

## One More Thing



# Booze 101

▶ If you're like us, you've always wondered how certain mixologists manage to make such delicious drinks (those at Apothecary and Twilight spring to mind). Wonder no more. Beijing's bartending classes are here to help you unleash your creative genius on the thirsty masses.

Leading the bartending courses at The Fairmont Hotel Beijing's Champagne Bar is F&B manager Anthony Evangelista, who once trained with the legendary "King Cocktail" himself Dale Degroff in New York. According to Evangelista, achieving that perfect libation isn't as difficult as it seems. "I started these classes two years ago to show people how easy it is," he tells us. "With good ingredients and solid methodology, you can make great cocktails."

Evangelista starts by teaching his students the 20 cocktails that every bartender should know. Then, he shows them how to innovate and create new tastes and textures. Every step is hands on and at the beginner level, meaning anyone passionate about mixology can attend. The course meets on the

third Friday of every month through December (¥120 per class). The next class is September 16. Register in advance by contacting [patty.jiang@fairmont.com](mailto:patty.jiang@fairmont.com) or 8507-3630.

For those who take bartending very seriously, Bob Louison is your man. The founder of the Spirit It Academy, he aims to raise the bar on Beijing's drinks. "I want to educate all the bartenders in the city and help them get better, so that Beijing becomes the number one place for cocktails in all of China," says Louison. In other words, Louison targets industry pros. "My courses follow a very high standard of bartending—they're very intense. But at the end, each person will have very good knowledge of bar keeping, spirits and cocktail making." Louison's next class is September 17. Register in advance by contacting [bobsprit.it@gmail.com](mailto:bobsprit.it@gmail.com) or 186-1016-0571. ¥188 per class.

If you need a taste tester, CW staff are happy to oblige—in the name of science and innovation, of course. ■ **Lauren Johnson**

Bob Louison  
shakes  
things up



Anthony  
Evangelista  
at the bar



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