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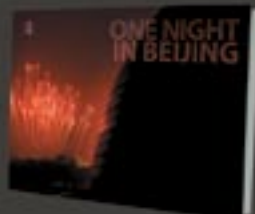
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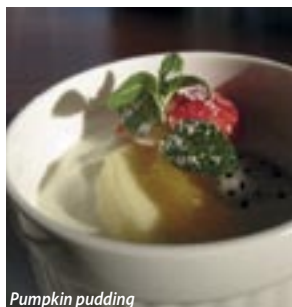
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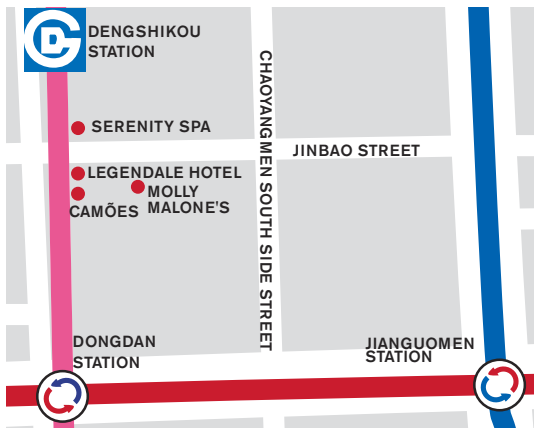
This airy and stylish Portuguese restaurant is an ideal, and slightly decadent, escape from the monotony of winter colors and flavors. Set in a cheerful, blue and yellow tiled wing of the Legendale Hotel, Camões' unique culinary offerings are a welcome break from the parade of Spanish and Italian eateries we've grown accustomed to. Awaiting diners are such refreshing dishes as the roasted snapper with clams polenta and lemon, the subtly bitey duck broth with rice and leek, and the surprisingly tart and delicious black pudding with pineapple and apple purée. The thoroughly delightful menu and ambiance deliver an experience worthy of the poet for whom the restaurant is named.

Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. Legendale Hotel, 90-92 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District (8511 3388) 东城区金宝街90-92号励均酒店

**Signature dishes** include black pudding with pineapple and apple purée (RMB 58), duck broth (RMB 35), and roasted snapper with clams polenta and lemon (RMB 170).

**Perfect for** living up grey winter days with bright flavors in a light-filled atmosphere.

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*Roast suckling pig*



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## Agua

Award winning Chef Jordi Valles is known for bringing new flavors to Beijing and the Spanish-Mediterranean food he prepares continues to stimulate the five senses. Located in the heart of Sanlituan, this restaurant's interior is classy and comfortable, with white brick walls and an open kitchen. The food is worth waiting for. Beef and porcini ravioli (RMB 98) are served in a creamy sauce and filled with intense flavor. The slow cooked Wagyu veal cheek is exquisitely tender and melds perfectly with the rich plum sauce. Finish the meal with the Caraibe Chocolate (RMB 58), a lava cake infused with slight hint of basil that lifts and brightens the deep, rich chocolate. Set menus for two are also available.

Daily noon-2.30 pm, 6-11 pm. 4/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District (5208 6188)  
[朝阳区三里屯北路81号那里花园3层](#)

**Signature dishes** include beef and porcini ravioli (RMB 98), sea bream (RMB 185), Wagyu veal cheek (RMB 180), and Agua's signature Torrija (RMB 48)

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**While you're in the neighborhood**, check out the latest Beijing designer apparel at the Nali Patio, and round out the evening with one of Apothecary's famous cocktails and a heavenly hand and foot treatment at Cocoon.





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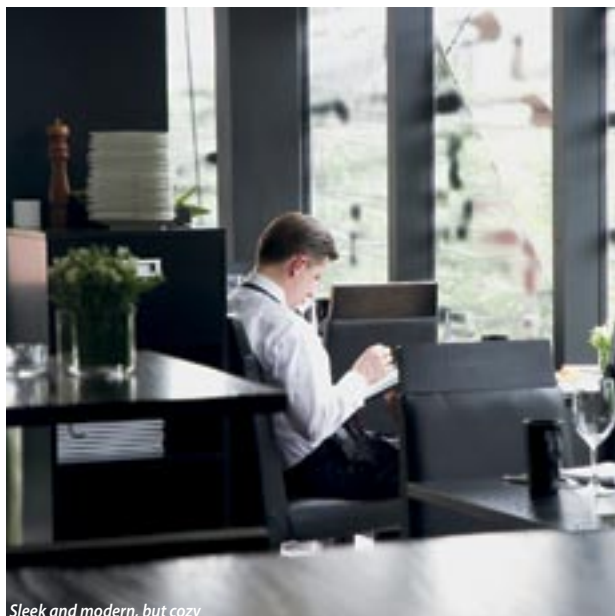
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Tues-Sun, 11am-1am. 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6591 9148)

朝阳区三里屯南路1号。

**Signature dishes** include salmon ceviche (RMB 68), tuna ceviche (RMB 68), shrimp salad (RMB 108) lamb kebabs (RMB 168), spinach empanadas (RMB 68), panna cotta (RMB 78), and churros with dark chocolate sauce (RMB 48)

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*Compiled by Millicent Malcolm*





Two cuisines, two nights, endless surprises in store

## TWO FOR TASTES

*Alan Wong and Brian McKenna show down in the kitchen*

On January 25th and 26th chefs Brian McKenna and Alan Wong, of ROOM Beijing and the Hatsune empire respectively, will take each other on in the kitchen for an evening of creative cooking and playful sabotage. Each event will feature eight never-before-seen and never-to-be-seen-again dishes, and a live broadcast of their creations.

**Agenda** caught up with the two chefs to learn more about the inspiration for this event, and what kind of rotten

tricks you can expect from them in the kitchen.

**Tell us a little bit about your upcoming event. What's the concept, and what was the motivation behind it?** **M:** Fun Fun Fun! That's the whole idea. Well, that, and the togetherness of restaurant owners. Alan and I have been talking about it for years, and now we've finally found time to do it.

“Brian and I have been talking about doing a private dinner together for some time now, but were both too busy last year with our operations. I've been so busy with business that we spent less and less time in the kitchen – this event, for me, is about picking up my sushi knife again and letting the demons out”

**W:** Basically, we're putting on a dinner where Brian and I will each make four dishes in each other's restaurants over the course of two nights. We wanted to do something unheard of – working in each other's kitchens – and we wanted to have some fun. The dishes we will be creating at these events are not something that's found on our current menus, and they will never be seen again. Brian and I have been talking about doing a private dinner together for some time now, but were both too busy last year with our operations. I've been so busy with business that we spent less and less time in the kitchen – this event, for me, is about picking up my sushi knife again and letting the demons out.

One of the things we wanted to show is that in the restaurant community, we're not all in competition with one another, but rather that we work to help the other succeed. We should all be sharing ideas, tricks of the trade, and fine wine. Most of all, we want to encourage people to stop thinking of the trade as a business, and to have more fun with it.

**How did you meet the other person, and what was your first impression of him?**

**W:** I met Brian while he was at Blu Lobster, where a couple friends and I dined at the chefs table in the kitchen. We were floored when he presented us with a 14 course meal followed by a nine course dessert. I knew from the first time I tasted his creations that he is one of the most highly skilled and inventive chefs in the world. **M:** Like Alan said, we first met in my kitchen at Blu Lobster. My first impression of him was that he was a cool guy, and at this time I didn't know he was from the industry. When I got to know him better, I learned that he was not just a cool guy, but a super talented and very successful restaurateur. What's more, he's a very laid back guy who is fun to be around, and a great supporter of hospitality in Beijing.

**One of you has a very traditional culinary background, the other one doesn't. How has your particular background influenced your working together?** **W:** I personally hope to absorb some of his culinary talent by working with him, and for him, I believe he will gain some experience working in a Japanese kitchen. I'm gonna make him create a signature roll for our secret menu.

**How do your culinary stylings complement one another, and have you butted heads on anything?**

**W:** We do come from different backgrounds, but our creativity and passion for making food are the same. During the event his molecular cuisine will meet my fusion Japanese. It's going to get ugly in the kitchen, and I can't wait! **M:** Well, I was going to answer that Alan is keeping everything top secret... (laughs)

**Any chance you'll give us a clue to what we can expect?**

**W:** I can't tell you what we're working on, but I can say that all the dishes will be served family style, and just like magic, they will only be performed once. We have no plans to repeat the event or even include the new creations in the menus. **M:** Alan has agreed to become "the real naked chef." I'm not sure what he means by it, but the ladies will love it... and some men I guess.

**Well, if you're not going to tell us what's being served, how about a joke?**

**M:** A dietician was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realize how many germs are in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all, and we all eat it. Can anyone here tell me what lethal product I'm referring to? You, sir, in the first row, please give us your idea." The man lowered his head and said, "Wedding cake." (laughs)

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**Between the two of you, you run some popular restaurants. Do you still go out to eat, drink and play, and if so, where do you go?**

**M:** Yes! I love going out for food and drinks! For food, Alan will kill me if I don't say Hatsune, so of course I go there. I do a lot of work with Da Dong and love it there. Sadler, Lei Garden,... and there are so many great local restaurants in the CBD. For drinks, I like Glen, Molly Malone's for a taste of home, and d lounge. **W:** During the day you'll find me in the snowboard park at Nan Shan, and at night, you can generally find me in Sanlitun. Other than my own restaurants and ROOMbeijing, I like Modo, Bei, Mare, Blue Frog and Lei Garden. I get stupid at Xiu, Centro, and occasionally at Suzie Wong's.

*Interview by Jennifer Thorne*

*Check out page 52 and page 53 for event details.*

**ROOMbeijing** Sun-Wed 11am-2am (kitchen closes midnight), Thu-Sat 11am-4am (kitchen closes 2am). Rm 301-302, 3/F, Park Life, Yintai Centre, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (8517 2033) 朝阳区建国门外大街2号银泰中心301-302室

**Hatsune** 1) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. 2/F, Heqiao Bldg C, 8A Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6581 3939) 朝阳区光华路甲8号和乔大厦C座2层 2) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. S8-30 (opposite Element Fresh), Bldg 8, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6415 3939) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区8号楼S8-30

**Bei** Daily 5.30-10.30pm. B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, Sanlitun Village, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6410 5230) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜伽地下1层

**Blue Frog** Daily 10am-2am. S4-30, 3/F, Bldg 4, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6417 4030) 朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village南区4号楼3层S4-30

**Club Glen** Daily 5pm-2.30am. 1949 - The Hidden City, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (behind Pacific Century Place), Chaoyang District (133 1126 1949) 朝阳区工体北路4号院(盈科中心背面)

**d lounge** Daily 8pm-late. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (across from Rock and Roll Club), Chaoyang District (6593 7710) 朝阳区工体北路4号

**Da Dong Duck** 1) Daily 11am-10pm. 5/F, Jinbao Dasha, Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District (8522 1234) 东城区金宝街金宝大厦5层 2) Daily 11am-10pm. 1-2/F, Nanxincang International Plaza, 22A Dongsishitiao, Dongcheng District (5169 0329) 东城区东四十条甲22号南新国际大厦1-2楼(立交桥西南角) 3) Daily 11am-10pm. 3 Tuanjiehui Beikou, Dongsanhuan Lu (southeast corner of Changhong Qiao), Chaoyang District (6582 2892/4003) 朝阳区团结湖北口3号楼东三环路口(长虹桥东南角)

**Centro** Daily 24hrs. 1/F, Shangri-La's Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6561 8833, ask for Centro) 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

**Lei Garden** Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-9.30pm. 3/F, Jinbao Tower, 89 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District (8522 1212) 东城区金宝街89号金宝大厦3楼

**Mare** Daily noon-11.30pm. 1/F, E-Tower, 12C Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6595 4178/2890) 朝阳区光华路丙12号数码0大厦1层

**Modo** 11am-11pm. 3/F, Sanlitun Village South (close to Element Fresh), 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6415 7207) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3楼(近新元素)

**Molly Malone's** Daily 10am-2am. Legendale Hotel, 90 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District (6522 7258) 东城区金宝街90号

**Ristorante Sadler** Daily (closed Mondays) 11.30am-2pm, 6.30-10.30pm. Chien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District (6559 1399) 东城区前门东大街23号

**Suzie Wong's** Daily 8.30pm-late. 1A Nongzhanguan Lu (west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District (6500 3377) 朝阳区农展馆路甲1号朝阳公园西门

**Xiu** Sun-Wed 6pm-2am, Thu-Sat 6pm-3am. 6/F, Park Life (entrance across from the Park Hyatt hotel lobby), Yintai Center, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (8567 1108) 朝阳区建国门外大街2号柏悦酒店6层银泰中心悦生活6层



## THE FOOD REPUBLIC

*The best of Singaporean cuisine in the capital*

*Though Singaporean malls such as Joy City, Hualian and Raffle City are enjoying unrivaled success and popularity in the capital, the same cannot be said for Singaporean cuisine, the country's other main export to China. Even amidst a elaborate and cutthroat dining landscape that leaves no cuisine unexplored, there appears to be a dearth of restaurants in Beijing dedicated to serving authentic Singaporean dishes. Nonetheless, those who are feeling homesick and craving Singaporean favorites, such as hawker-style laksa and Hainanese chicken rice, still manage to seek out and be satisfied with the available options here in town.*

**Lau Pa Sak** A Singapore eatery reminiscent of Singapore's colonial-period coffee shops, Lau Pa Sak is the de facto restaurant for Singaporean natives craving hawker-style street dishes. Lau pa Sak wastes few resources on elaborate décor, but focuses on offering dishes with a taste experience closest to Singaporean *da pai dang* specialties. Regular customers, mostly embassy diplomats and Singaporean expats who frequent the crammed diner, go for its authentic, spicy laksa, and order a cup of the *tarek* (pulled milk tea) to accompany their meal. Daily 11am-11pm Xindong Lu (opposite Canadian Embassy), Sanlitan, Chaoyang District (6417 0952) 朝阳区新东路加拿大使馆对面

**Toastbox** Imported straight from the food stalls of Singapore's Wisma Atria Mall, Toast Box and its famous bakery counterpart Bread Talk have expanded with numerous outlets in Singapore and in Beijing. Just as Bread Talk is remembered for its pork floss buns, Toast Box is famous for its fragrant cups of Nanyang Kopi coffee, grilled thick traditional Kaya toast, and soft-boiled eggs. Toastbox also offers main staple dishes such as laksa, curries, and rice noodles for lunch. With low prices unrecognizable elsewhere, Toastbox is set to achieve as much success among Beijingers as it has in its hometown. Daily 10am-10pm, B1-01, Raffles City Mall, 1 Dongzhimennan Dajie, Dongcheng District (8409 8892) 东城区B1-01来福士商场, 东直门南大街1号

**Prima Taste Kitchen** Well known in Singapore for its ready-to-make Hainanese Chicken rice and laksa

pastes, Prima Taste Kitchen features exclusively Singaporean delectable delights. With fast and efficient service, the kitchen serves up flavorful Singaporean chicken curry and coconut-based laksa, and its curry puffs are also a must-try. The Singaporean kitchen in Beijing is partnered with Swensen's, an American diner, so restaurantgoers can enjoy an interesting combination of both Singaporean and Western fares in one sitting. Daily 11am-11pm. Unit FF03, The Malls at Oriental Plaza, 1 Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District, Wangfujing (8518 6146) 东城区东长安街1号东方新天地FF03

**Malacca Legend** Singapore and Malaysia share not only a border but also many favorite local dishes. And though Malacca offers mainly Malaysian cuisine, the restaurant is in fact best known for their most Singaporean dish – the Hainanese chicken rice. This dish, unrivaled in its popularity at Malacca, is served in miniature rice balls, a feast for the eyes and the stomach. Malacca Legend also offers many Singaporean desserts, including pandan cake and crispy *nyonya* cookies, otherwise hard to find in the heart of Beijing. The Luoma lake locale may be a bit far for casual diners living in the city, but the restaurant enjoys loyal, regular customers in Shunyi, who can't get enough of their food. Malacca Legend's new Chaoyang branch is sure to bring authentic and affordable Malaysian cuisine closer to city dwellers' fingertips as well.

Daily 11am-10pm. 1) On the banks of Luoma Lake, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8049 8902) 2) 1/F Building B, Ocean International Center, 58 East 4th Ring Road, Chaoyang District (5908 0075) 1) 顺义区后沙峪镇罗马湖畔 2) 朝阳区朝阳区东四环路58号远洋国际中心B座1层

**Chef Chan** Though Singaporean owner Fabian Ho describes his restaurant as an upscale fast food canteen, Chef Chan's chic and modern décor, along with its promise to serve only MSG-free food, challenges and alters our preconceived idea of the fast food joint. Popular menu items include the Singaporean fish ball noodle soup, chicken rice, and sago puddings for dessert. Catering mainly to businessmen and those looking for a quick but satisfying meal, Chef Chan ensures that tasty Singaporean fare



will not be lost in the hurried process of delivering 'upscale fast food' to customers. Daily 10am-10pm. B1/F, You-Town Lifestyle Center (opposite Alien Street Market, northwest of Ritan Park), 2 Sanfeng Beilu, Chaoyang District (5977 5607) 朝阳区日坛公园三丰北里2号楼悠唐生活广场地下1层

**Asian Star** Asian Star is perhaps the oldest restaurant serving Pan-Asian cuisine in Beijing, which testifies to its staying power in the city's increasingly competitive restaurant industry. The first Southeast Asian restaurant ever opened in Beijing, Asian Star had its humble beginnings serving a mishmash of Singaporean, Indian,



*Laksa noodles are a capital idea*

Malaysian and Thai cuisine. And after two decades, not much has changed, except for its ever-expanding menu of Pan-Asian delights. Reasonably priced Singaporean finds in Asian Star include *bah kut teh*, or meat bone tea, and popiah, which are thin, savory crepes eaten with hoisin sauce. Daily 11 am-2.30pm, 5-10.30pm 26 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (6582 5306) 朝阳区东三环北路26号

**Hawka** Playing on the term “hawker,” which is well known among Singapore’s masses of street food vendors, Hawka is the Marriott City Wall’s classy take on street food accompanied by a five-star hotel dining experience.

Though its elegant and elaborate décor bears no resemblance to the commonplace, boisterous canteens of Singapore, Hawka serves Singaporean staples, milk teas and desserts amidst other Pan-Asian cuisine. The authenticity of Hawka’s dishes help it recreate the Singapore street food vending experience in a much more pleasant and classy environment. Nonetheless, one must remember that there is a difference between hawkers’ and Hawka’s prices. Wed-Sun 5.30pm-10pm. Beijing Marriott Hotel City Wall, 7 Jianguomen Nandajie, Dongcheng District (5811 8888 ext 8266) 东城区建国门南大街7号 北京万豪酒店

**Traders Café** With a typical a la carte hotel menu and a sprawling buffet, what makes Traders different from other lavish hotel buffets is the quality of the Singaporean and Malaysian cuisine that it offers. The restaurant’s standouts include Hainanese chicken rice, laksa (coconut curried noodles), and nasi lemak (rice soaked in coconut cream). With over 20 years of experience of bringing South East Asian food to Beijing, Traders Café is not to be missed. Daily 6am-11pm. Traders Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2277 ext 35) 北京国贸饭店朝阳区建国门外大街一号

*Compiled by Florence Sit*



Our capital city's cupcake crusader

## CHOCOLATE AND DIAMONDS

*CCSweets shop owner Carol Chow brings the cupcake craze to Beijing*

When it comes to cupcakes and sweets, CCSweets owner Carol Chow has the recipe for success. She has traveled and tasted desserts in France, Italy, Austria, Mexico, England, Spain, Australia, and lived in New York for 20 years. The desserts she makes here in Beijing use no shortening, only pure butter, and are made with primarily imported or organic ingredients. The Cs in her company name are not only her initials; they can also stand for cupcakes, cake and cookies, chocolate and caramel, ice cream, candy, or custom created sweets. Carol puts a lot of time and love into her creations, which helps make them

the sweet masterpieces that they are.

**Agenda** spoke with Chow about her business, and why there are no shortcuts in baking.

**You have lived all over the world. What brought you back to Beijing?**

I believe that China is forever changing and developing, and that it really is the place to be right now. Recently the changes I have seen in China have been very positive, and people's lifestyles have been improving. The energy here is strong and quite addicting. This is what brought me back to Beijing. Since I opened up my

business here, I have felt that Chinese people are very open, curious, and accepting of new things.

**What is your clientele like?** Right now my clientele is mainly Chinese, and a lot of them are younger. This is the market I have been focusing on. I also have expat clients as well, but many of them don't think my cupcakes are sweet enough. After some experimenting, I have found a good balance. I know what the different tastes of Chinese and expats are like. I feel that American cakes are too sweet, but after you live here for a while you lose your sweet tooth.

**The love of baking has been passed down through your family for generations. At what age did your love of baking start?**

My grandfather had a bakery in Singapore, but I didn't really know him that well. As a child I would hear stories from my mother about the bakery, and how she got to help decorate cakes when she was young. As a child I got all these images of sweets and baking in my mind, and it really stimulated my curiosity. When we moved to the US we used to do Christmas baking every year, which was a lot of fun. So I guess you can say that my real love of baking started when I was eight years old, and living in the US.

**Beijing is not known for its chocolate. As a chocolatier, how do you go about searching for good quality chocolate?**

I source all my chocolates from abroad. It's not only Beijing that uses bad chocolate, but there is a whole history of chocolate that has changed throughout the years. Even brands in the US, such as Hershey's, don't use 100% pure cocoa. This is because cocoa butter costs are really high. However, in Europe it is still more traditional, which is why I source all my chocolate from Belgium or France.

**What is your secret for making the perfect cupcake that everyone**

“After some experimenting, I have found a good balance. I know what the different tastes of Chinese and expats are like. I feel that American cakes are too sweet, but after you live here for a while you lose your sweet tooth”



**loves?** (Laughs) I am not sure that I really have a secret, but I take a lot of time and care with every recipe that I make. I usually experiment with hundreds of recipes before I decide on the one to use. I do a lot of research and experimentation before I decide on how I want the final product to turn out and what it should taste like. All cakes are made from the same ingredients, and the differences are subtle. You really don't know what they are until you bake them all at once and you try them all next to each other.

**You are also a certified gemologist. What influence has this had on your work?** My parents were both geologists, so their careers definitely influenced me to study gemology. Our whole family has always shared the love for stones. Being an artist and designer, my gemology background helped me to create new art pieces and help develop new artistic ideas.

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**Having grown up in two different worlds, how does your cross-cultural experience influence your cupcake creations, if at all?** I've tried a lot of desserts from all over the world. Every culture has its own characteristics, and no two desserts have the same taste or feeling when you eat them. A dessert can invoke an emotion, a memory from the past, or remind you of someone you know. So, because I have been able to try so many things, I can bring together all the different tastes and create something of my own.

**Being a successful businesswoman, how do you build a business around a family?** How do you build

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*"I think the reason I started my own business was because I needed another creative outlet. The most important thing in life is to try to figure out what you need to have a fulfilling life, and try to balance every part of that"*

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a business around a family? (laughs) I actually just live right upstairs from my shop. Because baking, and anything related to food is very time intensive, you can't make something and let it sit there for an entire season. That's the main reason why I chose to have my shop in this location.

**I read an interview you recently did online saying that you are collaborating with artists for some limited edition work. Can you tell us a little more about what's in store?** Yes, right now I am working with a local Beijing artist, who is creating a chocolate rabbit for us since the year of rabbit is coming up.

energy into your family. It's just plain hard. I think the reason I started my own business was because I needed another creative outlet. The most important thing in life is to try to figure out what you need to have a fulfilling life, and try to balance every part of that.

**Where do you go to get a break from the sugar rush at work?** In regard to restaurants, we usually eat around here, and I can't say that I have any real favorites. We are always trying to find a better restaurant. Madam Zhu's is a favorite of ours. Their food is always flavorful, the atmosphere is family friendly, and it's not too far from where we live. All the restaurants that we like in Beijing are Chinese. I think there are some foreign restaurants that are okay, but I think once you have had really good food in other cities, it's really hard to compare. Even the same brands that come here are just not as good here as they are in their native countries. For me, I think you should just find the best of what's available to you locally.

**The year is almost over. Any New Year's resolutions?** Hm, I don't tend to make New Year's resolutions because I never seem to be able to keep them. Right now I am just trying to enjoy my time here.

*Interview by Marla Fong*

**Madam Zhu's Kitchen** 汉舍中国菜馆, Daily 11am-930pm. B1/F, Bldg D, Vantone Center, 6A Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5907 1625) 朝阳区朝阳门外大街甲6号万通中心D座地下1层

**CC Cupcakes, Brand New China.** Daily 10am-6pm. Village North, NLG09A, Sanlitun Lu, Sanlitun, Chaoyang District [under Rolex store]. www.ccsweets.cn 朝阳区三里屯北区 NLG09A



Fields of gold baked at the Fig Tree

## UNLEASH THE GLUTTON INSIDE

### *The most delectable baked goods in Beijing*

*Get ready to put on a little weight (call it insulation) for the winter season. When it's a bit chilly out, why not walk over to your neighborhood bakery for some oven-fresh delights, or even better, have them delivered right to your doorstep. Recently, Beijing's cakes, breads, and pastries have been causing a stir amongst foreigners and locals alike.*

**Agenda** has found the perfect baked goods shops in Beijing for you to indulge in. *But be warned: after diving into the city's best bakeries, don't be surprised if your cravings for baked yummys only increase!*

**Awfully Chocolate** Chocolate lovers have finally found their place with this cake shop. Their philosophy is simple and unique: focus on quality, not variety. Their mouth watering chocolate cakes are rich in flavor, yet moist and light. Take your time and try all three of their specialties: original chocolate cake (RMB 139), banana chocolate cake (RMB 168) and rum and cherry chocolate cake (RMB 178). Daily 10am-9pm. Rm 108, Bldg 2, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5820 5826) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场2号楼108

**Bread of Life Bakery** Homemade baked goods from their house to yours. Bread of Life Bakery creates jobs and a good working environment for older, disabled orphans who bake and sell their own homemade breads,

pies, specialty cakes and cinnamon rolls. The funds will allow wheelchairs and other orthopedic equipment to be purchased or repaired for children all over China. For more information check out their website. To order please call Cheryl at (031 6608 3407). [www.breadoflifebakery.org](http://www.breadoflifebakery.org)

**CCSweets 喜喜饼房** Offering artisanal cakes, cupcakes, and cookies, CCSweets is the labor of love for Carol Chow. "CC" can stand for cupcakes, cake and cookies, chocolate and caramel, ice cream, candy or custom created sweets. Carol uses only the best gourmet, imported ingredients to make her cupcakes, cakes and cookies. Her cupcakes are not too sweet in taste but they will add some sweet memories to your celebrations. CCSweets also custom designs cupcakes, cakes and wedding cakes to order. Check their website for details and rotating flavors. Daily 10am-6pm. 13901168097) 朝阳区朝外大街6号, 新城国际T11.109店 [www.ccsweets.cn](http://www.ccsweets.cn)

**Comptoirs de France 法派** Its original branch near Guomao long established, this French delight has spread its sticky fingers and now has multiple locations throughout Beijing. Part owner and production manger Philippe Ancelet has channeled his passion and expertise for pastry mak-

ing into creating this haven of decadent delights. The bakery serves up a range of homemade ice cream, cakes, pastries, bread and chocolates. There is more than enough choice to satisfy both the sweet and the savor-tooth's out there. Voted "Outstanding Sandwiches" in the Beijinger's 2010 Reader Restaurant Awards. Daily 7am-8:30pm. 1/F, Bldg 5, Hairun International Apartment, 28 Jianguai Lu, Chaoyang District. (5135 7645) 朝阳区将台路乙2号海润国际公寓商业5号楼1层

**Homaroma 幸福坊** Homaroma is the first China-based bakery to join the international "baked from scratch" community. They are a group of bakers from around the world who don't take any shortcuts or use any mixes. Homaroma freshly grinds their nut flours each day; they use fresh fruits, natural flavors and colors. Natural baked goods rang from nut cakes, light cheesecakes, tarts, cupcakes, and cookies. No processed ingredients or food additives are used during preparation. Free delivery within 3 kilometers, otherwise a taxi fee (departing from Gongti Beilu) is charged. Daily 24 hrs. Chaoyang District. (15201173409 Eng), (13522267314 Chin). 朝阳区

**Kempi Deli 凯宾美食廊** You can savor your sweet tooth with a gift from Kempri Deli, located inside the Kempinski Hotel. This deli is more than just your average deli; it also offers a selection of velvety cakes, chocolates, and freshly made sandwiches at Western prices. Tourist and business types come to the Kempri for European style baguettes, pastries, and coffee. Made to order cakes are also available. After 9pm all baked goods are 50% off. Daily 7am-10pm. 1/F, Kempinski Hotel, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext. 5741) 朝阳区凯宾斯基饭店1层

**The Fig Tree** Located in the heart of the CBD, The Fig Tree provides the finest pastries and specialty cakes available in Beijing, as well as pastry making classes for both enthusiasts and professionals. The Fig Tree sources the best ingredients and equipment and shares secrets of the trade with their students so they can bake and make pastries successfully at home. RMB 350 gets you a two-and-a-half hour baking lesson with Cordon Bleu trained and certified pastry chef, Lin Zhong, leads her team in Beijing to share her passion for perfecting the art of pastry making. Cakes can be ordered bespoke for all occasions, at prices ranging from RMB 150-1,000

depending on the ingredients, intricacy and size. 202, Bldg A, Chaowai Soho, Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (13910566742) 朝阳区朝阳区朝外大街朝外Soho702室A座

**Lollipop Bakery** All the way from London, the Lollipop Bakery brings authentic cupcakes with moist rich cake and fluffy frosting to Beijing. Their cupcakes are freshly baked every day and decorated with a swirl of butter creme frosting. At the Lollipop bakery they are meticulous about every last detail, from the handmade sugar flower atop each cupcake to the beautiful, iconic boxes. Cupcakes can be customized for special occasions, and can be ordered by phone, email or online via their website (please note that 24-hour advance notice is required). Available at Crepanini, Fisheye Café, and Secrets from Africa, Chaoyang District. (13552772683) 朝阳区可百尼尼. 鱼眼咖啡和亦有售

**Pekotan 配口堂** Conveniently located in the heart of Beijing's Central Business District, this cafe features a deli counter, a butcher, fresh bread, and a great selection of international wines. A sibling of Japanese-run Italian cuisine Beijing institution Le Café Igosso (now Kitchen Igosso), Pekotan is a hybrid bakery/deli/grocer that aims for the stars. The onsite bakery produces a delicious array of freshly baked baguettes, rolls, and pastries. Pekotan's regulars praise these artisan baked goods as among the freshest available in Beijing. Besides the bakery, Pekotan also makes sandwiches, pizzas, burgers, and salad items at decent prices. Daily 7am-10pm. Store 21-22, Bldg 12, Central Park, 6 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6533 6605) 朝阳区朝阳门外大街6号新城国际12号楼21-22号

**Pie House 派悦坊** Word of mouth is helping Pie House grow from a pie-hungry American's dream to a Beijing expat household name. Born of American pie enthusiast Mark Huet-sch's inability to bear a pie-less lifestyle in Beijing, Pie House delivers rich, heavenly pastry free within the Fourth Ring Road or to Wudaokou. Their pie lineup includes pumpkin, French cream, key lime, and blueberry (RMB 149-249), and extends to mousses and tartlets. Each pie is filled with gooey, warm fruit deliciousness. Delivery only, order five hours in advance. Daily 9am-9pm. Wudaokou, Haidian District. (5166 4464) 海淀区五道口







Nothing fubar about the drinks at Fubar

Lounge

**Fubar 福吧**

This hidden speakeasy, which lies concealed behind a secret wall in Stadium Dogs, serves up classic and inventive cocktails in a cozy, albeit smoky, setting that makes visitors like they've returned to the prohibition era. Subversive thrill aside, Chad Lager's commitment to keeping our fake alcohol and the classy jazz tunes playing in the background make Fubar a great place to meet with friends.

Sun-Thu 2pm-2am, Fri-Sat 2pm-4am. Behind Stadium Dog, Gate 10, Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang District (6593 8227) 朝阳区工体东路工人体育场东门内10号进口

**Signature drinks** include the Mongolian Mo Fu, Dizzy Buddha and a long list of whiskeys and creative shots

**Perfect for** going undercover in the bar scene without having to leave it

**While you're in the neighborhood,** grab a bite at Stadium Dogs on your way out, or head over to Jasmine for a slightly more classy dinner option.





A sweet reminder that summer is not far away

## SWEET SALVATION

*Best drinks to help you escape the winter cold*

*Beijing winters are a mess of bad choices. If the Siberian winds are not howling around your head, you choke on smog. If your heating is actually working, then you're probably sweating up a storm reading this. Whether you need to cool down or heat up, Beijing's got some sweet options to see you through the rest of the winter.*

### Like it hot?

**2/F** Grand Marnier orange and cloves are heated up in a flask, placed in boiling water, and then lit and poured as a stream of flame into a glass, magically transforming into the Hot French. Mon-Fri 6pm-2am, Sat-Sun 6pm-4am. Sanlitun Houjiejie (south of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District (6416 4549) 朝阳区三里屯北街3.3服装大厦南侧

**Alba** Need to warm up *and* perk up? Try there classic mojito mixed with hot green tea. Daily 10am-2am. 70 Gulou Dongdajie (east of Nanluogu Xiang), Dongcheng District (6709 1383) 东城区鼓楼东大街70号

**Fu Bar 福吧** From authentic Austrian Glühwein to the hot buttered rum and hot toddies, Fu Bar offers a steady stream of creative and delicious drinks. See page 20. Sun-Thu 6pm-2am, Fri-Sat 6pm-4am. Behind Stadium Dog, Gate 10, Workers' Stadium, Chaoyang District (6593 8227) 福吧·朝阳区工体东路工人体育场东门内10号进口

**Mao Mao Chong 毛毛虫** The winter cocktail menu features decadent drinks such as the Adult Chai (black cardamom, fresh ginger and cinnamon-infused vodka), French Toast (Advocaat, Rum, warm milk, cinnamon and honey), or the lighter but equally sensuous Golden Lady (warm Amaretto with orange juice and cinnamon) and mulled wine. Daily 5.30pm-late (closed Tuesday). 12 Banchang Hutong (east off Nanluogu Xiang), Dongcheng District (15992646024) 12号(南锣鼓巷往东走)

**Scarlett** Tired of alcohol? Then gulp down hot shots of espresso (RMB 40) at Scarlett, with additional options such as French Coffee and Hot White Russians. Daily 6pm-3pm. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu (in the alley leading to Julong Garden), Chaoyang District (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极栈内

### Need to cool down?

**Apothecary 酒术** Like the pharmacists of centuries past, Apothecary trades in potions to soothe your troubles. For something sweet and sour try out their Pisco Sour. Pisco Sour is imbued with the aroma of muscatels, a hint of lemon juice, and house-made bitters, rounded out with an egg white which lends the drink

its signature creaminess. (RMB 70). Tue-Sun 6pm-late. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5208 6040) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层

**Centro 炫酷** Centro is a comfortable spot to down drinks from bottled beer to blue cheese martinis, and its famous cosmopolitans. Daily 24 hours. 1/F, Shangri-La's Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6561 8833) 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

**Q Bar** For a sweet drink that will warm you up try their raspberry sky cocktail, which consist of raspberry vodka, fresh Thai lime, cranberry juice and white sugar, Q's candy-colored cocktail is fun and brimming with flavor (RMB 50). Daily 5pm- 2am. Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号(朝阳门医院北门东100米)

**Twilight 暮光** Although Twilight lacks the favorable Sanlitun address, it is wrought from the same creativity and craftsmanship. Spirits are infused with fruit, ginger and chillis. Mon-Sat 1130am-230pm, 6pm-2am. (Behind Starbucks) 3/F, 0102, Bldg 5, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (5900 5376) 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho5号0102单元3层

*Compiled by Marla Fong*



Smooth cocktails and funky beats



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**Punk**

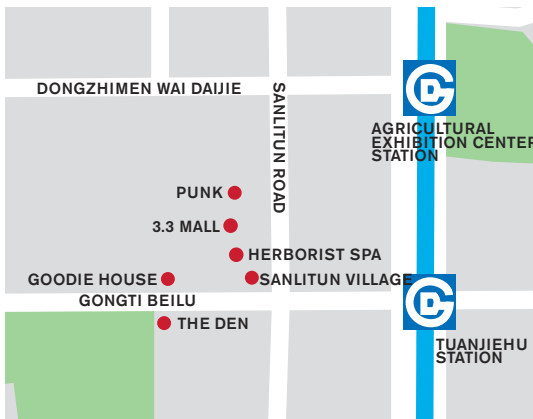
Dim lighting sets the scene at this Opposite House basement bar, where luxury goes underground. This self-proclaimed “all about sound” bar features regular DJ parties, where music mixes blending the latest punk rock and dance hits are as smooth as the cocktails. The drink list features a nice choice of New and Old World wines by the bottle, in addition to an ever-changing array of cocktails in unique flavors such as bitter gourd.

B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, Sanlitun Village, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区三立屯路11号三立屯Village1号楼B1层

**Signature drinks** creative cocktails

**Perfect for** smooth cocktails and funky beats

**While you're in the neighborhood**, start off an evening of fun by shopping at the nearby 3.3 Mall and Sanlitun Village and getting primed at the Herborist Spa. After a night of cocktails, stop into the Den or the Goodie House (located behind Jingkelong) for a late night snack.





Invest your money in liquid gold

## BREWS IN BEIJING

*Beijing's best bars for beer*

### Grab a Guinness

**Stumble Inn** This bar boasts over 100 bottled brews from around the world, as well as an intimate, romantic atmosphere. Stumble Inn also hosts "Tightarse Thursdays," when the Beijing International Darts Club battles it out and patrons get their Carlsberg and bottled Tsingtaos for the special prices of 20 and 10 RMB, respectively. Daily 10am-2am. S3-31, 3/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6417 7794) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3号楼3层S3-31

**The Tree** Split a 75-cl bottle of Trappist-brewed Chimay Blue Grand Réserve (RMB 110), while a waiter brings a simple yet flavorful Quattro Formaggi pizza your way (RMB 65). Daily Noon - 2AM. 43 Sanlitun Beiie (100m west of Sanlitun North Bar street, Youyi Youth Hostel, behind Poachers Inn), Chaoyang District (6415 9514) 朝阳区三里屯北街以西100米Poachers后面三里屯医院旁

**Great Leap Brewing** Great Leap Brewing is already renowned among beer lovers for crafting creative and satisfying drinks from local ingredients. The brews rotate every month. To add to the bargain, all beers cost RMB 25 on Thursday nights. Thu-Sat 5pm-midnight. 6 Doujiao Hutong (from Di'anmenwai Dajie, walk east down Fangzhuanchang Hutong until you hit Doujiao Hutong. Turn right then follow the road round to the left),

Dongcheng District (187 1007 7331) 东城区豆角胡同6号

**Beer Mania** Though one can find a similar selection of Belgian brands at the Tree, Beer Mania boasts a wider international beer selection overall, along with a cozy European pub atmosphere that features rustic wooden tables and benches. Daily 2pm-late. 1/F, Taiyue Fang, Nansanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6585 0786) 朝阳区南三里屯路泰乐坊1层

**The Irish Volunteer** Enjoying a Guinness from the tap is mandatory at this venue (RMB 60), with Ireland's most famous beer logo plastered all over this Lido pub. For alternatives, sample the slightly cheaper draft beers, including a Tetley's for RMB 50, or a scotch from the pub's assorted selection of whiskeys. Daily 9am-2am. 311 Jiangtai Lu (opposite the east gate of the Lido Hotel), Chaoyang District (6438 5581) 朝阳区高家园小区平房311号(丽都饭店东门对面)

**Paddy O'Shea's** This pub also offers a dependable selection of Irish and other European beers, with the kicker being the opportunity to gulp down pints while participating in Paddy's famous Wednesday 8pm trivia night. Daily 10am-late. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

**Goose n' Duck** In its third incarnation, the Goose n' Duck continues to go above and beyond with its reputation

as Beijing's premier sports bars. Along with the home-brewed beer and the flat screens TVs tuned to every athletic event imaginable, this venue provides a batting cage, a videogame room, a basketball hoop, and other unexpected features that let you unleash your inner child. Daily 24hrs. S1, Green Lake International Tower (east side of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (5928 3045) 朝阳区朝阳公园桥东侧路北观湖国际大厦1号楼首层

**Union Bar and Grille** Known for its elegant yet unpretentious cuisine and décor, this bar unique American microbrews, all for reasonable prices. We recommend that you try Hawaii's light and refreshing Big Wave Golden Ale or enjoy one of the city's best deals on Guinness during the bar's daily 4-8 PM happy hour. Mon-Fri 11am-11pm, Sat-Sun 11am-midnight. S6-31, 3/F, Bldg 6, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6415 9117) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区6号楼3层S6-31

**NOLA** New Orleans cuisine is meant to be washed down with an ice-cold beer. Indulge yourself this way at NOLA, with Bayou favorite Abita, or another choice from a broad selection of craft beers. Mon-Fri 8am-11pm, Sat-Sun 10.30am-11pm. 11A Xiushui Nanjie, Chaoyang District (8563 6215) 朝阳区秀水南街11号

**Drei Kronen 1308 Brauhaus** This German microbrewery boasts three signature beers made from a 700-year-old Bavarian recipe: a traditional and honey-sweet lager, a light and crisp wheat beer, and a malty Bavarian dark. The drinks are expensive, but customers get a half-price discount during the 5-7 PM daily happy hour. Daily 11am-2am. 1/F, Bldg 5, China View, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District (6503 5555) 朝阳区工体东路中国红街5号楼1层

**Morel's** On tap or in a bottle, Morel's has one of the largest selections of Belgium beers in Beijing, ranging from your average bottle of Duvel to the prize winning Golden Carolus Triple. 1) Daily 11.30am-1am. Gongti Beilu (opposite Workers' Gymnasium North Gate, northwest corner of the intersection with Chunxiu Lu), Dongcheng District (6416 8802) 东城区莫旁龙玺西餐, 工体北路春秀路西北角工人体育馆北门对面 2) Tue-Sun 11.30am-11.30pm. East block, 27 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6437 3939) 朝阳区莫旁龙玺西餐, 亮马桥路27号东座1层

Compiled by Phoenix Tso





These multitasking moms do it all

## MOMMY-PRENEURS YOU CAN COUNT ON

### *Michelle Hemsin and Eyee Hsu of Counting Sheep*

*Michelle Hemsin and Eyee Hsu are the owners of Counting Sheep Boutique, a store offering gear for moms, dads and kids. Not only are these two women running a small business while pursuing careers in other fields, they are also dedicated moms. From maternity clothes, baby furniture, baby shower gifts to party items, Michelle and Eyee's shop provides high quality organic and environmentally friendly products. In addition, Michelle runs two spas and Eyee hosts a television show on CCTV-9. Agenda decided to find out how they juggle being business-women and moms.*

#### **What was your inspiration for starting Counting Sheep?**

**M:** We didn't create it. We bought it over from the previous owners who were moving. I used to go to

their shop and I loved it, and when we heard they were looking to sell, we toyed with the idea because we wanted to continue having a shop here for future Beijing moms.

**E:** It provides such a great service. A lot of expat mothers were going there to get services you wouldn't normally be able to find in Beijing. It seemed like a shame to let it go.

#### **What bought you into a customer service environment?**

**E:** I was originally in management consulting and I think that because of my background I have always been interested in business. I also think everybody has a dream at some point, an aspiration. In China you come across some opportunities that you might not be able to do

in the West. Counting Sheep was a very specific opportunity. Given the timing, with my being a new mother with two kids, I feel very passionate about this industry. It seemed like a wonderful opportunity when it arose. I'm still doing TV, but it is an opportunity to do everything.

**M:** Running Bodhi Theaureptic Retreat which is located above Counting Sheep, I have experience in customer service. However, Bodhi is a completely different ball game. We just didn't want the shop to close. I have a one year old, I loved the shop, and the baby gear they stocked. So Eyee and I thought, why not us? I think we agree that, being consumers ourselves, we wanted to continue that for the other moms.

#### **How do you find juggling work with family?**

**E:** Owning your business is flexible. You can decide what time you are going to be there, unlike a corporate job where you have to work 9-5. We can take our kids to school, go to events and have family time. For both of us, we are mothers first, then owners of a small business. Our children inspire us. When you work you need to decide what is important to you. Prioritize, then plan.

**M:** Our work is great because it is the two of us doing it. We are partners. We are able to work well together and around each other's schedules. We can spend the mornings sending the children to school, work during the day, spend the afternoon with our families, and then get on the emails at night. Eyee and I compliment each other.

#### **Have your partners been involved?**

**E:** They support us. The fact that both our husbands work as well has allowed us to take a bit of risk in our business ventures. But you always have to weigh up the risk before you plunge into something new.

**M:** They give us advice, but we make the decisions.

*"For both of us, we are mother's first, then owners of a small business. Our children inspire us"*

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## What is your most interesting product?

**E:** I really like cloth dippers. In the long run it's a money saver, and it's beneficial to the earth. It's easy. They are not as difficult as people think they are, and they are simple to clean. Ours are made from fleece, so they don't stain. We are also getting in strollers with hand warmers, a particularly good accessory for the Beijing winters!

**M:** The stalk bed is also innovative. It's furniture we have imported from Norway, where the bed grows with your child. You can expand it. You can use it from new born to about 10 years. It's really an investment. We also have a lot of gifts available for expecting mothers, including a cake made completely out of diapers.

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## Do you think it's difficult promoting organic and environmentally friendly products in a country where everything is available so cheaply?

**E:** Parents are becoming conscious and concerned about what their children are eating and wearing. The idea of organic is something consumers are embracing, especially when it affects their families' health.

**M:** No, because consumers are more conscious about their footprint on the earth and the health of their families.

## What do you think is the best way to target your audience?

**E:** We just have to let them know that we are here. We are not just a shop; we are a service and a friend. We are a network of support for new moms. It can be really daunting when you don't know what is out there. You need to turn to people who know what resources are available and can offer advice. We can be that support.

**M:** We have a lot of mums who initially come in to the store and buy something. Then they come back and they start a relationship with us. They

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“If you are a career woman before you are a mother, why not be one after?”

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ask what advice can we give them, what products they should buy, what they need to do before they become a mum. We help the new mums out there. We have been through that. Something we also want our customers to know is that even if we aren't in the store, we are available for advice. Anybody, mothers or fathers, can contact us by email.

## Have you faced any hurdles so far?

**E:** Delays in renovation were a hurdle initially. Also, getting items imported will take longer in the future because

of customs regulations. Finding really good staff is also always tough. If you are thinking of starting a new business venture, don't be deterred by the fact you have children and a family. Being an entrepreneur it is more flexible. Don't hesitate because you are a new mother. I have been asked if I feel guilty about being a new mother and working. Working, for me, is something I really thrive off of, and it makes me happy. That happiness then effects how I am with my family. I also think about how my children see me, and I want them to be proud of me later on in life, too. If you are a career woman before you are a mother, why not be one after? As long as you know where you need to prioritize, you should pursue your passions.

**M:** Getting our products through customs has been a massive hurdle. Even though a lot of our products are purchased overseas, they are manufactured here in China. Purchasing them direct from China will not only have a smaller carbon footprint, but improve efficiency and shorten delivery times for our customers.

## What are your predictions for a Chinese clientele as opposed to a Western?

**E:** Education is very important. When you show them an organic product, they really understand. It is universal. It makes sense. I think Chinese mothers are looking for products that are aesthetically pleasing and versatile in design.

**M:** I think our Chinese clientele have more opportunities to travel so they can see what is available, and they understand the importance of organic and environmentally friendly products. I think they are a lot more open than they used to be. We do notice the difference between Western and Chinese clients. Chinese mothers tend to like brighter colors and accessories, whereas Westerners tend to be more conservative. We initially ordered a lot of our accessories in neutral colors, but then our Chinese clients were asking for red, purple and pink. Tastes are very different between different cultures.

## What is your favorite way to relax in Beijing?

**E:** We go to Bodhi, of course! There is not a lot of time to relax for me, but I like to get a facial when I can. Relaxing can be time consuming. When you have free time you feel like you should be with your children and family.

**M:** When I have time to relax I go for a massage downstairs at Bodhi. We also have a pre-natal massage which is great for new mothers. Upstairs we also have pre-natal and post-natal yoga. There is a real synergy through the building.

*Interview by Millicent Malcolm*

**Counting Sheep Boutique** 17 Gongti Beilu (1/F of Bodhi bldg, directly across from north gate of Workers Stadium), Chaoyang District 朝阳区朝阳区工体北路17号 (工体北门对面) Sun-Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat 10am-8pm 6417 7622



Yuliya makes business fun

## INTERNATIONAL KIDS-NESS

*Yuliya Mavletbaeva of Family Fun with Yuliya*

*When Yuliya Mavletbaeva came to Beijing from Tajikistan eight years ago, she arrived with a suitcase, USD 300, and a degree in international business that she didn't plan on using. During her time here she has pursued her passions for education and community, working mostly in preschools. But since having a child of her own she has reinvented her career and begun teaching a range of classes for moms and their kids under the moniker Family Fun with Yuliya. Not only has this venture allowed her to integrate her work with her private life, it has also finally given her a chance to apply her business knowledge. **Agenda** sat down with Mavletbaeva to find out about life*

*as a mommy-preneur, and how to build a family-centered company.*

**Tell us a little bit about yourself** I've been living in Beijing for eight years, ever since I finished at university. I came with a degree in international business, but I've never used it. When I got here I started teaching English, teaching kids, working in preschools, and things like that. Basically everything I've been doing in my eight years here has had to do with kids, but I was never "in business." Then I had my daughter, who is twenty-one months old now. And since then I decided to combine my business

skills with being a mom and having all of this other background.

**How would you describe your clientele? Do you have Chinese clients as well as foreigners?** My clients are mostly English speakers. They are primarily foreigners, but I have some English-speaking Chinese clients as well. I do speak Chinese, but it's not usually good enough to let me conduct these classes with Chinese families. For example, I teach Kindermusik classes, but they're not just about music and dancing; they're also about explaining the benefits of doing these types of activities. And to do that, you really need to be able to communicate effectively. What I'm really trying to do is to create a community and share my experience as a mom with other moms. So working with Chinese families is going to come, but gradually, not right away. Plus, all of my other stuff is in English right now: my blog, my newsletters, and so on.

**What is the key to running an international business in Beijing?** (Laughs). Oh my goodness! I don't have it! I started my business because I already knew the market I was getting into, and I think that's pretty important. I had experience working with kids, working in Chinese schools and in international schools, and working closely with moms, so it all came out of that experience. I knew all about the types of programs already being offered, and I knew which new programs I wanted to bring out. So in the eight years I've been here, I've gathered a lot of information. Although I hadn't planned on starting something of my own, everything came into place after I had my daughter. That's when I started to really understand the parents I was working with. So for me, it's never came from a business mentality, but just from wanting to share what I have with other people. But I am beginning to use some of what I learned in university.

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**What inspired you to start your business initially?**

I actually visited a career coach, who helped give me the little push I needed to get started. I knew what I was I had always wanted to do, but I hadn't yet come to the realization that I could do it. So at that point I started pursuing the various certifications I needed, and putting together courses. I started with one program, Kindermusic, and I've very gradually been adding more. So now I have Salsa Babies, Salsa Kids, Belly Dancing Babies (belly dancing for moms and their kids), and Baby Massage, and Zumba Fitness. It's wonderful because unlike working in kindergartens, the parents are involved, and you see the benefit they get from the classes right away. Now I'm adding an online shop and a children's book library, and I've also started a newsletter, and the Beijing Family Fun Forum. It's just starting so we don't have many members yet, but it's growing into a great resource.

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*"It's not about having a class and then saying goodbye right after class is over. It's really about giving parents a place to meet and socialize and support one another"*

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**Have you encountered any problems or challenges in the process of developing the business?**

Well, I want to make my classes very affordable. I only charge prices that I would be willing to pay if I were taking a class with my own daughter. So I think the worst thing is the cost of materials, because they all need to be imported from overseas. I need to use quality materials, and because of shipping, and taxes, it ends up being really expensive. The other thing is that I need to take on some assistants, because at the moment I am doing almost everything by myself, including the website!

**What factors are you keeping in mind as you expand your business?**

First, I want to enjoy the classes myself. So I'm not going to do any classes that I think will just make money. If I enjoy

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*"I've worked in a lot of different jobs here in Beijing. And most of them have made me really tired. But since I started this business, I have been crazy busy, but never tired"*

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it and my daughter enjoys it, then I know it's a good class. More than that, though, I am trying to build a community. It's not about having a class and then saying goodbye right after class is over. It's really about giving parents a place to meet and socialize and support one another.

**Would you describe China as a fertile climate for baby-related shops and services?**

It is. You know, I don't do detailed, year-by-year research on the market here. I leave that for the big companies. But you don't need to have that to know that this is a growing industry. We have more and more foreigners in Beijing every year. This inevitably brings a lot

environment. I like all of these different styles of dance, and meeting people from all over the world, and I want to be a part of that, and expose kids to that.

**You came to China right after leaving university. What made you decide to settle in Beijing in the first place?**

It's close to my country. China shares a border with Tajikistan. I had a friend who had been here for a year, and she asked me if I would like to go and I said yes! I didn't know what I was going to do here, and I didn't have any experience, but I just took a chance. I started teaching in a special Canadian kindergarten program. My friend actually told me not to go to Beijing, because I wouldn't find a job, but I found one within a week of coming here.

**What is your favorite thing about working in Beijing?**

Well, it's a little hard to judge because my entire professional life has been here. I came right after leaving the university. But I can say that it's changed a lot in the last few years. Things have really opened up. It used to be that there were only a few places that foreigners could really live, but now there are an amazing number of options.

**When you're not working, what do you like to do around town? Any favorite restaurants or bars?**

Well, now that I have my daughter, I've stopped going to bars. There used to be a nice club called Latinos, but it's gone now. That's where I originally got my passion for salsa dancing. Now I like to organize girls' nights out and moms' nights out, where we can get together and not talk about kids!

*Interview by Nikolaus Fogle*





Pursue your inner peace at the Yoga Yard

## MEDITATIONAL PURSUITS

*Just as our bodies are finally starting to recover from the excesses of Christmas and New Year's Eve, we find ourselves staring down the feasts and festivities of China's Spring Festival. In order to give our bodies and minds a chance to recharge when the fun is over, why not take up a yoga class and let life's stresses melt away? Sign up and get flexing at one of the following centers.*

**Alona Pilates Studio** Reformers and other Pilates equipment is available for semi-private or private classes at the Westin studio. Daily 7:30am-9:30pm. 1) 5/F, Heavenly Spa, Westin Chaoyang Beijing, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (Chinese: 5820 6920; English: 139 1029 0260, voselena@hotmail.com); 2) Rm 802, Bldg 6, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5820 6920, 139 1029 0260, voselena@hotmail.com) www.alonastudio.beijing.com 1) 朝阳区新源南路一号5层; 2) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场6座802

**Bikram Hot Yoga with Huiping Mo** Various class cards and unlimited access passes available from RMB 600-4,200. Daily 10am-6:45pm. 5/F, Bldg E, Pacific Century Place, 2A Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6539 3434, 139 1051 3285) bikramyogabeijing.googlepages.com PCC盈科会所, 朝阳区工体北路甲2号盈科中心E座5层

**Easy Yoga, Easy Life** This studio offers professional instructors, small classes, one-on-one teaching, and a special outdoor morning yoga experience. The courtyard-style studio, home-made flower tea, music, and fragrance are all designed to invoke the yoga spirit, on your lunch hour. The location

is very convenient for employees at Jianwai SOHO. Rm. 503, Bldg 2, Jianwai SOHO (5900-0850) 建外SOHO 2号楼503

**Fine Yoga** Classes in a range of yoga styles are available, including ashtanga, bikram, flow, hatha and yin. Daily 7am-9pm. Class schedule varies by location. 1) Rm 501, 5/F, Bldg A, Soho New Town, Dawang Lu, Chaoyang District. (8589 6474, 5900 3192); 2) 3/F, Le Lemon Lake Club House, Shunyi District (next to Capital Paradise). (Sherri 139 1176 7521, Cindy 133 9190 0713) 1) 朝阳区建国路88号Soho现代城A座5层501室; 2) 顺义区后沙峪镇莱蒙湖别墅会所三层 www.fine-yoga.com

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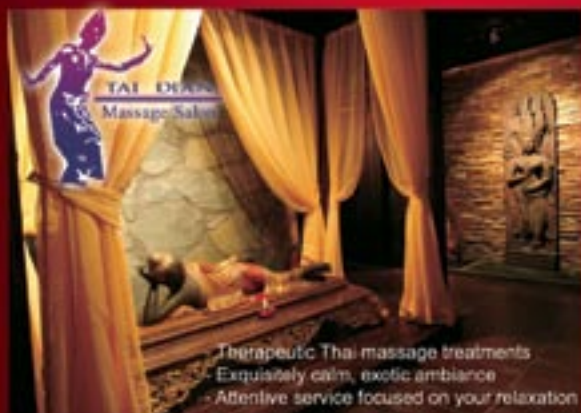
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Katy Sinnott has work-life stresses curled around her fingers

## UNTANGLING WORK-LIFE BALANCE

*Eric Paris Salon CEO Katy Sinnott talks about how she got into the hair industry*

*Hair salons abound in Beijing, but for the past years, Eric Paris Salon has been a favorite among expats. At the helm of the operation sits CEO Katy Sinnott, who left a career with an international bank to join her husband in Beijing. Now, the working mother balances her home and work life around the clock, and managed to squeeze in some time to tell **AGENDA** how she got started in the hair industry, and how she found balance in her life.*

**How did you end up in this profession?** In my first job I worked at HSBC, which allowed me to live

in about 36 countries and travel a lot. I traveled all around the world – the Middle East, South America, all over Asia, and Europe. It was a great job. I was young and I really enjoyed being chauffeured everywhere. After that I worked as a consultant, and still traveled, albeit not as extensively. The problem with this kind of lifestyle is that it affects your relationship, and my husband was a key factor in bringing me here. He was building his business and career here, and we work well together, so I decided to join his company in 2004. I am very happy now, even if my traveling days are over.

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**Your husband is your business partner as well; did you meet while living in China?** I did meet him in China.

It's actually quite a romantic story how we met. I had left Hong Kong to come to Beijing. At that time I had come to stay in Beijing for about six months, and was staying with a Chinese family. I wanted to stay local and not get my hair done, or get any sort of beauty treatments. My resolution only lasted three months, and then I went crazy and couldn't stand it anymore. I had to get my hair done! So I went to Eric's salon, and that's how I met him. He cut my hair, and I had never had such good hair in my life. I was amazed at what he had done. A week later we went out, and after that we were inseparable. We've been together since 1999, and after that I never left China.

**Was it always a dream of yours to work in the hair industry?** Honestly

I never thought about joining the hair industry. Growing up I always wanted to be an entrepreneur. I knew I wanted to work for myself, but I just didn't know in what industry. Being a constant entrepreneur himself, Eric definitely influenced me to get into the hair salon business, and has been my mentor ever since.

**Beijing has so many hair and beauty salons, how do you compete?**

We never really compete with the Chinese hair salons directly. Our salon is very French and unique, and we just compete with ourselves to try and make ourselves better. We always try to have high quality customer service, keep our customers happy with good-looking hair, carry high-end hair products, and keep our salon looking clean and presentable. The hair industry is so huge and there is definitely room and opportunity for everyone.

**How do you explain your success?**

Eric, it's all about Eric. (laughs) He has been here in Beijing since 1996 and

pretty much started the first-born salon chain here. He did a lot of events with L'Oréal and Schwarzkopf, did a lot of networking with them, and helped introduce their products and hairdressing into the Chinese market. Eric is a great hairdresser, and has a background in French hairdressing, which is pretty much known worldwide. Our salon's great hair cutting skills and high quality customer service is really the reason for our constant success.

**Can you describe what is an average day at the salon is like for you?**

I spend about 50 percent of my time in the salon, and about 50 percent in the office. Everyday I come into work, I check in with reception, see

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what kind of appointments there are for the day. I also check to see if there are any dissatisfied customers – I think it's very important to know what makes them happy or unhappy. Next I go around and talk to all the hairdressers and get their feedback as well. We are always checking to see if we need to add any extra services or provide extra training. So that's primarily what I focus on – the customer aspect of the job – because I am not a hairdresser. And then lastly, I usually check the salon, to make sure they have enough products on the shelves, that stands are plugged in, and of course talk to all the customers and introduce myself so that they know who I am.

**Being a successful businesswoman, how do you find time in your busy schedule to balance work and your family life?** Before I had a child I had no balance in my life at all. None. Period. But that was okay because

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**How has your time in Beijing influenced you?**

Living here in Beijing has made me more patient, because we all know that doing things in China takes a lot more time. The culture and language here is different from mine, and since my Chinese is not that fluent I try to be careful when talking to my employees. I use a lot of repetition when talking to them, and am always very patient, which I don't think I was before I came to China.

**Where do you go when you need to take a break from the salon?**

I actually go to two places. One place is my home. In my previous career, I lived in hotel rooms, so going home for me was like going on a holiday. To play with our son Andreas we love to go to Ritan Park. It's beautiful, and you can see people doing all sorts of bizarre things there. You see people singing, tap dancing, playing different musical instruments, dancing... my son absolutely loves it! We don't really go out anymore. Eric and I enjoy baking and cooking at home, and we recently bought our son a play kitchen, so when we're in the kitchen cooking, he's on the side playing too.

*Interview by Marla Fong*

**How do you keep your hair looking so fabulous despite being a working mom?**

(laughs) Every five minutes I have free I go and do my hair! Actually my son Andreas comes with me to the salon when I do my hair, and he loves it here! He comes to play with everybody; he actually sweeps the floors while I do my hair. He's our youngest employee here and we give him one kuai a week.

**Eric Paris** 1) Daily 10am-8pm. 43 Sanlitun Houjie, Chaoyang District (135 0137 2971) 朝阳区三里屯后街43号 2) Daily 10am-8pm. Stall 123, Kerry Centre Shopping Mall, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (139 1179 8376) 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心商场123 3) Daily 10am-8pm. Lido Hotel, 112 Jichang Lu, Chaoyang District (135 0107 5843) 朝阳区机场路112号丽都饭店

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**While you're in the neighborhood,** stop at Mango Mango for a mouthwatering (you guessed it!) mango dessert. If your visit to emoi has put you in the mood for trendy shopping, head for The Thing, a branch of the Shanghai design collective known for its vast array of hip designer T-shirts.



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Mary Peng is serious about pet food safety

## CANINE CRUSADER

*Mary Peng of International Center for Veterinary Services*

Mary Peng is a pet owner, a pet lover, and the business brains behind the International Center for Veterinary Services (ICVS). A veteran of the health care profession, she now devotes her time and energy to overseeing the business operations and community awareness programs of the ICVS. **Agenda** met up with Peng to learn more about her work to improve food safety, and what it says about China's regulatory landscape as a whole.

**What have you seen in terms pet food safety?** Pet ownership in China is fairly new, and so the pet food market is also new. But the industry has grown very quickly, and also chaotically. There are not really a lot

of laws and regulations, and on top of that, it is always difficult to enforce things in a country this large. People are swayed by advertising; they're seduced by foreign import brands, and someone inevitably decides to fulfill this demand. Where there is a demand, there will be a supply. This is where the problem of fake foods and parallel imports originates.

Many people like to blame these problems on the government, but the China actually exercises tremendous regulatory supervision over food and drugs – there's a Chinese State Food and Drug Administration, there's a General Administration of Quarantine and Inspection, and other quality assurance bodies. But there

are also many channels for illegal imports, and because these products are often transported in less than ideal conditions, there really is no guarantee that they are safe, even if they are the original brand. This is why it makes sense to buy products that are legally sold in China, because if products aren't legally registered, and they haven't been tested and approved by the appropriate authorities, then they're black market smuggled goods, and this is where the danger begins.

Pet food safety is not the only thing you need to be aware of. Another big problem that we see is counterfeit drugs and vaccinations being given to animals. Most people aren't aware of how strictly China controls rabies vaccinations, and it is very difficult to obtain the legal license to become a vaccination clinic, and to maintain it. It requires veterinary clinics to have a special pharmacy, and the government conducts frequent random checks to ensure that none of the vaccines go missing. If you're getting your pet vaccinated, you need to look for the big, golden sign that is given to these establishments, because if they don't have it, your pet is not being vaccinated, but probably being injected with saline solution or vitamin B.

**What characterizes a legally registered pet food product?** A lot of things. Legally registered products have SFDA approval, they've undergone inspections from the General Administration of Quarantine and Inspection, they have an authorized, designated distributor that handles all of their local clients, and they only sell to retailers who promise to ensure good quality and good storage conditions. For example, Iams/Eukanuba has a designated distributor in China. They import directly from the manufacturer, and that distributor oversees the whole supply chain. They control the way the food is brought here, make sure it's stored in temperature-controlled warehousing, that

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*"if you've been using smuggled goods, and there's a safety problem, you have no way of knowing how the product was brought into the market. If you're not working within legal channels, there are tremendous risks that I don't think most consumers even think about, until something happens"*

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everything is within expiration date, they monitor all of the trucks that send the product around the country, they deal with authorized retailers with whom they have contracts. And if there's ever an issue with quality, you can contact the distributor, and they'll take it away and do a lab test on it, and if there is some sort of quality issue, they'll take full responsibility. They'll replace the product, they'll refund the money, and if any animal is sick, they take responsibility if there is a direct link between the food they sell and the health of the animal.

### **What kind of problems have you seen arise from parallel imports?**

The pet food safety issue really came into the news in February of 2009 with a product called Youge, or Optima. It was not sold in China by the manufacturer or any of its authorized distributors, but was smuggled in. Legally, it was never intended for sale in China, and the manufacturer, which I believe is an American com-

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pany, that this was a dangerous product, because it was sitting on the shelf alongside products that were legally registered, and if your dog is one of the ones that got sick from it, you have no legal recourse. The most you can do is start to alert the appropriate government bureaus, and they'll probably start an investigation, but that takes a long time. The best thing to do is to be an educated pet owner and consumer.

### **When talking about toxic food, we usually hear about fake goods.**

**How much of the problem can be attributed to illegal imports versus fake goods?** I would say that the parallel imports are the bigger share of the market as opposed to the outright counterfeit. But there are counterfeit

A lot of my clients come in when a new pet shop has opened up and ask me if their products are legitimate. When I take a look at what they've got on their shelves, I know for sure that a number of them are not. So please, be very careful. If you're not sure, visit our website, or if you have any questions, contact us. We're more than happy to help you. And there are legally registered pet foods at all price points. So there will be something that is affordable for every family.

### **So, if you suspect that your animal may have been poisoned, what would be the first symptoms to look for?**

Well, it depends on what the poison is. After all, sometimes they just eat something bad off the street. But some of the more classic symptoms are vomiting, diarrhea, and lethargy. There might also be excessive drooling, or pain in the abdomen. But anything that doesn't look right to you is probably not right. Trust your instincts. You know your pets' behaviors and personalities better than anyone – probably even better than the doctors upon an initial consultation. And if you think something's wrong, call your hospital and bring your pet in sooner rather than later. Sometimes animals just go off their food – they stop eating it. If it goes on for more than a day, that should be a red flag. Bring your pet in and bring its food in, along with its packaging. This helps us alert the manufacturer that there might be a quality issue with one of their products. There are some very big American brands that everyone knows, and everyone loves, and that I constantly see on the shelves around town, and nobody knows that they're parallel imports.

*Interview by Jennifer Thomé and Nikolaus Fogle*

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pany, was equally stunned to find out that their products had wound up in China. It was warehoused for a long time during the Olympics, when companies couldn't distribute many of their products because of national security concerns. The product was kept in very hot, not temperature-controlled, warehouses in southern China for months and months, and it got moldy. There is a very toxic mold called Aflatoxin, which basically destroys the liver. Animals started to get sick and develop liver failure, and twenty or thirty of them died. Now, as a consumer, you would never know

products too, and the counterfeits are so good that you really need the manufacturer's staff to come and look at the packaging to tell the difference. This is another reason that it's best to buy from bigger retailers and more reputable retailers. At ICVS we have a retail pet shop, and we won't buy from any vendors that aren't legally licensed by the SFDA. I also ask for their contract with the manufacturer, and double check it with the manufacturer directly. We understand the China market better than anyone, and we have a commitment to all of the pets and their families.

## ● THURSDAY, JAN 13

### Film: Crime and Punishment ▶

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## ● FRIDAY, JAN 14

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## ● TUESDAY, JAN 18

### Creative Industries Networking

Networking evening for the fashion, media, hospitality, arts, marketing, advertising, P.R., glamour, and creative industries. Dress to impress or be creatively simple. An evening to forge new connections with the secret army that toil night and day to ensure that we know what's hot and what's not. Zeta Bar, Hilton Beijing 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5050) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号希尔顿饭店2层

## ● WEDNESDAY, JAN 19

### Celebrity Chef Volume II

Hosting a one night only event, Josh Emmett, currently Australia's most sought after chef of Restaurant Maze, Melbourne, and protégé of Gordon Ramsay, brings you exciting tastes from Down Under. RMB 988 net per person (including wines). Astor Grill 3/F, St. Regis Hotel Apartments, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6460 6688-2386) 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店公寓3层

## ● SUNDAY, JAN 23

### Pastry Cooking Class

Discover the art of gourmet baking with French pastry chef Jean-Luc Vasseur. Includes dinner and wines at Trattoria La Gondola RMB 398+15%. 3-6pm. Kempinski Hotel Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6465 3388) 凯宾斯基饭店, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

## ● MONDAY, JAN 24

### Chocolatey Feast

All month. Chocholics, rejoice! This alluring menu starts with chocolate foie gras, proceeds to coffee-braised short ribs with chocolate sauce, and finishes with chocolate mousse. RMB 388+15%. 6-10.30pm. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

## ● TUESDAY, JAN 25

### FC Club (Beijing) Business, Executives, Entrepreneurs and Finance Social Networking Evening ▶

Networking event for business people, entrepreneurs, executives, finance professionals, managers, expatriates, global mobility providers and service providers. (RMB150-200). Register before 7:30pm on Monday 24 January and only pay RMB 150. The non-discount price is RMB 200. St. Regis Hotel 21 Jianguomen Waidajie, Chaoyang District (6460 6688) 朝阳区建国门外大街 21号

## ● SATURDAY, JAN 15

## NFL at Luga's ▶

Watch the NFL with bottles of Coors or Sol (six for RMB 98), or RMB 20 mixed drinks. Free. Luga's Villa 7 Sanlitun Houjie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)



## ● SUNDAY, JAN 16

## Pierre Pardat Piano Trio

French pianist Pierre Pardat takes over the Sunday session. Free. 9:30pm. East Shore Live Jazz Café 2/F, 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di'anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District (8403 2131) 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层

## ● THURSDAY, JAN 20

## Wind Down at the Wine Club

Discover some of the world's wine regions with sommelier Julia Zhu. Includes five wines, expert commentary and canapés. RMB150+15%. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

## ● FRIDAY, JAN 21

## Film: Family Resemblances

In one birthday meal at a restaurant, a French family relives a smorgasbord of history, tensions, grudges and delights. Directed by Cédric Klapisch. In French with Chinese and English subtitles. RMB 20, RMB 10 (students). 3pm. French Cultural Centre 16 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District (6553 2627) 朝阳区工体西路16号

## ● SATURDAY, JAN 22

## Blingwood

Dress up as any Hollywood star past, present or animated. RMB 2,000 cash prize for the best-dressed "celebrity." Table reservations recommended; call Hill at 138 1085 8776 to book. Free. 9pm. Bling Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商区5-1

## ● WEDNESDAY, JAN 26

## ROOMsune Dinner

Two of Beijing's best-known restaurateurs, Alan Wong of Hatsune and Brian McKenna of ROOMbeijing, will join forces to cook an eight-course dinner featuring original recipes. Wong and McKenna will each cook four courses, and all hijinks will be displayed on screens for diners to enjoy. See also Jan 25. RSVP required; call Lisa Zhao at 8517 2033. (RMB488, RMB588) (includes free-flow wine). 7-10pm. ROOMbeijing Rm 301-302, 3/F, Park Life, Yintai Centre, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (8517 2033) 朝阳区建国门外大街2号银泰中心301-302室



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## THURSDAY

→ 5PM ←

**Film: Crime and Punishment** This modern adaptation of the Dostoyevsky novel sees a young slaughterhouse worker facing the machinations of society. Part of Aki Kaurismäki: A Retrospective, celebrating the acclaimed Finnish New Wave filmmaker. In Finnish with Chinese and English subtitles. RMB 15. 5pm. UCCA Dashanzi 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (8459 9269) 尤伦斯当代艺术中心, 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区

→ 5.30PM ←

**Wine Ritual** All month. Had a rough day? Unwind in sophisticated surroundings with free-flowing wines and cocktails, including some featured wines. Canapes and snacks also provided. RMB 198+15%. 5.30-7pm 1/F, St. Regis Hotel Beijing, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District (6688 ext 2360) 东城区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店1层

→ 6PM ←

**One Kilo o' Brisket 'n Ribs** Slow-cooked brisket and ribs, courtesy of Louisiana chef Max Levy. RMB 300 (2-3 people can share). Daily 6pm-midnight. Apothecary 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5208 6040) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层

→ 6.30PM ←

**Wind Down at the Wine Club** Discover some of the world's wine regions with sommelier Julia Zhu. Includes five wines, expert commentary and canapés. RMB 150+15%. Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

→ 7PM ←

**Film: Juha** A simple peasant couple has their lives thrown asunder when a city man comes and lures the wife away. Part of Aki Kaurismäki: A Retrospective, celebrating the acclaimed Finnish New Wave filmmaker. With Chinese and English subtitles. RMB 15. 7pm. UCCA Dashanzi 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (8459 9269) 尤伦斯当代艺术中心, 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区



Chill Chasers at Aria

→ 7.30PM ←

**Spanish Jazz** Enjoy live jazz and all-you-can-eat paella and sangria after work. RMB 98. 7.30pm-midnight. Cabare 15-1, Bldg 15, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 1760) 朝阳区朝阳公园南路6号蓝色港湾15号楼15-1号

→ 8PM ←

**Reiki Share** This spiritual practice is based on the belief that you can transfer healing energy through the palms. After a brief meditation to unwind, you'll move onto Reiki. No previous experience necessary. RSVP at kocooinfo@kocoonspalounge.com. RMB 50 (includes tea and homemade cookies). Kocoon Rm C301, 3/F, North Bldg, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beijie (west side), Chaoyang District (5208 6068) 朝阳区三里屯北街西侧81号那里花园北楼3层C301室

→ 10PM ←

**Jackson Twins** Mon-Sat. Funk and soul classics from the '70s and '80s golden age. Free. 10pm. Lan Club 4/F, LG Twin Towers, 12B Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (5109 6012/13) 朝阳区建国门外大街乙12号LG双子座4层朝阳区建国门外大街乙12号LG双子座4层

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**Liu Ding's Store** Until Jan 16. A utilitarian economic model – a shop – to establish a platform for thinking and discussion centered around the creation of value? Or an art practice

that expresses the artist's visions and imagination of politics? Free. Galerie Urs Meile. 104 Caochangdi Village (take the airport service road north past the fifth Ring Road, turn right at the China Film Museum billboard and continue to the traffic light. At the light, veer right onto a slanted road and continue heading right. The gallery is the two-story gray building on the left), Chaoyang District (6433 3393) 朝阳区草场地村104号

**Chocolate Feast** All month. Chocoholics, rejoice! This alluring menu starts with chocolate foie gras, proceeds to coffee-braised short ribs with chocolate sauce, and finishes with chocolate mousse. RMB 388+15%. 6-10.30pm. Elements 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

**Bodega Fever** All-you-can-eat tapas for RMB88, and sangria for RMB38 a glass. Scarlett Hotel Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu (in the alley leading to Julong Garden), Chaoyang District (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内

**Chill Chasers at Aria** A steaming bowl of hot and nourishing soup is the ultimate winter comfort food. Aria's Matthew McCool serves up hearty winter soups including smoked lobster consommé, and ham hock and split pea soup. Aria 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6505 2266 ext 36) 中国大饭店, 朝阳区建国门外大街1号

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9PM

**Bunny Year Party** Warm up for the Year of the Rabbit a la Suzie Wong. Expect bunny costumes. RSVP to 138 1112 3770. RMB 100. 9pm. Suzie Wong's 1A Nongzhanguan Lu (west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District (6500 3377) 朝阳区农展馆路甲1号朝阳公园西门

**Candyland** Special shots all night, along with cotton candy and lollipops. Table reservations recommended; call Hill at 138 1085 8776 to book. Free. 9pm. Bling Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商务区5-1S

10PM

**DJ Tob** Germany's DJ Tob blends funk, jazz, electro, and house smoother than a cappuccino. Free. 10pm. Q Bar Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号(朝阳门医院北门东100米)三里屯南路逸羽连锁酒店顶楼

11.30PM

**BassKake** Harikiri, Kimurahrh, Mikey D and Verkytyet play the tunes. Free. 11.30pm. School 53 Wudaoying Hutong, Chaoyang District (6402 8881) 朝阳区五道营胡同53号

5PM

**Film: Bohemian Life** This modern adaptation of La Vie de Bohème follows three penniless artists as they become friends in Paris. Part of Aki Kaurismäki: A Retrospective, celebrating the acclaimed Finnish New Wave filmmaker. In French with Chinese and English subtitles. RMB 15. 7pm. UCCA Dashanzi 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (8459 9269) 尤伦斯当代艺术中心, 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区

**Cajun Shrimp Boil** All month. Family-style shrimp boil, where groups can share a giant feast of spicy shrimp, corn-on-the-cob, sausage, potatoes and more. Reserve one day in advance; minimum of four diners. RMB 98. 5-9pm. Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q .14 Dongdaqiao Lu (on the corner of Guanghua Lu), Chaoyang District (6591 9161) 朝阳区东大桥路14号贵友大厦正北200米

6PM

**Thank Funk It's Friday** Half-price drinks from 6-9pm. Free. 6pm. Zeta Bar 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5050) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号希尔顿饭店2层

**Seafood Carnival** Dive into king crabs, oysters, lobster, caviar and salmon – have it steamed, fried or roasted to your taste at live cooking stations. RMB 328+15% (including beer and wine). 6-10pm. Elements, Hilton Beijing 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District (5865 5020) 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

7PM

**Film: Leningrad Cowboys Go-America** Hopeless European rock musicians journey to the New World. In the words of the UCCA: "Ugly actors, good feelings. Yeah." Part of Aki Kaurismäki: A Retrospective, celebrating the acclaimed Finnish New Wave filmmaker. In Finnish and English with Chinese and English subtitles. RMB15. 7pm. UCCA Dashanzi 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (8459 9269) 尤伦斯当代艺术中心, 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区

8PM

**Chill Out** Out with the laptops, in with the cocktails and jazz. Free. 8-11pm. The Bookworm back of Bldg. 4, Sanlitun Nanjie, Chaoyang District (6586 9507) 朝阳区三里屯南街4号楼

8.30PM

**Back to 80's Ricky Sixx**, Kick Ass and three young bands kick off a glamorous rock show. RMB60, RMB50 (advance, students) MAO Livehouse 111 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District (6402 5080) 东城区鼓楼东大街111号

9PM

**Alfa Generations** Hits from down the decades to current-day classics. Free. 9pm. Alfa 6 Xingfu Yicun (in the alley opposite the north gate of Workers' Stadium), Chaoyang District (6413 0086) 朝阳区幸福一村6号工体北门对面的胡同里

9.30PM

**Live Music Night** Robbie Hennebray entertains. Free. 9.30pm. Paddy O'Shea's 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号朝阳区东直门外大街28号

**Yak-Tipping Party** RMB50 gets you free-flow selected drinks until 2am. Free. 9.30pm. Tao Yao Bar Beiguanfang Hutong (southwest of Houhai Nanyan, 300m west of Yinding Bridge), Xicheng District (8322 8585) 西城区后海南沿北官房胡同(后海南沿银锭桥西300米)

10PM

**Basement** Two-for-one drink specials until midnight. Free. 10pm. Punk B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, Sanlitun Village, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6410 5222) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍地下1层

**Xia Jia Piano Trio** Free. 10pm. East Shore Live Jazz Café 2/F, 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di'anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District (8403 2131) 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层



Dive deep into the Seafood Carnival at Elements

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→ 7.30AM ←

**Duolemeidi Ski Resort** Until Jan 16. Weekend trip to Nanshan's out-of-town cousin, which features better and longer slopes. Price includes transport, accommodation, dinner, entrance fees, and equipment. All levels welcome. Reservation required. RMB1,500 (RMB 1,300 if paid in advance). 7.30am. Culture Yard 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

→ 10AM ←

**9th Red Bull Nanshan Open Local Qualifier** Open to all. This is your last chance to take a remaining spot in China's biggest slopestyle competition. 10am. NIKE 6.0 Nanshan Park, Shengshuitou Cun, Henanzhai Town, Miyun County. (138 1045 9745) 南山滑雪度假村有限公司, 密云县河南寨镇圣水头村

→ NOON ←

**Taste of Brazil** SALT offers Brazil's national dish, *feijoada*. Traditionally eaten on Saturday, this stew features slow-cooked beans and homemade sausage with seasoned rice. RMB 148. Noon-3pm. SALT. 2/F, 9 Jiangtai Xilu (opposite the Japanese School, west of Rosedale Hotel), Chaoyang District (6437 8457) 朝阳区将台西路9号2层(珀丽酒店西边)

→ 1.30PM ←

**798 Art District Tour** An "insider's view" of the factory complex that became the hub of contemporary Chinese art. Cost includes guide, tea break and gallery tickets. Meet at east gate of 798 Art District RMB190, RMB 170 (children under 16). 1.30-6pm. Ninety Percent Travel. Dashanzi art district, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798大山子艺术区 Jiudaowan Zhongxiang Hutong (southeast of Beixinqiao subway station), Dongcheng District (8915 3613) 东城区九道湾中巷胡同1号(北新桥地铁站东南边)

→ 2.30PM ←

**NFL at Luga's** Watch the NFL with bottles of Coors or Sol (six for RMB 98),



Music to undie for at Punk

or RMB 20 mixed drinks. Free. Luga's Villa 7 Sanlitun Houjie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

→ 3PM ←

**Film: Family Resemblances** In one birthday meal at a restaurant, a French family relives a smorgasbord of history, tensions, grudges and delights. Directed by Cédric Klapisch. In French with Chinese and English subtitles. RMB 20, RMB 10 (students). 3pm. French Cultural Centre 16 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District (6553 2627) 朝阳区工体西路16号

→ 9PM ←

**Alfa's Pure '80s Party** You know what to expect. Two-for-one drinks before midnight. RMB30. 9pm. Alfa. 6 Xingfu Yicun (in the alley opposite the north gate of Workers' Stadium), Chaoyang District (6413 0086) 阿尔法. 朝阳区幸福一村6号工体北门对面的胡同里

**Return of DJ Keza** Bling's original resident is back with his trademark dance tunes. Table reservations recommended; call Hill at 138 1085 8776 to book. Free. 9pm. Bling Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商务区5-1

→ 10PM ←

**No Go Die** Lazka (aka DJ Harikiri) unleashes his own funkstep and afrostep productions on the basement. No

Go Die chief DJ Slide supports. Free. 10pm. Siif 67 Beiluogu Xiang, Dongcheng District (6406 9496) 东城区鼓楼东大街北锣鼓巷67号

**Liu Yuan Saxophone Quartet** China's jazz forefather keeps the Houhai shores smooth. Free. 10pm. East Shore Live Jazz Café 2/F, 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di'anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District (8403 2131) 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层

**The M - Boysnoize Records Tour with Housemeister and DJ Edotronic** If you saw Boysnoize in October you'll want to see this pair. RMB150, RMB100 (advance). 10pm. The Star Live 3/F, Tango, 79 Heping Xijie (50m north of Yonghegong subway station), Dongcheng District (6425 5677) 东城区和平西街79号糖果三层(雍和宫桥路北50米)

**Zombie Disco Squad** House duo reflect their multiple influences - everything from African rhythms to Baltimore. RMB50, free (before 11pm). 10pm. Punk B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, Sanlitun Village, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6410 5222) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍地下1层

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**Dash Berlin** Trance and dance from the creators of the Vengaboys. (Yugong Yishan 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District (6404 2711) 惠公移山东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政府旧址西院

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SUNDAY

11.30AM

### Sparkling at Kempinski Sundays

Lavish food and live jazz for the adults, and endless fun for children in the House of Knowledge kindergarten. Family brunch (RMB 328), sparkling package (RMB 368, includes unlimited home-brewed Paulaner beer, sparkling, white and red wine) champagne package (RMB 448), kids brunch ages 6-12 (RMB 164) available. 11.30am-3pm. For reservations and more information call 6465 3388/4222. Kranzler's Restaurant & Bar, 50 Liangmaqiao Road, Chaoyang District (6465 3388) 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

### St. Regis Garden Court Sunday Brunch

**Garden Court** The St. Regis restaurant serves a brasserie-style buffet featuring an extravagant champagne brunch on Sundays, as well as an open kitchen and large seafood station. RMB 398 includes free flow Mumm champagne. Available 11.30am-3pm every Sunday. St. Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6460 6688 ext. 2340) 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店

**Bubbalicious** An array of cold and hot dishes and desserts, along with juice and smoothie stations. A kids' corner entertains the young'uns. RMB368+15%

(includes unlimited champagne), RMB 149+15% (kids 6-12). 11.30am-3.30pm. Seasonal Tastes, Westin Beijing Chaoyang (5922 8880) 朝阳区朝阳区酒仙桥路2号院798艺术区706后街1号

**Bubbly Sundays** Caviar, live seafood, tartare stations, make-your-own sushi rolls, teppanyaki ice cream and much more. RMB368+15% (includes free flow of Pommery Pop champagne), RMB 148+15% (kids younger than 12), free (kids under 6). 11.30am-3pm. Senses, Westin Financial Street The Westin Beijing, Financial Street, 9B Financial Street, Xicheng District (6629 7810) 西城区金融街9B

**Italian Sunday Brunch** Buffet selection includes seven breads (e.g. focaccia, ciabatta and pane carasau), four cured meats, five Italian cheeses, and four desserts (e.g. panna cotta, tiramisu). Hot dishes range from pasta, risotto and spaghetti to monkfish, eggplant terrine and the classic veal shank ossobuco. RMB248 (buffet only), RMB338 (buffet and hot dishes). 11.30am-3pm. Sadler Ristorante, Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District (6559 1399) 东城区前门东大街23号 东城区前门东大街23号

### FIZZtastic Champagne Brunch

Premium Taittinger Champagne on free-flow and a lip-smacking array of international gastronomy, including lobsters and assorted goodies brought direct to your table. RMB258+15% (free-flow soft drinks), RMB368+15% (free-flow wine), RMB388+15% (free-

flow champagne). 11.30am-3pm. Vasco's, Hilton Wangfujing 5/F, Hilton Beijing Wangfujing, 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District (5812 8888 ext 8411) 东城区王府井东街8号希尔顿北京王府井酒店5层

### Ultimate Sunday Brunch

The organic station and superfood bar at this sumptuous buffet make healthy eating simple. There's also champagne risotto and fresh imported yellowfin tuna. RMB268+15% (beer and wine), RMB368 +15% (champagne). 11.30am-3pm. BLD, Renaissance Beijing Renaissance Beijing Capital Hotel, 61 Daongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (5863 8888) 朝阳区东三环中路61号北京富力万丽酒店

### Sunday Champagne Brunch

Get your bubbly on at Greenfish's lavish Sunday brunch featuring pan-fried foie gras, seared beef medallion and grilled lobster served tableside. RMB 348+15%. 11.30am-3pm. Greenfish, Ritz-Carlton Financial Street 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District (6601 6666 ext 6255) 西城区金城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店

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### American Sunday Roast

Prime beef rib cut tableside with all the trimmings, plus traditional desserts. RMB178+15%, RMB98+15% extra for wine buffet. Noon-3pm. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

7PM

### Speed Dating

Chat with a prospect for six minutes, then move onto another person. No need for an awkward exit strategy. Reserve at [www.fishbowl-events.com](http://www.fishbowl-events.com). RMB150 (includes a drink and appetizers). 7pm. Location TBD. (131 6122 9172)

7.30PM

### Ballet: Spartacus

The Moscow Classical Ballet celebrates the Soviet spirit with this Khachaturian work. RMB180-1,280. 7.30pm. Beijing Exhibition Theater. 135 Xizhimen Waidajie, Xicheng District (6835 4455) 北京西城区西直门外大街135号

### Beijing Foodies Charity Dinner

Join the Foodies in their delicious fight against the woes of the world. RSVP to [bjfoodies@gmail.com](mailto:bjfoodies@gmail.com). Proceeds go to Starfish Foster Home. RMB 120. MARE. 1/F, E-Tower, 12C Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6595 4178/2890) 朝阳区光华路丙12号数码01大厦1层



The Moscow Classical Ballet's Spartacus



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## MONDAY

### 2.30PM

**Traditional English Tea** All month. Indulge in tea and scones as well as other dainty delights in the elegance of Writer's Bar at Raffles. RMB 268. 2.30-5.30pm. Writer's Bar, Raffles Hotel Raffles Beijing Hotel, Main Lobby, 33 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District (6526 3388 ext 4181) 东城区东长安街33号。北京饭店莱佛士一层

**Chow Down on Dim Sum** All month. Stuff yourself at lunch with an all-you-can-eat a la carte dim sum. RMB98. 11.30am-2.30pm. Ming Court, Langham Place Langham Place, 1 Er Jing Lu, Beijing Capital International Airport (southwest of Terminal 3), Chaoyang District (6457 5555) 朝阳区首都机场二经路1号朗豪酒店(T3航站楼西南)

### 4PM

**Burger Burger Mondays** Come hungry. Two-for-one on all signature burgers. 4pm. Blue Frog S4-30, 3/F, Bldg 4, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6417 4030) 朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village南区4号楼3层S4-30

### 5PM

**Cajun Shrimp Boil** All month. Family-style shrimp boil, where groups can share a giant feast of spicy shrimp, corn-on-the-cob, sausage, potatoes and more. Reserve one day in advance; minimum of four diners. RMB98. 5-9pm. Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q 14 Dongdaqiao Lu (on the corner of Guanghua Lu), Chaoyang District (6591 9161) 朝阳区东大桥路14号贵友大厦正北200米

### 5.30PM

**Wine Ritual** All month. Had a rough day? Unwind in sophisticated surroundings with free-flowing wines and cocktails, including some featured wines. Canapes and snacks also provided. RMB 198+15%. 5.30-7pm. Press Club Bar, St. Regis Hotel 1/F, St. Regis Hotel Beijing, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District (6460 6688 ext 2360) 东城区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店1层

### 6PM

**Chocolatey Feast** All month. Chocoholics, rejoice! This alluring menu starts with chocolate foie gras, pro-



Spice things up with the Cajun Shrimp Boil at Tim's Texas BBQ

ceeds to coffee-braised short ribs with chocolate sauce, and finishes with chocolate mousse. RMB 388+15%. 6-10.30pm. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

### 7PM

**Chinese Language and Culture Club** The Chinese teachers will teach you the stuff you really want to know, like slang and cursing, pick-up lines, what the popular music is nowadays and more. Register at contact@cultureyard.net. RMB 75/workshop, RMB 250/month (4 workshops). Culture Yard 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

### 7.30 PM

**Bookworm Pub Quiz** Ask a silly question, get a trivial answer. Prizes to be won. Free. 7.30pm. The Bookworm. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District (6586 9507) 朝阳区工体北路4号院

### 11PM

**Late Supper** All month. Perfect for those working late, Terra is offering a selection of dishes with special wine pairings selected by owner Gaby Alves. 11pm-1am. TERRA 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

### TIMES VARY

**Wine Tasting Classes** All month. Learn how to taste wines like the experts, and get your Wine & Spirit Education Trust certification. Class fees

for each of the three levels include all study materials, exam fees, and of course, wines. Dragon Phoenix Fine Wine Consulting (5960 4050, info@longfengwines.com)

**Risotto Madness** Jan 2-31. Indulge in Chef Paolo Ascani's best-loved risottos, prepared with the freshest ingredients. Smoked duck and orange risotto with foie gras, lobster and scallop risotto with saffron, black ink risotto with fried baby squid ... the list goes on, but all are family recipes. RMB 98-128+15%. Trattoria La Gondola, Kempinski Hotel. Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6465 3388 ext 5707) 朝阳区凯宾斯基饭店亮马桥路50号

**Spice Trail: Authentic Sichuan Buffet** All month. Turn up the heat this winter with pepper-packed Sichuan food, renowned for its spicy "tongue-numbing" dishes. RMB 258+15% lunch, RMB 298+15% dinner. Scene a Café, China World. China World Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6505 2266 ext 35) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大饭店

**Temptation Mondays** Get over the Monday blues with 30% off any bottle of wine. Mosto. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5208 6030) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层

**Chinese Regional Cuisine** All month. Discover the art of chopping, marinating and stir-frying. Featured cuisines include Cantonese, Hunan, Sichuan and Beijing homestyle. RMB 220, RMB 200 (members). The Hutong (159 0104 6127) www.the-hutong.com

# JAN 18

## TUESDAY

### 11AM

**Lunch Rapido** Tue-Fri. Can't decide what to have for lunch? Enjoy two daily specials and a glass of wine, local beer, or juice. RMB 98. 11am-2pm. Terra. 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

### 5PM

**Terra-fic Tuesdays** Two-for-one Stellas, imported beers for RMB 28 (or RMB100 for a bucket), RMB 38 caipirinhas and mojitos, RMB 48 for a glass of champagne and 20 percent off on all bottles of wine. Free. TERRA 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

### 5.30PM

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### 6PM

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### 7PM

**Volleyball** Competitive volleyballers play once a week near Houhai. 7pm. Details at [beijing\\_volleyball@hotmail.com](mailto:beijing_volleyball@hotmail.com)

### 7.30PM

**Dance: Fuego!** Dance sensation Carmen Mota debuts her theatrical dance spectacular in China. The performance combines Spanish and modern dance with explosive color, staging, and lights. RMB180-980. 7.30pm. Beijing Exhibition Theater (6835 4455)

### 7.30PM-10PM

**Creative Industries Networking** Networking evening for the fashion, media, hospitality, arts, marketing, advertising, PR., glamour, and creative industries. Dress to impress or be creatively simple. An evening to forge new connections with the secret army that toil night and day to ensure that we know what's hot and what's not. Register by calling 139 1109 8002 or emailing [eventbj@fcclub.com](mailto:eventbj@fcclub.com). RMB 150, RMB 90 if you register before Jan 17. Zeta Bar, Hilton Beijing 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5050) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号希尔顿饭店2层

### 8PM

**NFL at Luga's** Watch the NFL with bottles of Coors or Sol (six for RMB 98), or RMB 20 mixed drinks. Free. Luga's Villa 7 Sanlitun Houjiejie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

**Enoterra Ladies Night** Free-flow Burgundy bubbles. Free. 8-10pm. Enoterra D405, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5208 6076) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园D405室

### 9PM

**Jazz Jam Session** Jazz lovers gather. Free. 9pm. Jiang Hu Liveshow Bar. 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiaodaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District (6401 4611) 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

### TIMES VARY

**Liu Xiaodong: Hometown Boy** Until Feb 20. Contemplate the complexities of the homecoming with Liu Xiaodong as he travels to his old village to paint people and places. Exhibition includes paintings, journal entries, and a documentary by Hou Hsiao-hsien. RMB15 (free with student ID). Ullens Center for Contemporary Art 798 Dashanzi Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (8459 9269) 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号大山子艺术区

**20th Anniversary Preview Exhibition** Red Gate Gallery celebrates their 20th anniversary. Features works by Chen Yufei, Han Qing, Island 6, Jiang Weitao, Su Xiping, Shi Zhongying, Xie Guoping, and Zhou Jun, and includes oil and acrylic paintings, LED displays, installations, and print. Curated by Brian Wallace. Free. Red Gate Gallery 1/F and 4/F, Dongbianmen Watchtower, Chongwenmen Dongdajie, Chongwen District (6525 1005) 崇文区崇文门东大街东便门角楼楼上

**Drink For Charity** The bar donates RMB 10 per drink to Children of Madafu, a charity helping orphaned and abandoned children. Free. Beer Mania 1/F, Taiyue Fang, Nansanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6585 0786) 朝阳区南三里屯路泰乐坊1层

**Temptation Tuesdays** Enjoy your favorite wines at 30% off. Modo 3/F, Sanlitun Village South(close to Element Fresh), 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6415 7207) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区3楼(近新元素)



Get Connected at FC Club's Creative Industries Night

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WEDNESDAY

4PM

**Buy One Burger, Get One Free** From steakhouse to swiss & 'shrooms – double your fun. 4pm. All-Star Sports Bar & Grill Bldg 5, 1/F, Solana Shopping Mall, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际南区5-1

6.30PM

**Jeet Kune Do Class** This form of martial arts was founded by Bruce Lee himself. Try your hand at Jeet Kune Do, which teaches you not to adhere to any one style, but rather to absorb what's useful from all combat systems. RMB 120 (class), RMB 400 (8 classes). 6.30-8.30pm. The Hutong (6404 3355) www.thehutong.com

**Basketball** Play with the Angels. 6.30pm. General Administration of Sport of China Training Center. www.angels-club.com.cn

7PM

**Badminton** Shuttlecock shenanigans. 7-10pm. Contact John at johnsk\_ho@hotmail.com.

7.30PM

**Introduction to Tea Workshop** Everything you need to know about Chinese tea, from taste to storage to preparation. Reserve at contact@cultureyard.net. RMB 50, RMB 40 (advance). 7.30-9.30pm. Culture Yard 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

8PM

**Jazz Night** What goes well with pad thai and green chicken curry? Jazz, obviously. Rotating musicians entertain weekly. 8pm. Purple Haze Courtyard. 1, Dongsi Liutiao (east exit), Dongcheng District (6501 9345) 东城区东四六条1号

**Ladies' Night** House wine is on the house, gender permitting. Free. 8-10pm. Dao Le 2-012, 22 International Art Plaza, Pingod, 32 Baiziwang Lu, (east of the Today Art Museum), Chaoyang District (5821 1353) 朝阳区百子湾路32号苹果社区22院街艺术区2-012 (今日美术馆东侧)

8.30PM

**Paddy's Quiz** Which quiz host swears



Celebrity Chef Josh Emmett dazzles the palette at Astor Grill

the most? Prizes for every round and more. Free. 8.30pm. Paddy O'Shea's 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

9PM

**Kamilla Quartet** Brazilian jazz covers and originals. Free. 9pm. Salud 66 Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng District (6402 5086) 老伍. 东城区南锣鼓巷66号

**Martini Tasting Wednesdays** Try three new creations and vote on your favorite. You may even get the chance to name one of them. RMB100. 9pm. Q Bar Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号 (朝阳门医院北门东100米) 三里屯南路逸连连酒店店顶楼

**Zhang Jing** Second session of the tasty folk artist. Free. 9pm. Jianghu Liveshow Bar. 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧. 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

**Bling's Got Talent Open Mic Night** Sing your heart out to win an RMB700 Bling gift card. RMB 2,000 cash prize available on the last Wednesday of the month. Table reservations recommended; call Hill at 138 1085 8776 to book. Free. 9pm. Bling Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际南区 5-1

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**Celebrity Chef Volume II** Hosting a one night only event, Josh Emmett, currently Australia's most sought after chef of Restaurant Maze, Melbourne, and protégé of Gordon Ramsay, brings you exciting tastes from Down Under. RMB 988 net per person (including wines). Astor Grill 3/F, St. Regis Hotel Apartments, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6460 6688-2386) 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店公寓3层

**Mixolo-G Night** Price and time TBD. Scarlett Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu (in the alley leading to Julong Garden), Chaoyang District (6552 3600) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内

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**Chill Chasers at Aria** A steaming bowl of hot and nourishing soup is the ultimate winter comfort food. Aria's Matthew McCool serves up hearty winter soups including smoked lobster consommé, and ham hock and split pea soup. Aria China World Hotel 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6505 2266 ext 36) 中国大饭店. 朝阳区建国门外大街1号

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THURSDAY

11AM

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6PM

**One Kilo o' Brisket 'n Ribs** Slow-cooked brisket and ribs, courtesy of Louisiana chef Max Levy. RMB 300 (2-3 people can share). 6pm-midnight. Apothecary 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5208 6040) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层

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6.30PM

**Wind Down at the Wine Club** Discover some of the world's wine regions with sommelier Julia Zhu. Includes five wines, expert commentary and canapés. RMB 150+15%. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

7.30PM

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**Spanish Jazz** Enjoy live jazz and all-you-can-eat paella and sangria after work. RMB 98. 7.30pm-midnight. Cabare 15-1, Bldg 15, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 1760) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾15号楼15-1号

8PM

**Allie Webb** Mon-Sat. LA singer belts out pop and jazz tunes. Free.

8pm-midnight (Mon-Thu), 9pm-1am (Fri-Sat). Aria 2/F, China World Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6505 2266 ext 6644) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大饭店二层

9PM

**Reggae Thursday**

Pick a tropical cocktail to go with your reggae. Free. 9pm. Q Bar Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号(朝阳门使馆区北门东100米)三里屯南路逸羽连锁酒店顶层

**The M - Make The Girl Dance**

**Wall of Death Tour** French electro duo come supported by local DJs Saul D, Donald Summer and Liman. Visuals from Zhiqi. RMB100, RMB 80 (advance). 9pm. Yugong Yishan 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District (6404 2711) 愚公移山东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政政府旧址西院

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**The Third Party** Jan 7-24. The third and final part of The Third Party trilogy. Curated by Beatrice Leanza. Free. Platform Chin. 319-1 East End Art (Zone A), Caochangdi Village (take the Airport Service road one exit past Wuhuan Lu, take the first right and turn north on the road opposite the Chang Jian Driving School), Chaoyang District (6432 0091) 朝阳区草场地村319-1 艺术东区A区内(机场辅路由南往北五环路第一个路口路东·长建驾校对面路口)

**Fabriqu e en Chine** Featuring 12 Chinese artists, the exhibit plays on the loaded notion of things being "Made in China." Free. Beyond Art Space 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, 798 art district, Chaoyang District (5978 9561) 朝阳区酒仙桥路2号798艺术区

**Bodega Fever** All-you-can-eat tapas for RMB88, and sangria for RMB 38 a glass. Scarlett, Hotel G Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu (in the alley leading to Julong Garden), Chaoyang District (6587 1578) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极栈内

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French electro duo Make The Girl Dance



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FRIDAY

10AM

**Talk: Spring Festival** Familiarize yourself with the traditional preparations for Chinese New Year, which involve the annual housekeeping and the worshipping of the kitchen god. This talk will explain the history, symbolism and customs of the entire first month of the lunar new year. Price TBD. 10-11.30am. China Culture Center 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6432 9341) 朝阳区亮马桥路29号安家楼肯特中心院内

10.30AM

**Exhibition: "Brilliant" Jewelry Collection** Until Jan 23. If you missed the launch, you can still view the jewelry at the exhibition in the Symphony Room. Free. 10.30am-6pm. Kempinski Hotel Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6465 3388) 凯宾斯基饭店, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

3PM

**Film: Family Resemblances** In one birthday meal at a restaurant, a French family relives a smorgasbord of history, tensions, grudges and delights. Directed by Cédric Klapisch. In French with Chinese and English subtitles. RMB 20, RMB 10 (students). 3pm. French Cultural Centre 16 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District (6553 2627) 朝阳区工体西路16号

6PM

**Seafood Carnival** Dive into king crabs, oysters, lobster, caviar and salmon – have it steamed, fried or roasted to your taste at live cooking stations. RMB 328+15% (including beer and wine). 6-10pm. Elements, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5020) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

**Thank Funk It's Friday** Half-price drinks from 6-9pm. Free. 6pm. Zeta Bar 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5050) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号希尔顿饭店2层

7.30PM

**CBA: Beijing Ducks vs. Xinjiang Guanghui** The Ducks take on the best from the far West. RMB 40-260. 7.30pm. Beijing Shougang Basketball



Partake in poetry, haggis and copious quantities of whiskey at the Bookworm Burns Supper

Center 105 Fushi Lu, Shijingshan District (8829 6156) 首钢篮球中心, 石景山区阜石路105号

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8PM

**Chill Out** Out with the laptops, in with the cocktails and jazz. Free. 8-11pm. The Bookworm Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District (6586 9507) 朝阳区工体北路4号院

9PM

**In3** Rhyming and beats from the local hip-hop legends. RMB 100, RMB 80 (advance), RMB 60 (students). Yugong Yishan 2-3 Zhang Zizhong Lu (former Duan Qirui government building, east of Ping'an Dadao), Dongcheng District (6404 2711) 东城区张自忠路2-3号段祺瑞执政政府旧址西院

**The Hot Club of Beijing** Let's see how hot you can get in January's gypsy jazz. RMB 30. 9pm. Jianghu Liveshow Bar 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧, 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

**Alfa Generations** Hits from down the decades to current-day classics. Free. 9pm. Alfa 6 Xingfu Yicun (in the alley opposite the north gate of Workers' Stadium), Chaoyang District (6413 0086) 朝阳区幸福一村6号工体北门对面的胡同里

9.30PM

**Live Music Night** Robbie Henne-bry entertains. Free. 9.30pm. Paddy O'Shea's 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

**Yak-Tipping Party** RMB 50 gets you free-flow selected drinks until 2am. Free. 9.30pm. Tao Yao Bar Beiguanfang Hutong (southwest of Houhai Nanyan, 300m west of Yinding Bridge), Xicheng District (8322 8585) 西城区后海南沿北官房胡同 (后海南沿银锭桥西300米)

10PM

**DJ David** David Mitchell plays everything from deep soul to hip-hop. Free. 10pm. Q Bar Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号 (朝阳门医院北门东100米) 三里屯南路逸羽连锁酒店顶楼

**Xia Jia Piano Trio** Jazz pianist operates on his keyboards. Free. 10pm. East Shore Live Jazz Café 2/F, 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di'anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District (8403 2131) 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层

TIME TBD

**Bookworm Burns Supper** Partake in poetry, haggis and copious quantities of whiskey to toast Scotland's bard. Price and time TBD. The Bookworm. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District (6586 9507) 书虫书吧朝阳区工体北路4号院

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22 SATURDAY

9AM

**Songzhuang Artist's Village Tour**

Visit the art district that's rougher and rawer than 798, and get hands-on in an artist's studio. Cost includes lunch and guide. Meet in front of McDonald's at Ginza Mall (southeast corner of Dongzhimen Qiao). RMB 390, RMB 350 (children under 16). 9am. Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com www.90percenttravel.com)

10AM

**9th Red Bull Nanshan Open** The biggest snowboard event in China returns. Pros, locals and the lucky qualifiers take on the Nanshan park for TTR ranking points and a prize purse. 10am. NIKE 6.0 Nanshan Park, Shengshuitou Cun, Henanzhai Town, Miyun County (138 1045 9745) 南山滑雪滑水度假村有限公司, 密云县河南寨镇圣水头村

11AM

**Salsa Dance Classes** A salsa teacher from New York teaches salsa to students of all levels. No partner necessary. RMB 1,990 (4 classes). 11-11.50am. Golden International Dance Academy 10/F, Chongwen Culture Center, 7 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District (6708 0167 x15) 崇文区崇文门外大街7号崇文区文化馆10层 www.goldendancing.com

NOON

**Taste of Brazil** SALT offers Brazil's national dish, feijoada. Traditionally eaten on Saturday, this stew features slow-cooked beans and homemade sausage with seasoned rice. RMB 148. Noon-3pm. SALT 2/F, 9 Jiangtai Xilu (opposite the Japanese School, west of Rosedale Hotel), Chaoyang District (6437 8457) 朝阳区将台西路9号2层 (珀丽酒店西边)

1PM

**Black Sesame Gourmet** Learn the secrets of Chinese cooking from master chefs in a courtyard kitchen. Class includes a demonstration, hands-on cooking, plus lunch. RSVP required. RMB 300. 1-4pm. Black Sesame Kitchen 3 Heizhima Hutong, Dongcheng District (136 9147 4408) 东城区东城区黑芝麻胡同3号 www.blacksesamekitchen.com

**Indoor Field Hockey** Ice hockey minus the fights and ice. For more info, e-mail bjhockeyclub@hotmail.com. 1pm. Ole Football 5 Dongshimencun Lu, Baiziwang Qiao, Dongsihuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (6776 0608) 朝阳区东四环中路百子湾桥东石门村路5号

2.30PM

**NFL at Luga's** Watch the NFL with bottles of Coors or Sol (six for RMB 98), or RMB 20 mixed drinks. Free. Luga's Villa 7 Sanlitun Houjie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

6PM

**Red Light Revolution Art Auction and Party** Bid for adult toys and other

merchandise at this fundraiser to help Red Light Revolution, "China's first sex shop comedy," get a released on local screens. RMB 50 (includes one glass of wine or beer). 6-10pm. Salud 66 Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng District (6402 5086) 老伍, 东城区南锣鼓巷66号

9PM

**Blingywood** Dress up as any Hollywood star past, present or animated. RMB 2,000 cash prize for the best-dressed "celebrity." Table reservations recommended; call Hilu at 138 1085 8776 to book. Free. 9pm. Bling Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号Solana蓝色港湾国际商区5-1

**Let's Get Mojitoed!** Buy-one-get-one-free on everyone's favorite minty drink. Free. 9pm-1am. Scarlett Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District (6552 2880) 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京栈线内

**Here and Now: Documentary Photography in Contemporary Spain**

Fourteen photographers capture new looks at Spain through honest first-person perspectives. Price TBD. 9-6pm. Instituto Cervantes 1A Gongti Nanlu, Chaoyang District (5879 9666) 朝阳区工体南路甲1号

**DJ Paul** Groove-oriented mix of nu sound, soul and electronica. Free. 9pm. Q Bar Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号(朝阳门医院北门东100米) 三里屯南路逸连连锁酒店顶楼

10PM

**Liu Yuan Saxophone Quartet** China's jazz forefather keeps the Houhai shores smooth. Free. 10pm. East Shore Live Jazz Café 2/F, 2 Qianhai Nanyanlu (just to the west of the post office on Di'anmenwai Dajie), Xicheng District (8403 2131) 西城区地安门外大街前海南沿2号楼2层

**Bang** DJ Bitesize Buddha and Saul D smash the basement. Free. 10pm. Punk B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, Sanlitun Village, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6410 5222) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍地下1层

11PM

**A Goaproductions Showcase** The Goaproductions crew is back, with DJs Microgram, Gotama and friends. For more info, call 130 4118 0727 or e-mail info@goaproductions.com. Free. 11pm. Yue Restaurant and Bar 1-7 Lucky Street, 1 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5867 0285) 朝阳区朝阳公园路1号好运街1-7



Bring on the Red Light Revolution at Salud

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SUNDAY

10.30AM

**Exhibition: "Brilliant" Jewelry Collection** Until Jan 26. If you missed the launch and the other exhibition, you can still view the jewelry at this final exhibition. Free. 10.30am-6pm. Yan Club 1/F, Kunlun Hotel, 2 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6590 3690) 朝阳区新源南路2号昆仑饭店1层

11.30AM

**Sparkling at Kempinski Sundays** Lavish food and live jazz for the adults, and endless fun for children in the House of Knowledge kindergarten. Family brunch (RMB 328), sparkling package (RMB 368, includes unlimited home-brewed Paulaner beer, sparkling, white and red wine) champagne package (RMB 448), kids brunch ages 6-12 (RMB 164) available. 11.30am-3pm. For reservations and more information call 6465 3388/4222. Kranzler's Restaurant & Bar, 50 Liangmaqiao Road, Chaoyang District (6465 3388) 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

**St. Regis Garden Court Sunday Brunch Garden Court** The St. Regis restaurant serves a brasserie-style buffet featuring an extravagant champagne brunch on Sundays, as well as an open kitchen and large seafood station. RMB 398 includes free flow Mumm champagne. Available 11.30am-3pm every Sunday. St. Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6460 6688 ext. 2340) 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店

**Bubbalicious** An array of cold and hot dishes and desserts, along with juice and smoothie stations. A kids' corner entertains the young'uns. RMB368+15% (includes unlimited champagne), RMB 149+15% (kids 6-12). 11.30am-3.30pm. Seasonal Tastes, Westin Beijing Chaoyang (5922 8880) 朝阳区朝阳区酒仙桥路2号院798艺术区706后街1号

**Bubbly Sundays** Caviar, live seafood, tartare stations, make-your-own sushi rolls, teppanyaki ice cream and much more. RMB368+15% (includes free flow of Pommery Pop champagne), RMB 148+15% (kids younger than 12), free (kids under 6). 11.30am-3pm. Senses, Westin Financial Street The



Surrealist Musical Comedy Senses of City Life at Jianghu Liveshow Bar

Westin Beijing, Financial Street, 9B Financial Street, Xicheng District (6629 7810) 西城区金融街9B

**Italian Sunday Brunch** Buffet selection includes seven breads (e.g. focaccia, ciabatta and pane carasau), four cured meats, five Italian cheeses, and four desserts (e.g. panna cotta, tiramisu). Hot dishes range from pasta, risotto and spaghetti to monkfish, eggplant terrine and the classic veal shank ossobuco. RMB248 (buffet only), RMB338 (buffet and hot dishes). 11.30am-3pm. Sadler Ristorante, Chien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District (6559 1399) 东城区前门东大街23号 东城区前门东大街23号

**FIZZtastic Champagne Brunch** Premium Taittinger Champagne on free-flow and a lip-smacking array of international gastronomy, including lobsters and assorted goodies brought direct to your table. RMB258+15% (free-flow soft drinks), RMB368+15% (free-flow wine), RMB388+15% (free-flow champagne). 11.30am-3pm. Vasco's, Hilton Wangfujing 5/F, Hilton Beijing Wangfujing, 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District (5812 8888 ext 8411) 东城区王府井东街8号希尔顿北京王府井酒店5层

**Sunday Champagne Brunch** Get your bubbly on at Greenfish's lavish Sunday brunch featuring pan-fried foie gras, seared beef medallion and grilled lobster served tableside. RMB 348+15%. 11.30am-3pm. Greenfish, Ritz-Carlton Financial Street 1 Jincheng-fang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District (6601 6666 ext 6255) 西城区金融城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店

NOON

**American Sunday Roast** Prime beef rib cut tableside with all the trimmings, plus traditional desserts. RMB178+15%, RMB98+15% extra for wine buffet. Noon-3pm. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dong-sanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

**Sureño Set Sunday Lunch** Enjoy a selection of tapas dishes, a soup and one main course from the menu. RMB188+15%, RMB298+15% (including champagne). Noon-3pm. Sureño, The Opposite House B1/F, The Opposite House, Sanlitun Village, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6410 5240) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village瑜舍地下1层

1PM

**Hash House Harriers** Run every Sunday, then drink like a sailor on leave. Meet at Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q at 1pm. Runs usually last an hour, covering about 7-8km. Each run is RMB20 and includes beer and water along the way. Daily 9am-midnight. 14 Dongdaqiao Lu (on the corner of Guanghua Lu), Chaoyang District (6591 9161) 朝阳区东大桥路14号 贵友大厦正北200米 www.hash.cn

7.30PM

**Film: Senses of City Life (Chengshi Fengguang)** Street Angel director Yuan Muzhi created this rarely seen surrealist musical-comedy, which features 1930s street footage, Charlie Chaplin tributes, and an appearance by Jiang Qing. Free. 7.30pm. Jianghu Liveshow Bar 7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧, 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

# J A N 24 MONDAY

— 2.30PM —

**Traditional English Tea** All month. Indulge in tea and scones as well as other dainty delights in the elegance of Writer's Bar at Raffles. RMB 268. 2.30-5.30pm. Writer's Bar, Raffles Hotel 33 Dong Chang'an Dajie, Dongcheng District (6526 3388 ext 4181) 东城区东长安大街33号

— 4PM —

**Burger Burger Mondays** Come hungry. Two-for-one on all signature burgers. 4pm. Blue Frog S4-30, 3/F, Bldg 4, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6417 4030) 朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village南区4号楼3层S4-30

— 5PM —

**Cajun Shrimp Boil** All month. Family-style shrimp boil, where groups can share a giant feast of spicy shrimp, corn-on-the-cob, sausage, potatoes and more. Reserve one day in advance; minimum of four diners. RMB 98. 5-9pm. Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q

14 Dongdaqiao Lu (on the corner of Guanghua Lu), Chaoyang District (6591 9161) 朝阳区东大桥路14号贵友大厦正北200米

— 5.30PM —

**Wine Ritual** Had a rough day? Unwind in sophisticated surroundings with free-flowing wines and cocktails, including some featured wines. Canapes and snacks also provided. RMB 198+15%. Every day in January. 5.30-7pm. Press Club Bar, St. Regis Hotel 1/F, St. Regis Hotel Beijing, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District (6460 6688 ext 2360) 东城区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店1层

— 6PM —

**Chocolate Feast** All month. Chocoholics, rejoice! This alluring menu starts with chocolate foie gras, proceeds to coffee-braised short ribs with chocolate sauce, and finishes with chocolate mousse. RMB 388+15%. 6-10.30pm. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

— 7PM —

**Chinese Language and Culture Club** The Chinese teachers will teach you the stuff you really want to know, like slang and cursing, pick-up lines, what the popular music is nowadays and

more. Register at contact@cultureyard.net. RMB 75/workshop, RMB 250/month (4 workshops). Culture Yard 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

— 7.30PM —

**Bookworm Pub Quiz** Ask a silly question, get a trivial answer. Prizes to be won. Free. 7.30pm. The Bookworm Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District (6586 9507) 朝阳区工体北路4号院

— 11PM —

**Late Supper** All month. Perfect for those working late, Terra is offering a selection of dishes with special wine pairings selected by owner Gaby Alves. 11pm-1am. Terra. 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

— TIMES VARY —

**Risotto Madness** Indulge in Chef Paolo Ascani's best-loved risottos, prepared with the freshest ingredients. Smoked duck and orange risotto with foie gras, lobster and scallop risotto with saffron, black ink risotto with fried baby squid ... the list goes on, but all are family recipes. All month. RMB 98-128+15%. Trattoria La Gondola, Kempinski Hotel Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6465 3388 ext 5707) 朝阳区凯宾斯基饭店亮马桥路50号

**Spice Trail: Authentic Sichuan**

**Buffet** Turn up the heat this winter with pepper-packed Sichuan food, renowned for its spicy "tongue-numbing" dishes. All month. RMB 258+15% lunch, RMB 298+15% dinner. Scene a Café, China World 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6505 2266 ext 35) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大饭店

**Temptation Mondays** Get over the Monday blues with 30% off any bottle of wine. Mosto 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5208 6030) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园3层

**Chill Chasers at Aria** A steaming bowl of hot and nourishing soup is the ultimate winter comfort food. Aria's Matthew McCool serves up hearty winter soups including smoked lobster consommé, and ham hock and split pea soup. Aria, China World Hotel 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District 2/F, China World Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6505 2266 ext 36) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大饭店二层



Get your fill of burgers at Blue Frog



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TUESDAY

11AM

**Lunch Rapido** Can't decide what to have for lunch? Enjoy two daily specials and a glass of wine, local beer, or juice. RMB98. 11am-2pm. TERRA 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

5PM

**Terra-fic Tuesdays** Two-for-one Stellas, imported beers for RMB 28 (or RMB100 for a bucket), RMB 38 caipirinhas and mojitos, RMB 48 for a glass of champagne and 20 percent off on all bottles of wine. Free. TERRA 1 Sanlitun Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6591 9148) 朝阳区三里屯南路1号

5.30PM

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6PM

**Chocolate Feast** Chocoholics, rejoice! This alluring menu starts with chocolate foie gras, proceeds to coffee-braised short ribs with chocolate sauce, and finishes with chocolate mousse. RMB388+15%. All month. 6-10.30pm. One East, Hilton Beijing 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5865 5030) 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

7PM-10PM

**Hatsroomie and Roomsue** See page 53. S8-30 (opposite Element Fresh), Bldg 8, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6415 3939) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区8号楼S8-30

7.30PM

**Scenes of City Life** From Yuan Muzhi, the director of "Street Angel", comes this magnificent and rarely-seen musical comedy, chock full of surrealism, 1930s street footage, and some great Charlie Chaplin tributes. JIANGHU Jiuba,



Do good by the children of Madaifu at Beer Mania

7 Dongmianhua Hutong, Dongcheng District (6401 4611) 江湖酒吧, 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

### FC Club (Beijing) Business, Executives, Entrepreneurs and Finance Social Networking Evening

Networking event for business people, entrepreneurs, executives, finance professionals, managers, expatriates, global mobility providers and service providers. Register by calling 139 1109 8002 or emailing eventbj@fcclub.com. RMB 200, RMB 150 if you register before Jan 24. St. Regis Hotel 21 Jianguomen Waidajie, Chaoyang District (6460 6688) 朝阳区建国门外大街 21号

8PM

**NFL at Luga's** Watch the NFL with bottles of Coors or Sol (six for RMB 98), or RMB 20 mixed drinks. Free. Luga's Villa 7 Sanlitun Houjie (10m from northwest corner of 3.3 Shopping Center), Chaoyang District (6416 2575) 朝阳区三里屯后街7号(离3.3购物中心西北角10米)

**Enoterra Ladies Night** Free-flow Burgundy bubbles. Free. 8-10pm. Enoterra, D405, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (5208 6076) 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园D405室

9PM

**Jazz Jam Session** Jazz lovers gather. Maybe you can have a jam too. Free. 9pm. Jiang Hu Liveshow Bar. 7 Dong-

mianhua Hutong, Jiadaokou Nandajie, Dongcheng District (6401 4611) 东城区交道口南大街东棉花胡同7号

**Allie Webb** Mon-Sat. LA singer belts out pop and jazz tunes. Free. 8pm-midnight (Mon-Thu), 9pm-1am (Fri-Sat). Aria, 2/F, China World Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6505 2266 ext 6644) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大饭店二层

TIMES VARY

**20th Anniversary Preview Exhibition** Red Gate Gallery gets ready to celebrate their 20th anniversary with a preview exhibit. Features works by Chen Yufei, Han Qing, Island 6, Jiang Weitao, Su Xinping, Shi Zhongying, Xie Guoping, and Zhou Jun, and includes oil and acrylic paintings, LED displays, installations, and print. Curated by Brian Wallace. Free. Red Gate Gallery. 1/F and 4/F, Dongbianmen Watchtower, Chongwenmen Dongdajie, Chongwen District (6525 1005) 崇文区崇文门东大街东便门角楼楼上

**Drink For Charity Tuesday** The bar donates RMB10 from every drink purchase to Children of Madaifu, a charity helping orphaned and abandoned children in Shaanxi, Gansu and Hebei. Free. Beer Mania. 1/F, Taiyue Fang, Nansanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6585 0786) 朝阳区南三里屯路泰乐坊1层

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WEDNESDAY

4PM

**Buy One Burger, Get One Free** From steakhouse to swiss & 'shrooms – double your fun. 4pm. All-Star Sports Bar & Grill Bldg 5, 1/F, Solana Shopping Mall, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商业区5-1

5PM

**"Small Spring Festival" Dumpling-Making Class** Make dumplings with an old Beijinger and his family as they celebrate the "small Spring Festival," then learn about New Year's traditions from locals. Meet at Exit B of Gulou Dajie subway station. RMB190, RMB150 (children under 16). 5-9pm. Ninety Percent Travel (151 1791 6648, info@90percenttravel.com) www.90percenttravel.com

6PM

**Martini Wednesdays** Beijing's best martinis? Possibly. Ten of them buy-one-get-one-free? Definitely. Free. 6-10pm. Q Bar Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号(朝阳门医院北门东100米)三里屯南路逸羽连锁酒店顶楼

7PM

**ROOMSune Dinner** Two of Beijing's best-known restaurateurs, Alan Wong of Hatsune and Brian McKenna of ROOMbeijing, will join forces to cook an eight-course dinner featuring original recipes. Wong and McKenna will each cook four courses, and all hijinks will be displayed on screens for diners to enjoy. See also Jan 25. RSVP required; call Lisa Zhao at 8517 2033. (RMB488, RMB588) (includes free-flow wine). 7-10pm. ROOMbeijing Rm 301-302, 3/F, Park Life, Yintai Centre, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (8517 2033) 朝阳区建国门外大街2号银泰中心301-302室

**US Taxation Seminar** Many American expats wonder what tax laws apply to them while abroad. This joint presentation by LehmanBrown and Hutson Associates will cover all the basic information you need to know to potentially reduce future tax burden. Reserve at info@chinaseminarseries.info. RMB75/person (includes wine, canapés and 20% off dinner orders), RMB100/two people. Tim's Texas Bar-B-Q 14 Dongdaqiao Lu (on the corner of Guanghua Lu), Chaoyang District (6591 9161) 朝阳区东大桥路14号贵友大厦正北200米

7.30PM

**Introduction to Tea Workshop** Everything you need to know about Chinese tea, from taste to storage to preparation. Reserve at contact@cultureyard.net. RMB50,

RMB40 (advance). 7.30-9.30pm. Culture Yard 10 Shique Hutong, Dongcheng District (8404 4166) 东城区石雀胡同10号

7.30PM

**Heartbreaking work-in-conversation with Dave Eggers** The Bookworm brings the author of the Pulitzer finalist *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* to Beijing for the January Prologue to its International Literary Festival in March. Eggers, also the founder of McSweeney's and 826 Valencia, will discuss his career and projects. RMB150. The Bookworm Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District (6586 9507) 朝阳区工体北路4号院

8PM

**Ladies' Night** House wine is on the house, gender permitting. Free. 8-10pm. Dao Le 2-012, 22 International Art Plaza, Pingou, 32 Baiziwuan Lu (east of the Today Art Museum), Chaoyang District (5821 1353) 朝阳区百子湾路32号苹果社区22院街艺术区2-012 (今日美术馆东侧)

8.30PM

**Paddy's Quiz** Which quiz host swears the most? Prizes for every round and more. Free. 8.30pm. Paddy O'Shea's. 28 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6415 6389) 朝阳区东直门外大街28号

9PM

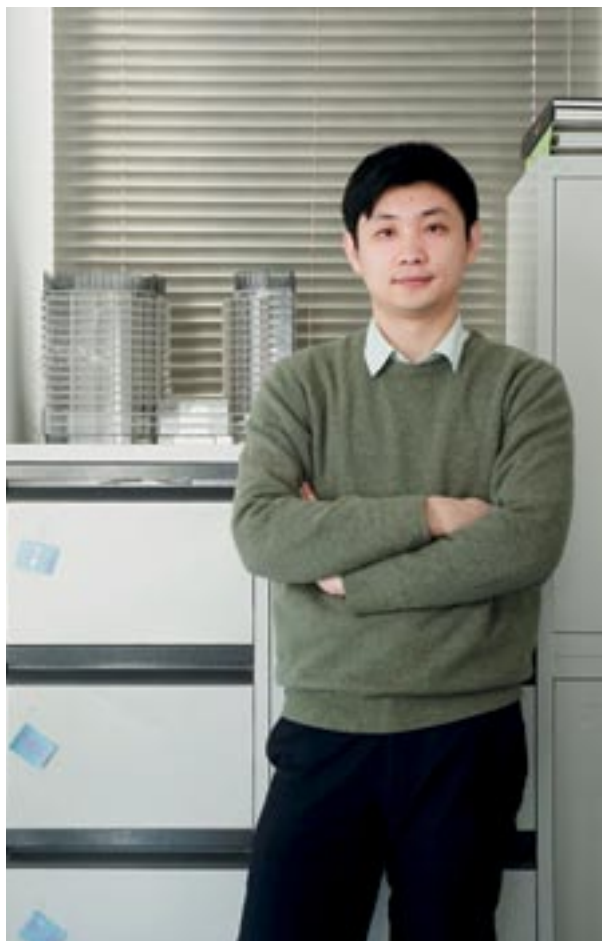
**Kamilla Quartet** Brazilian jazz covers and originals. Free. 9pm. Salud 66 Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng District (6402 5086) 老伍, 东城区南锣鼓巷66号

**Martini Tasting Wednesdays** Try three new creations and vote on your favorite. You may even get the chance to name one of them. RMB100. 9pm. Q Bar Top floor of Eastern Inn Hotel, 6 Baijiazhuang Lu (the south end of Sanlitun Nanlu), Chaoyang District (6595 9239) 朝阳区百家庄6号(朝阳门医院北门东100米)三里屯南路逸羽连锁酒店顶楼

**Bling's Got Talent Open Mic Night** Sing your heart out to win an RMB700 Bling gift card. RMB2,000 cash prize available on the last Wednesday of the month. Table reservations recommended; call Hill at 138 1085 8776 to book. Free. 9pm. Bling Solana 5-1, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District (5905 6999) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商业区 5-1



Meet Dave Eggers at the Beijing Bookworm



## WORDLY WANGJING

*Fred Zhang of Bei Shun Property Development Company*

*A couple of years ago, Wangjing was known as Little Korea. That's changed. Nowadays, it's a bustling suburb with a diverse international community from all over the world. Agenda met up with Fred Zhang of Bei Shun Property Development Company to learn why Wangjing is the place to be.*

**Why is Wangjing attracting so many expats?** In the past few years a lot of multinational companies have

made Wangjing their home: Siemens, Ericsson, Nestle, Microsoft, Benz and Daimler, just to name a few. Considering the state of traffic in Beijing, the best solution is to live somewhere close to the office, so many employees of these companies have chosen to live here. Its proximity to the airport, the freeway and its position as the middle point between Shunyi and the CBD area are also key factors that lure people to this area.

**What should a potential renter or buyer know about the area?** One of the nice things about Wangjing is that it is a self-contained area. Everything you need is within walking distance: supermarkets, shopping malls and restaurants. Wangjing is home to IKEA, Carrefour, Walmart and several shopping malls, as well as many international gyms and spas, including places like Nirvana, Le Wellness and Hosa gym. The one thing you won't find much of in Wangjing is nightlife, unless you count the numerous karaoke bars you will find here.

**So would you describe the area as family-friendly, then?** Yes! Wangjing is a great place for families. There are several play centers, including Family Box and Gymboree, Nanhu park, many kindergartens and the Beijing Youth World Academy (BWYA) international school. Wangjing is also very close to Lido, so there are actually a lot more options both in terms of dining and nightlife and family activities if you count those as well.

**Tell us a bit about your company and what it has to offer.** Our company was established in 1994, and we have developed several residential projects such as Parkview Tower, Grand Hills, and the Atlantic Place. There are two parts to our company: we develop the properties, and then we sell some of them and manage the others. Currently, we are managing the Fairmont Tower, a two-tower office building, with 16 stories each and with 1,235 square meters of standard office space per floor and three levels of underground parking spaces.

This building is centrally managed and leased by our group to ensure superior quality in both infrastructure and service standards for the intelligent office building. Our group also provides comprehensive management services, such as fresh air exchange, individual temperature control, elevator security control, energy saving program, mail delivery services, etc. The facilities

in and around the buildings include restaurants, cafeteria, coffee bars, a business center, a rooftop garden, an exhibition hall and a convenience store.

We also own and manage the Fairmont Residence, a service apartment and hotel complex, which has 150 service apartments, ranging from studios, one-bedrooms and two-bedrooms to three bedrooms. Some of our rooms include fully furnished kitchenettes, satellite TV, and a washing machine, and the air conditioning system is equipped with fresh air ventilation.

Another property we developed is one phase of the Atlantic Place, one of the most modern and attractive residential communities in the Wangjing area, which we now manage.

**What are the average costs of properties in this area?**

If you're looking to rent an apartment in Wangjing, you'll spend between RMB2.2 and RMB4 per square meter per day, and between RMB20,000 and RMB30,000 per square foot for old properties and

RMB25,000 and RMB35,000 for new properties.

**What about traffic and public transportation to and in Wangjing? Is it convenient?**

Wangjing is very well connected, and is on both line 13 and line 15 of the subway. There are also more than 60 bus lines going through Wangjing, and because there are a lot of commuters in this area there is never a shortage of taxis. Not only that, but it's also easily accessible by the fourth and fifth ring road, Jingchen highway, airport expressway and Jingmi Road.

**Are there any downsides to investing in or living in Wangjing?**

In terms of investment, Wangjing is not an area where an investor can get short-term high returns. It's much more of a long-term investment.

**Is Wangjing a good area to invest in? What are your predictions for prices in the upcoming years?**

The total population in Wangjing exceeded 250,000 at end of 2010, and most of the residents are from the

mid-to-high income bracket. Many multinational and local companies moved their research and development centers or branch offices to Wangjing since 2006, which in turn has stimulated housing demand in both the rental and purchase market. We have witnessed a steady price appreciation for high quality living compounds in the Wangjing area, and the prices have been gradually catching up with those along the fourth ring road. The fast increase of Chinese white collar and western families will definitely put further pressure on the property prices, so yes, I would say that Wangjing is a good area to invest in if you are willing to let your investment appreciate gradually. Because of the influx of international families, we've also seen spikes in prices in residential areas located near to good schools.

*Interview by Jelena Kovacevic*

*For more information about Fairmont properties, please visit [www.fairmont-tower.com](http://www.fairmont-tower.com) and [www.fairmontresidence.com.cn](http://www.fairmontresidence.com.cn)*







## Shopping

**CapitaLand Mall** 10am-10pm. Shunyi Beidajie 33, Chaoyang District (8471 0955) 朝阳区广顺北大街33号 www.capitaland.com.cn/cn

**NewWorld Shopping Mall** 新世界商场 10am-10pm. Building 1-2, No.16, Guangshun Nandajie (8476 4687) 望京广顺南大街16号院1-2楼

**Zara** 10am-10pm. Shunyi Beidajie 33, Chaoyang District (8471 0955) 北京市朝阳区广顺北大街33号

**Mango** 10am-10pm. Shunyi Beidajie 33, Chaoyang District (8471 0955) 北京市朝阳区广顺北大街33号

**Hisap Computer Mall** 宏图三胞IT连锁 9:30am-9pm. 3/F, Wangjiao Plaza, 9 Huguang Beijie (6472 2377) 望京湖北街9号旺角广场3层 www.hisap.com.cn

**Sephora** 丝芙兰 9am-10pm. 1/F, Wangjing Jiamao Shopping Center (8472 9388) 望京嘉茂购物中心1层

**Aldo** Wangjing Hualian Department Store, 33 Guangshun Beidajie (8472 9215) 望京北大街33号望京华联 www.aldoshoes.com

**Uniqlo** 10am-10pm. 2/F, CapitaRetail Mall (8478 0810) 广顺北大街33号嘉茂购物中心2层 www.uniqlo.com/cn

**Organic Earth** 10am-10pm. 2/F, CapitaRetail Mall, Wangjing (6479 1854, info@organicearth.cn) 望京嘉茂购物中心三层 www.organicearth.cn

**Art Box** 3/F, CapitaRetail Mall (8472 5391) 望京嘉茂购物中心3层 www.artboxchina.cn

## Dining

**Sizzler** 11am-10:30pm. 2/F, Wangjing Jiamao Shopping Center (6471 3876) 望京家园购物中心2层

**New York, New York Doughnuts** Wangjing Xiyuan 4 Qu East Gate (6470-5457) 望京西园四区东门

**Noodle Loft** Daily 10am-10pm. 2/F Fuma Dasha, 33 Guangshun Beidajie, Chaoyang District (8472 4700) 朝阳区广顺北大街33号福码大厦2楼 (近望京嘉茂)

**Quanjude Duck** Daily 10am-10pm. 2/F Fuma Dasha Building B, 33 Guangshun Beidajie, Chaoyang District (8472 4700) 朝阳区广顺北大街33号福码大厦2楼 (近望京嘉茂)

**Cherish Pizza** 3/F Wangxin Commercial Center (6478 52020, cherishpizza@126.com) 望馨商业中心三层 www.4008990990.com

**Taiwan Xiabu Xiabu Hotpot** 台湾呷哺呷哺涮涮锅 1/F Guoji Shangye Zhongxin, 9 Wangjing Jie 朝阳区望京街9号望京国际商业中心1楼

**Costa Café** 10am-10pm. Shunyi Beidajie 33, Chaoyang District (8471 0955) 北京市朝阳区广顺北大街33号

## Gyms and Spas

**LeWellness Gym** Daily 7am-11pm. 10/F, Wang Jing Shopping Center, 33 Guangshun Bei Dajie (6475 8959) 广顺北大街33号嘉茂购物中心10层 (www.lewellness.com)

**Siyani SPA** 思妍丽 10:00am-10:00pm. Raycom Olive City, Wang Jing Core Section (8471 5158) 朝阳区望京东园五区融科橄榄城家园会所 www.siyani.net.cn

## Schools and Children

**Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA)** 94 Huajiadi Beili (inside No. 94 Middle School), Chaoyang District (6461 7787) 朝阳区高中部: 花家地北里18号 (94中学内) www.ibwya.net

**Family Box** Bldg. 4, 51 Wangjing Beilu (6478 6173) 望京北路51号 www.familyboxes.com.cn

**Gymboree** 金宝贝 Rm. 2, 1/F, Lead International Building, A2 Wangjing Zhonghuan Nanlu (5166 0516, 102@gymboree.com.cn) 望京中环南路甲2号佳境天城1层02号 www.gymboree.com.cn

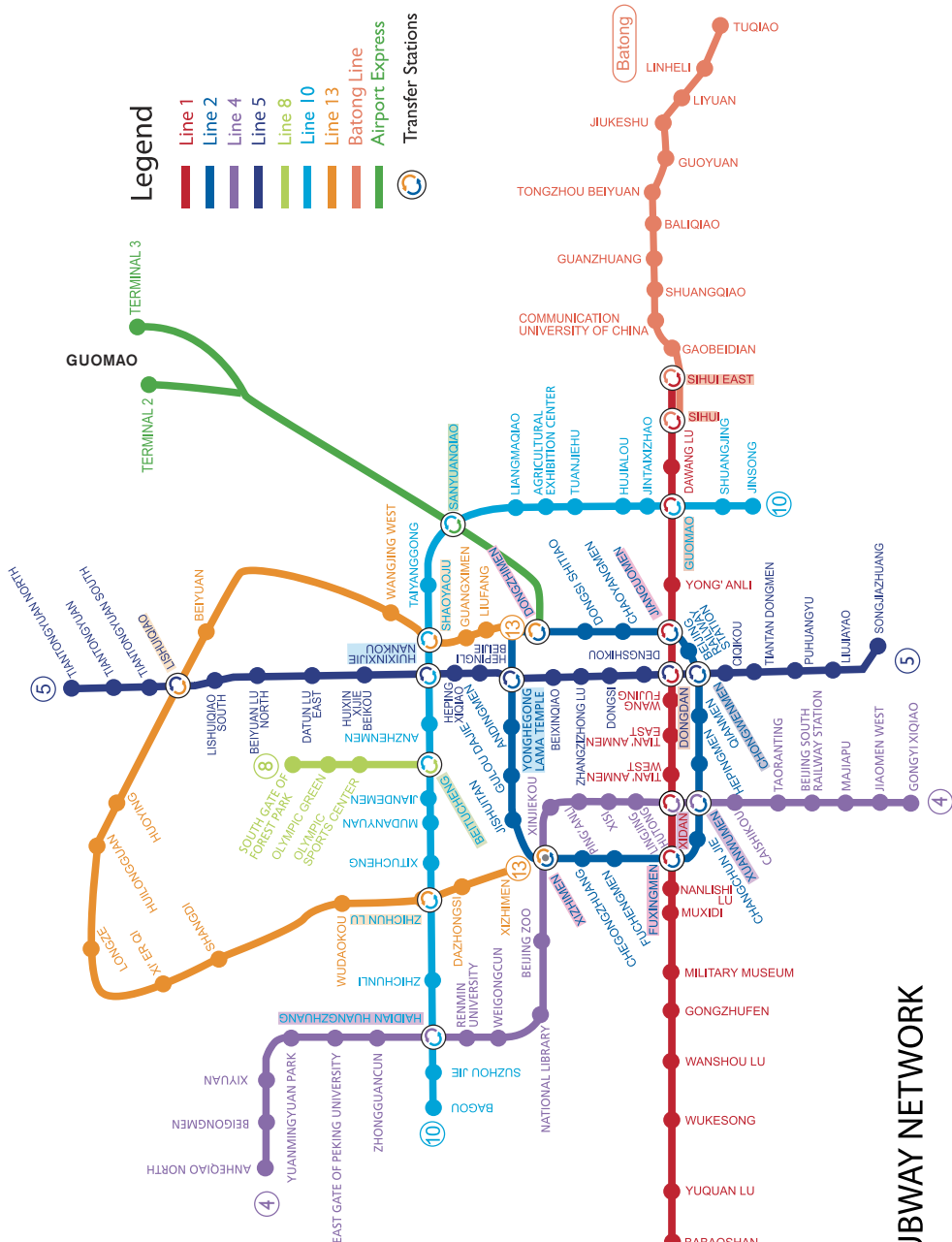
### Subway Starters

- Stations are indicated by the blue Beijing Subway (北京地铁 Beijing Ditie) sign.
- Tickets (票 piao) cost RMB 2. You can also put money on a transportation smart-card valid on all subways (RMB 20 deposit).
- First trains depart approx. 5am. Last trains depart approx. 10:30pm.
- Trains approx. every 3 min throughout the day (every 5-8 min on Line 13), slowing down to around once every 10 min after 8pm.
- Wheelchair access varies, but is generally difficult due to steep stairways, narrow escalators and high passenger volume.

**Legend**

- Line 1
- Line 2
- Line 4
- Line 5
- Line 8
- Line 10
- Line 13
- Batong Line
- Airport Express

**Transfer Stations**



## BEIJING SUBWAY NETWORK

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A

B

C

D



Old Summer Palace

To Great Wall at Badaling & Ming Tombs

InterContinental Beijing Beichen

Olympic Village & Olympic Stadium

### Legend

- Railway Station
- Place of interest
- Restaurants/Bars
- Hotel
- Theater
- Hospital
- Government Office
- Shopping

Fourth Ring Road

Third Ring Road

Second Ring Road

Third Ring Road

Second Ring Road

Chang'an Jie

## Beijing City Map

To Summer Palace

Shangri-La

Beijing Zoo

Yuyuantan Park

Yuetan Park

Capital Museum

White Cloud Temple

Beijing West Railway Station

Deshengmen Beijing Ancient Coins Exhibition Hall

Rendinghu Park

Qingnianhu Park

Liuyin Park

Confucius Temple and Cemetery

Zhonglou

Gulou

Nanluogu Xiang

Houhai

Mei Lanfang's Residence

Beihai Park

Circular City

Coal Hill (Jingshan)

Forbidden City

InterContinental Financial Street

Financial Street

Westin Beijing Financial Street

Ritz-Carlton Beijing Financial Street

Xidan

National Theater

Beijing Concert Hall

Tian'anmen Square

Qianmen

Lao She Teahouse

To Temple of Heaven





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## COMMUNICATIONS

### USEFUL NUMBERS

**Ambulance & Emergencies** 120

**Beijing 999 Ambulance Service** 999

**Beijing United Family Hospital  
Emergency Room** 5927 7120

**Fire** 119

**Police** 110

**Traffic Accident** 122

**Telephone Directory** 114 (Chinese);  
1161 14 (press 2 for English service).

**Time** 117

**Weather** 12121

### PHONE CARDS/MOBILE PHONES

IP cards for calls in China and overseas are sold in cell phone stores, newsstands and China Telecom outlets. Cards with a face value of RMB 100 sell for RMB 30-40.

**SIM** cards and cell phone top-up cards (chong zhi ka, 充值卡) can be bought from cell phone stores, newsstands and SIM card shops. Call and SMS charges are as follows for the major networks:

**China Mobile Easyown (Shen Zhou Xing, 神州行)** Making and receiving calls costs RMB 0.6/min. Calls cost RMB 0.2/min within Beijing and RMB 0.3/min domestic long-distance if you dial 12593 first, then the number you wish to call.

**M-zone (Dong Gan Di Dai, 动感地带)** Local calls RMB 0.25/min at peak hours (9am-9pm), off-peak calls RMB 0.12/min.

**China Unicom Ruyitong (如意通)** Local calls RMB 5.4/min, longer distance calls RMB 1.24/min. Dialing 96531 before the number you wish to call reduces both local and long-distance calls to RMB 0.25/min. Receiving calls costs RMB 0.2/min (weekdays 9am-8pm) and RMB 0.35/min (off-peak).

**UP Xinshili (UP 新势力)** Local calls RMB 0.25/min. Receiving calls costs RMB 0.1/min. Paying an extra RMB 5 per month gives unlimited free incoming phone calls and lower fees for making phone calls.

### WI-FI

For a list of Wi-Fi locations in Beijing, visit [http://v4.jiwire.com/search-wifi-hotspots.htm?city\\_id=1757971](http://v4.jiwire.com/search-wifi-hotspots.htm?city_id=1757971).

### USEFUL WEBSITES

**www.thebeijinger.com** Agenda's sister site has a directory listing more than 4000 Beijing venues, as well as a blog, forum, events, reviews, classifieds, and more.

**www.beijing-kids.com** "Beijing's essential expat family resource" offers articles, events, a directory and forum catering to English-speaking families.

## HOSPITALS & CLINICS

**Bayley & Jackson Medical Center**

Clinic and dental hours Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 8am-4pm; doctor on call 24 hours. 7 Ritan Donglu, Chaoyang District. (400 810 0120, 5869 6166) [www.bjhealthcare.com](http://www.bjhealthcare.com) 庇利积臣医疗中心, 朝阳区日坛东路7号

**Beijing International SOS Clinic**

Daily 24 hours. Pharmacy Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat-Sun 8am-6pm. Suite 105, Wing 1, Kunsha Bldg, 16 Xin-yuanli, Chaoyang District. (6462 9112, 24hr 6462 9100) [www.internationalsos.com](http://www.internationalsos.com) 国际SOS, 朝阳区新源里16号琨莎中心1座105室

**Beijing United Family Hospital and Clinics**

Mon-Sat 8.30am-5.30pm, Sun 8.30am-5pm; 24-hour emergency. 2 Jianguai Lu, Lido area, Chaoyang District. (appointment 5927 7000, emergency 5927 7120) [www.united-familyhospitals.com](http://www.united-familyhospitals.com) 北京和睦家医院, 朝阳区将台路2号

**Beijing United Family Health & Wellness Center - Jianguomen**

Mon-Fri 8.30am-3.30pm. B1/F, St. Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8532 1221, emergency 6433 2345) [www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com](http://www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com) 北京和睦家建国门保健中心, 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店地下1层

**Beijing United Family Clinic**

- **Shunyi** Mon-Thu 9.30am-7.30pm; Fri-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm. Unit 818, Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District. (8046 5432, emergency 5927 7120) [www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com](http://www.unitedfamilyhospitals.com) 北京和睦家顺义诊所, 顺义区天竺房地产开发区荣祥广场818号

**Beijing Vista Clinic - Kerry Center**

Daily 24 hours; clinic hours 7.30am-9pm. B29, Kerry Center, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (8529 6618) [www.vista-china.net](http://www.vista-china.net) 北京维世达

诊所, 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心B29号

**China-Japan Friendship Hospital**

Mon-Fri 8am-noon, 1.30-5pm; Sat 8-11.30am; 24-hour emergency. Yinghua Dongjie, Hepingli, Heping Jie Beikou, Chaoyang District. (6422 2952, 6422 3209) [www.zryhy.com.cn](http://www.zryhy.com.cn) 中日友好医院, 朝阳区和平街北口和平里樱花东街

**Hong Kong International Medical Clinic**

Daily 9am-9pm; 24-hour emergency, 9/F, Swissôtel office tower, 2 Chaoyangmen Beidajie, Dongcheng District. (6501 4260, 6553 2288 ext 2346) [www.hkclinic.com](http://www.hkclinic.com) 北京港澳国际医务诊所, 东城区朝阳门北大街2号港澳中心办公楼9层

**International Medical Center (IMC)**

Daily 24 hours. S106, 1/F, Lufthansa Center, 50 Liang-maqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 1561/2/3, dental 6465 1384/94/28) [www.imclinics.com](http://www.imclinics.com) 国际医疗中心, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心1层

**Peking Union Medical College Hospital**

Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm; 24-hour emergency. 1 Shuaifuyuan, Wangfujing (the foreigners' wing is located south of the inpatient building), Dongcheng District. (6529 5284, emergency 6529 5269) [www.pumch.ac.cn](http://www.pumch.ac.cn) 北京协和医院, 东城区王府井府前1号(外国人就诊楼在门诊楼的南侧)

## MONEY

### ATMS

Most ATMs accept foreign bankcards connected to the Cirrus, Plus, AmEx, Visa and MasterCard networks. Some local banks charge transaction fees (RMB 25 for Bank of China) but many do not; your home country bank will probably slap on a fee for each withdrawal in Beijing. Maximum single-day withdrawal limits for foreign cards vary but range RMB 3,000-5,000, with a per session limit. For a list of ATMs, see [www.move-andstay.com/beijing/guide\\_banks.asp](http://www.move-andstay.com/beijing/guide_banks.asp)

**American Express** 6505 2228; after-hours US hotline: 001 336 393 1111; Emergency card replacement (Hong Kong): 00852 2277 1088; Stolen traveler's checks: 10 800 744 0106 (toll-free)

**Western Union** (800 820 8668, China Post Beijing 6659 9111 ext 8459) [www.westernunion.com](http://www.westernunion.com)

**Visa** Certain banks, notably Bank of China and HSBC, can provide cash advances with a Visa card. Many ATMs allow Visa cardholders to withdraw money up to a daily limit.

## TRANSPORT & TRAVEL

### AIRPORT & AIRLINES

#### Beijing Capital International Airport

General enquiries 6457 1100, lost luggage 6459 9523, customer complaints 6454 1166. Terminal 1 6454 0100, Terminal 2 6459 8333, Terminal 3 6453 0030. <http://en.bcia.com.cn/>

**Air Canada** 6468 2001, 400 811 2001

**Air China** 800 810 1111, 400 810 0999

**Air France** 4008 808 808

**All Nippon Airways** 800 820 1122

**Austrian Airlines** 6464 5999

**British Airways** 400 650 0073

**China Southern Airlines** 6459 0539, 6459 6490 95539

**Continental Airlines** 400 650 6686

**Dragon Air** 400 888 6628

**Japan Airlines** 400 888 0808

**KLM Royal Dutch Airlines** 400 880 8222

**Korean Air** 400 658 8888, 8453 8137

**Lufthansa Airlines** 6468 8838

**Northwest Airlines** 400 814 0081

**Qantas Airlines** 400 888 0089

**SAS** 8527 6100

**Shanghai Airlines** 800 820 1018,

**Singapore Airlines** 6505 2233

**Swiss Air** 8454 0180

**Thai International** 8515 0088

**United Airlines** 800 810 8282

### TRAINS & RAILWAY STATIONS

Train tickets go on sale ten days in advance of departure at train stations and ticket agencies but are available to travel agents a day earlier. Round-trip tickets for trains starting from and terminating in Beijing can now be purchased 12 days before the return date. In addition, tickets for the Beijing-Hong Kong train can be bought up to 20 days ahead of departure. To book a ticket for pick up at agency near you, call 9510 5105. You can also order a ticket on [www.51piao.com/train](http://www.51piao.com/train) for pick-up or, for a RMB 10 surcharge, delivery to an address within the Fourth Ring Road.

#### Beijing Station (Beijing Huo-

**chezhan)** Beijing Zhan Jie, Dongcheng District. (5101 9999, Chinese) 北京站, 东城区北京站街

#### Beijing West Railway Station (Bei-

**jing Xikezhan)** Lianhuachi Donglu (east of Xisanhuan Lu), Fengtai District.

(5182 6253, Chinese) 北京西站, 丰台区莲花池东路

#### Beijing South Railway Station

(Beijing Nanzhan) 12 Yongdingmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District. (5186 7999) 北京南站, 崇文区永定门外大街12号

#### Beijing North Station (Beijing

**Beizhan)** Xizhimen, Xicheng District. (5186 6223, Chinese) 北京北站, 西城区西直门

### TAXIS

Beijing's 67,000 cabs are easy to hail, except during the rush hour peak. Drivers are generally friendly and honest, but few speak English. The flagfall rate is RMB 10, and RMB 11 after 11 pm. At press time drivers could add an additional RMB 1 to the bill to cover fuel costs. Tips are not expected.

#### Beijing Taxi Dispatching Center

They can't send a driver to your house, but will alert all taxis with GPS in the vicinity of your request for a taxi and exact location. (6837 3399)

**Beijing Yinjian Taxi Company** Call them and they will notify their drivers of your location. (96103)

#### ASM Chauffeur and Tour Services

Airport pick-up and delivery service, chauffeur service and personal guide service available. English-speaking drivers. Pricing on website. (5166 1575) [www.chauffeurasia.com](http://www.chauffeurasia.com)

**Beijing Limo** Airport pickup, corporate events and sightseeing. Choose from stretch limos, buses and vans, all with bilingual drivers. [www.beijinglimo.com/english](http://www.beijinglimo.com/english)

### TOUR COMPANIES

**Beijing Citybus Tours** See all of Beijing's major sights in a three-hour bus tour. Call 6512 2032 or 400 650 0760 for information. [www.citybustour.com](http://www.citybustour.com)

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

### VISA APPLICATIONS/EXTENSIONS

**Exit & Entry Administration of the Public Security Bureau** Mon-Sat 8.30am-4.30pm. 2 Andingmen Dongdajie (by Xiaojie Qiao), Dongcheng District. (8402 0101, 8401 5294) 北京市公安局出入境管理处, 东城区安定门东大街2号

### EMBASSIES

If your embassy has moved, or you can't find it in the list below, consult the up-to-date list of all the embassies in Beijing at [www.travelchinaguide.com/embassy/foreign/beijing](http://www.travelchinaguide.com/embassy/foreign/beijing).

All embassies except Russia's are located in Chaoyang District.

**Australia** 21 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (5140 4111) 东直门外大街21号

**Canada** 19 Dongzhimenwai Dajie. (5139 4000) 东直门外大街19号

**France** 3 Sanlitun Dongsan Jie (8532 8080) 三里屯东三街3号

**Germany** 17 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (8532 9000) 东直门外大街17号

**India** 1 Ritan Donglu (6532 1908) 日坛东路1号

**Ireland** 3 Ritan Donglu (6532 2691) 日坛东路3号

**Italy** 2 Sanlitun Dong'erjie (8532 7600) 三里屯东二街2号

**Japan** 7 Ritan Lu, Jianguomenwai (6532 2361) 建国门外日坛路7号

**Malaysia** 2 Liangmaqiao Beijie (6532 2531) 亮马桥北街2号

**Netherlands** 4 Liangmahe Nanlu (8532 0200) 亮马河南路4号

**New Zealand** 1 Ritan Lu Dongerjie (6532 7000) 日坛路东二街1号

**Pakistan** 1 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (6532 2504) 东直门外大街1号

**Philippines** 23 Xiushui Beijie (6532 1872) 秀水北街23号

**Russia** 4 Dongzhimen Beizhongjie (6532 1381) 东直门北中街4号

**Singapore** 1 Xiushui Beijie (6532 1115) 秀水北街1号

**South Africa** 5 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (6532 0171) 东直门外大街5号

**South Korea** 20 Dongfang Donglu (8531 0700) 东方东路20号

**Sweden** 3 Dongzhimenwai Dajie (6532 9790) 东直门外大街3号

**Switzerland** 3 Sanlitun Dongxuejie (8532 8888) 三里屯东五街3号

**Thailand** Embassy: 40 Guanghua Lu (6532 1749). Visa and consular section: 15/F, Bldg D, Twins Tower, Jianguomenwai Dajie (8566 4469) 大使馆, 光华路40号. 领事馆, 建国门外大街双子座大厦D座15层

**United Kingdom** Embassy: 11 Guanghua Lu (5192 4000). Visa and Consular sections: 21/F, North Tower, Kerry Centre, 1 Guanghua Lu (8529 6600) 大使馆, 光华路11号. 领事馆, 光华路1号嘉里中心北楼21层

**United States of America** 55 Anjialou Lu (entrance on Tianze Lu) (8531 3000, visas 8531 3333, visa call center 400 887 2333). 安家楼路55号 (东门在天泽路)

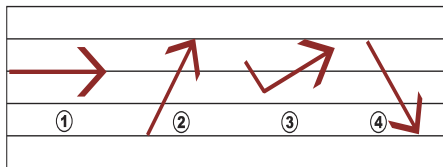
**Vietnam** 32 Guanghua Lu (6532 1155) 光华路32号

# LANGUAGE GUIDE

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At a loss for words? These two pages are a quick-reference summary of useful phrases that might come in handy on your travels around Beijing. You won't get far without knowing some of the basics of spoken Chinese, so let's start with ...

## TONES



• Tone is variation in pitch by which a syllable can be pronounced. All Chinese pinyin are marked with one of four tones. The four tones are as follows:

1st tone – singing tone; high, flat, continuous

2nd tone – rising; similar to the intonation used to ask a question in English, like “oh?”

3rd tone – dip tone; falls and then rises

4th tone – falling tone, sharp like when you holler “boo!”

• These tones are incredibly important. If you get them wrong, people will not understand what you are saying. Many syllables in pinyin have dramatically different meanings depending on the tone. Take for instance the Pinyin construction *bao*:

First tone: **bāo** 包 wrap      Second tone: **báo** 薄 thin

Third tone: **bǎo** 保 guarantee      Fourth tone: **bào** 抱 hug

As you can see, if you're not careful, you will mistakenly tell someone that you want to hug them, when in fact, you just want to give them a guarantee.

## BASICS

|                        |                                |          |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Hello/hi               | <b>ní hǎo</b>                  | 你好       |
| Good-bye               | <b>zài jiàn</b>                | 再见       |
| Please                 | <b>qǐng</b>                    | 请        |
| Thank you              | <b>xiè xiè</b>                 | 谢谢       |
| Yes/no                 | <b>shì/bù shì</b>              | 是/不是     |
| Good/not good          | <b>hǎo/bu hǎo</b>              | 好/不好     |
| My name is ...         | <b>wǒ jiào...</b>              | 我叫...    |
| I'm sorry / excuse me  | <b>dùì bù qǐ</b>               | 对不起      |
| I am ...               | <b>wǒ shì ...</b>              | 我是...    |
| Can I ...?             | <b>wǒ kě-yǐ...ma?</b>          | 我可以...吗? |
| I don't understand     | <b>tīng bù dǒng</b>            | 听不懂      |
| Can you speak English? | <b>nǐ huì shuō yīng-yǔ ma?</b> | 你会说英语吗?  |

## GETTING AROUND

|                |                   |        |
|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| Where is...?   | <b>zài nǎ...?</b> | ...在哪? |
| Tiananmen      | <b>Tiānānmén</b>  | 天安门    |
| Forbidden City | <b>Gùgōng</b>     | 故宫     |
| Wangfujing     | <b>Wángfǔjǐng</b> | 王府井    |
| Great Wall     | <b>Chángchéng</b> | 长城     |

|                       |                        |         |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Temple of Heaven      | <b>Tiāntán</b>         | 天坛      |
| Summer Palace         | <b>Yíhéyuán</b>        | 颐和园     |
| Old Summer Palace     | <b>Yuánmíngyuán</b>    | 圆明园     |
| Lama Temple           | <b>Yōnghégōng</b>      | 雍和宫     |
| Silk Street Market    | <b>Xiù Shuǐ Jiē</b>    | 秀水街     |
| Yashow Market         | <b>Yǎxiù Shìchǎng</b>  | 雅秀市场    |
| The Place             | <b>Shìmào Tiānjiē</b>  | 世贸天阶    |
| Sanlitun              | <b>Sānlǐtún</b>        | 三里屯     |
| Houhai                | <b>Hòuhǎi</b>          | 后海      |
| World Trade Center    | <b>Guómào</b>          | 国贸      |
| Financial Street      | <b>Jīnróng Jiē</b>     | 金融街     |
| bank                  | <b>yín háng</b>        | 银行      |
| post office           | <b>yóu-jú</b>          | 邮局      |
| hotel                 | <b>lǚ diǎn</b>         | 旅店      |
| airport               | <b>jī chǎng</b>        | 机场      |
| railway station       | <b>huǒchē zhàn</b>     | 火车站     |
| subway station        | <b>dìtiě zhàn</b>      | 地铁站     |
| pharmacy              | <b>yào-diàn</b>        | 药店      |
| hospital              | <b>yī yuàn</b>         | 医院      |
| embassy               | <b>dà shǐ guǎn</b>     | 大使馆     |
| north/south/east/west | <b>běi/nán/dōng/xī</b> | 北/南/东/西 |

## CABS AND DIRECTIONS

|                    |                       |        |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Take me to...      | <b>wǒ yào qù...</b>   | 我要去... |
| Driver             | <b>shī-fu</b>         | 师傅     |
| Turn left          | <b>zuǒ-zhuǎn</b>      | 左转     |
| Turn right         | <b>yòu-zhuǎn</b>      | 右转     |
| Go straight ahead  | <b>yì-zhí zǒu</b>     | 一直走    |
| We're there        | <b>dào-le</b>         | 到了     |
| U-turn             | <b>diào-tóu</b>       | 掉头     |
| I want the receipt | <b>wǒ yào fā-piao</b> | 我要发票   |
| traffic light      | <b>hóng-lǜ-dēng</b>   | 红绿灯    |
| cross the street   | <b>guò mǎlù</b>       | 过马路    |

## SHOPPING AND BARGAINING

|                                  |                               |         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| I (don't) want this              | <b>wǒ (bù) yào zhè gè</b>     | 我(不)要这个 |
| I want one (of an item)          | <b>wǒ yào yí gè</b>           | 我要一个    |
| How much does it cost?           | <b>duō shǎo qián?</b>         | 多少钱?    |
| One yuan/kuai (unit of currency) | <b>yí yuán/yí kuài</b>        | 一元/块    |
| That's too expensive             | <b>tài guì le</b>             | 太贵了     |
| Can you lower the price?         | <b>Néng piányi yìdiǎn ma?</b> | 能便宜一点吗? |
| Where can I buy...?              | <b>zài nǎ kě-yǐ mǎi...?</b>   | 在哪可以买?  |

## EATING

|                          |                                 |          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| waiter/waitress          | <b>fú-wù-yuán</b>               | 服务员      |
| menu                     | <b>cài-dān</b>                  | 菜单       |
| order food               | <b>diǎn cài</b>                 | 点菜       |
| bill/check               | <b>mǎi-dān</b>                  | 买单       |
| I am vegetarian          | <b>wǒ chī sù/wǒ bù chī ròu</b>  | 我吃素/我不吃肉 |
| I do not eat pork/beef   | <b>wǒ bù chī zhūròu/niúròu</b>  | 我不吃猪肉/牛肉 |
| I am allergic to peanuts | <b>wǒ duì huā-shēng guò-mǐn</b> | 我对花生过敏   |
| the food's good          | <b>hǎo-chī</b>                  | 好吃       |
| chopsticks               | <b>kuài-zi</b>                  | 筷子       |
| knife and fork           | <b>dāo-chā</b>                  | 刀叉       |
| spoon                    | <b>sháo-zi</b>                  | 勺子       |
| cup/glass                | <b>bēi-zi</b>                   | 杯子       |
| napkin                   | <b>cān-jīn-zhǐ</b>              | 餐巾纸      |
| rice                     | <b>mǐ-fàn</b>                   | 米饭       |
| chili sauce              | <b>là-jīāo</b>                  | 辣椒       |
| ketchup                  | <b>fān-qié-jiàng</b>            | 番茄酱      |
| vinegar                  | <b>cù</b>                       | 醋        |

USEFUL VOCABULARY

|                    |                   |         |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| bag                | bāo               | 包       |
| bar                | jiǔ-bā            | 酒吧      |
| bathroom           | xǐ shǒu jiān      | 洗手间     |
| battery            | diàn-chí          | 电池      |
| charger            | chōng-diàn-qì     | 充电器     |
| book               | shū               | 书       |
| camera             | zhào-xiàng-jī     | 照相机     |
| cigarettes         | yān               | 烟       |
| credit card        | xìnyòngkǎ         | 信用卡     |
| lighter            | dǎ-huǒ-jī         | 打火机     |
| clothes            | yī-fú             | 衣服      |
| (to have a) cold   | gǎn-mào           | 感冒      |
| computer           | diàn-nǎo          | 电脑      |
| elevator           | diàn-tī           | 电梯      |
| glasses            | yǎn-jìng          | 眼镜      |
| hospital           | yī yuàn           | 医院      |
| hotel              | lǚ diàn           | 旅店      |
| hutong             | hútòng            | 胡同      |
| I'm allergic to... | wǒ duì... guò-mǐn | 我对...过敏 |
| Internet           | wǎng-luò          | 网络      |
| lighter            | dǎ-huǒ-jī         | 打火机     |
| map                | dì-tú             | 地图      |
| mobile             | shǒu-jī           | 手机      |
| name card          | míng-piàn         | 名片      |
| newspaper          | bào-zhǐ           | 报纸      |
| number             | hào-mǎ            | 号码      |
| phone              | diàn-huà          | 电话      |
| paper              | zhǐ               | 纸       |
| pen                | bǐ                | 笔       |
| photo              | zhào-piān         | 照片      |
| policeman          | jīng-chá          | 警察      |

|              |                |     |
|--------------|----------------|-----|
| purse        | qián-bāo       | 钱包  |
| raincoat     | yǔ-yī          | 雨衣  |
| umbrella     | yǔ-sǎn         | 雨伞  |
| restaurant   | fàn-diàn       | 饭店  |
| suitcase     | xiāng-zi       | 箱子  |
| sun glasses  | tài-yáng-jìng  | 太阳镜 |
| supermarket  | chāo-shì       | 超市  |
| ticket       | piào           | 票   |
| ticket booth | shòu-piào-tíng | 售票亭 |
| bathroom     | xǐ-shǒu-jiān   | 洗手间 |
| toilet paper | wèi-shēng-zhǐ  | 卫生纸 |
| top-up cards | chōng-zhí-kǎ   | 充值卡 |
| tour guide   | dǎo-yóu        | 导游  |
| watch        | shǒu-biǎo      | 手表  |

NUMBERS

|       |                   |       |
|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 0     | líng              | 零     |
| 1     | yī                | 一     |
| 2     | èr                | 二     |
| 3     | sān               | 三     |
| 4     | sì                | 四     |
| 5     | wǔ                | 五     |
| 6     | liù               | 六     |
| 7     | qī                | 七     |
| 8     | bā                | 八     |
| 9     | jiǔ               | 九     |
| 10    | shí               | 十     |
| 11    | shí-yī            | 十一    |
| 20    | èr-shí            | 二十    |
| 35    | sān-shí-wǔ        | 三十五   |
| 100   | yì-bǎi            | 一百    |
| 123   | yì-bǎi èr-shí-sān | 一百二十三 |
| 1,000 | yī-qīān           | 一千    |



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