help someone who was too young to die, live on.

Lisa Liang
Managing Editor



Luna Zhang, self-portrait (circa 2008)

ON THE WEB

Food Fight

OK, foodies, here’s your chance to let off some critical steam. This month *tbj* launches TheBeijinger.com’s “Food Fight.” Each week we’ll pick a category amongst the top voted restaurants, cafes and bars by our website users. Then it’s over to YOU. We’ll give you one week to post a review according to our selected category. You can agree or disagree with our readers’ picks, review a place that’s never been reviewed before, or post as many reviews as you like. At the end of each week, we’ll award a prize to the best post and feature it on our blog, and possibly in the magazine as well.

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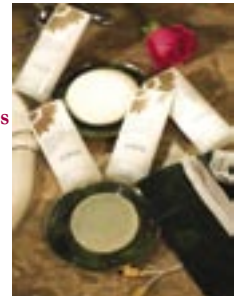


Let them eat cake (and review it)

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For more on Kid Koala, see Clubhouse, p62.



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The 2009 Modern Sky Music Festival

Part local and part international (like these guys, British Sea Power). See Feature, p72. Chaoyang Park (6506 5409)

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Eko Nugroho Solo Exhibition

Final day to see Nugroho's shadowplay. Pékin Fine Arts (5127 3220)



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Opera: Turandot

The ruthless princess riddles at the Bird's Nest. See 3 to See, p85. Tickets at 6417 7845. RMB 180-3,800. 7.30pm. National Stadium (8437 2992/2993)



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Jin Shan: Naked Ape

Last chance to see disturbing oil paintings of the human animal. Platform China (6432 0169)



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New Hope Charity Concert

Huang Shaofeng and friends raise money for orphans through rock. RMB 100, RMB 70 (advance). 9pm. Yugong Yishan (6404 2711)

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Freshly Ground

South African folk rock with jazz and blues. RMB 100, RMB 70 (advance). 9pm. Yugong Yishan (6404 2711)



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Bernie's Lounge

Dutch jazz blends afro-beats and Latin vibes. RMB 50. 10pm. Yugong Yishan (6404 2711)



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Kiri Te Kanawa Solo Recital

The Maori soprano sings works by Mozart, Strauss and others. Tickets at 6417 7845. RMB 180-880. 7.30pm. NCPA Concert Hall (6655 0000)

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Jess Meider

An album release party for the acoustic folk singer. RMB 30. 9pm. Yugong Yishan (6404 2711)

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Dawanggang Band, Xiao He

Experimental folkies go Uyghur and Tibetan. RMB 60, RMB 50 (advance, students). 9pm. The Star Live (6425 5677)



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Centro Turns Six

Join Big City Beat for a five-night party. Ends on Oct 31. Free. 9pm. Centro (6561 8833)

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Film: The Doors

Oliver Stone's homage to the '60s rock group. Free (includes popcorn). 8pm. Obiwan (8322 1231)

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Kid Koala

Turntablism done right. See Clubhouse, p62. RMB 50, RMB 30 (advance). 9pm. Yugong Yishan (6404 2711)

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Legendary rockers roll through town. See Q&A, p74. RMB 290-690. 8pm. The Star Live (6425 5677)

China Open

Superstars take center court. See Feature, p100. RMB 50-2,000. National Tennis Center, www.chinaopen.com.cn

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Opera: Macbeth

Verdi's classic opens the Beijing Music Festival and Symphony Concert Season. RMB 50-180. 7.30pm. Poly Theatre (6500 1188 ext 5126)



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Monokino

Former Cobra member returns with an electro rock vengeance. RMB 50. 9pm. Yugong Yishan (6404 2711)



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Film: Early Documentaries of Kieslowski

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Vogue China's star-studded Fashion Night Out on Sep 11, as part of Vogue's "Global Celebration of Fashion" event. Photos courtesy of Butterfly PR



The press conference of the 16th Beijing International Book Fair on Sep 2 at Instituto Cervantes. Photos courtesy of the Spanish Ministry of Culture.



Brasserie Flo celebrated their tenth anniversary on Sep 9. Photos courtesy of Brasserie Flo Beijing



The search for the first official Beach Bikini Girl took place at Block 8 on Sep 4. Photos courtesy of Block 8



The star Aaron Kwok was greeted by General Manager Evan Pavlakis on his arrival at the Petrus French Restaurant in Legendale Hotel. Photo courtesy of Legendale Hotel



Raffles' John Spooner and Catherine Lee greet Luxembourg Ambassador Carlo Krieger, Swedish Minister Mattias Lantz and his wife. Photo courtesy of Raffles Beijing



Charlie Dang, general manager of The Westin Beijing Financial Street, welcomes former Prime Minister of Canada Brian Mulroney. Photo courtesy of The Westin Beijing Financial Street



Link Club Beijing at the Ascott International's "Bewitched Wife" event at Ascott Beijing's 380sqm Penthouse Premier serviced residence on Aug 26. Photo courtesy of Ascott Beijing



TALK ABOUT TOWN

Risky Business

Is danger your middle name?

Living in China can turn an everyday activity – crossing the road, catching the bus – into a perilous pursuit. And that's not even the half of it. *tbj* sent Laura Morgan out to find out what kind of dicey shenanigans Beijingers get themselves into.

“I got a sleeper bus from Shenzhen one night. The driver was driving down the wrong side of the road and swerving at the last minute to miss cars. He nearly hit someone.”



Timothy Saey, 26, businessman



Shaun Nath, 24, consultant

“I've driven a car in China. That was pretty scary.”

“I've had a few accidents when cycling in Beijing. Once I managed to get sandwiched in between a lamp post and a car.”



Martin Roos, 26, model scout



Johanna Zum Felde, 23, intern (Oxfam)

“I would say just standing in a queue in McDonald's and trying to get served!”

“Learning an American drinking game called the 99 game.”



Xavier Cormier, 32, lawyer



Tom Sampson, 20, student

“After drinking in a bar, I tried to get a taxi home, but a policeman I met at the bar said he'd drive me instead. When I got in the car, the policeman was too drunk himself and handed me the keys to drive, and so I drove.”

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Each month we run a series of questions based on the content of the issue. Answer them all correctly, and win free stuff!

This month's prize is **two tickets** to see **Kid Koala** at **Yugong Yishan** (Oct 29) plus a **Remede Amenity** luxury spa gift package from the **St. Regis Beijing**.

For more info, see Clubhouse, p62. E-mail your answers to editor@thebeijinger.com.

1. What three items would DJ Kid Koala use to solve the financial crisis?

- a) a wine glass, a celery stalk and a blade of grass
- b) the Bible, the Quran and the *I Ching*
- c) a stapler, a glue gun and a ballpoint pen
- d) a tape deck, a microphone and an mp3 player

3. The Chinese name for propaganda films can be loosely translated as:

- a) "main melody" films
- b) "merry melody" films
- c) "mainstream message" films
- d) "action documentary" films

4. A promising source of alternative green energy has been found in:

- a) streptococcus bacteria
- b) barrel cacti farms
- c) green algae
- d) gerbil-powered fuel cells

5. Which punk band from Wuhan performed at the 2008 Modern Sky Music Festival?

- a) Lost Train
- b) SMZB
- c) Guai Li
- d) AV Okubo

6. The owner of Fish Nation recently opened a new restaurant in Houhai. What is it called?

- a) Fryer's Delight
- b) Orange Tree Bistro
- c) Let's Sushi
- d) Guantanamera.com

7. In what year did the Starbucks in the Forbidden City close?

- a) 2009
- b) 2007
- c) 2005
- d) 2006

Answers to September's Trivia Travails:

1. b) Meng Jinghui 2. c) horse 3. b) bull guts 4. c) fried chicken & waffles 5. b) France 6. a) battery-powered lights 7. c) 44% 8. c) *Big Family* 9. a) London 10. d) a comic book illustrator

Last month's winners were **John Romankiewicz, Oliver Wang** and **Martin Stegelmeier**.

8. He Yunchang made artwork from his:

- a) dreadlocks
- b) wisdom teeth
- c) blood
- d) rib

9. Mao liked to eat which Western cake?

- a) Millionaire's Shortbread
- b) banoffee pie
- c) éclair
- d) tiramisu

10. Felix Mendelssohn conducted:

- a) the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
- b) the Radio Wind Orchestra Leipzig
- c) the German Radio Philharmonic
- d) the North German Symphony Orchestra

2. The Chinese did not invent:

- a) football
- b) hockey
- c) golf
- d) rugby

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