

BEHIND THE MUSIC

Hands Full

DJ Tittsworth takes us into the mind of a cross-cultural DJ

What do you bring to the Beijing music scene? I'm Chinese and I speak Mandarin. I was raised in the U.S., but I spent a lot of time in Asia, especially Taiwan. I bring an intimate knowledge and experience of both cultures. Both have inspired who I am, musically and otherwise. I bring a wide range of unique and exclusive music that I made and that my label is releasing. **How are you innovating music?** Identity is a big part of who I am (and should be for any artist). I make sure that where I am, what I'm into and what makes me me is obvious in the music I write or DJ. I play hard, know what makes the party go off and am not afraid to test those limits. **Describe your DJ style.** The soundtrack of sex, but with the condom broken—it's fun and sexy. It feels good, but a little scary. **What advice do you have for up-and-coming DJs in China?** Get bet-

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ter than the best through practice, but focus on what makes you different beyond the technical. Also, if you're an alcoholic, stop drinking.

DJ Tittsworth at Punk, July 9, 10pm, free before 11pm, Tel: 6417-6688



A new addition to the Houhai music scene



new bars

3098 Live House ★★☆☆☆

Dive In

The recent revamp of 3098 into a live house has chipped a solid piece of chintz off of Houhai, the city's most notoriously cheesy bar district. The deliciously divey venue features a small stage with a solid sound system, a rooftop deck with a view of the lake, and Tsingtao for ¥20. Beijing indie darlings Buyi played the bar's first live set, and Dachuan, of the folk band Su Yang and co-founder of Jianghu Jiuba, is managing the performances. With Dachuan's connections to the local music scene we're looking forward to lineup of great bands this summer. ■ Laura Fitch

Find it: 44 Yandai Xiejie, 什刹海烟袋斜街44号, hfangliu@gmail.com, Tel: 8405-0847

Zajia ★★☆☆☆

Hip Hippies

This adorable Gulou loft bar is an eclectic mix of Parisian left-bank chic, junk-store kitsch and one of the better selections of single-malts in the area (Balvenie to Yamazaki, ¥35-65). Shiny Taschen volumes on modern erotica rest on rickety office chairs and complete the garage sale image. Try the Fairy house cocktail for ¥35 or the knock-you-down strong mojito (also ¥35). We're told that they also host select band members of Hanggai on their nights off. ■ Susan Sheng

Find it: Hong En Daoist Temple, 旧鼓楼大街豆腐池胡同23号洪恩观, Tel: 8404-9141



Reveling in grunge glory with hippie hipsters

MIXOLOGY

Apothecary | Corpse Reviver The Cure

This sweet nectar gives life to the dead—well, the hangover at least. It was a popular 19th century breakfast cocktail. Yup, it's an alcoholic pre-noon drink. ¥75.



With Beefeater gin, lillet blanc, Cointreau, lemon juice and Versinthe absinthe blanc, this hangover cure is one sweet, tasty way to get over all the pain.

This delicate drink is shaken not stirred—007 style—and needs to be consumed within 20 minutes to maintain its icy flavor.

Find it: 3/F Nali Patio, 那里花园3层4, Tel: 5208-6040