

BEHIND THE MUSIC

Scratch Doctor

DJ Fu throws raw drum 'n' bass in the Middle Kingdom

How did you get started with DJing?

I got into DJing first through listening to a musician called Dr. Octagon. He put down these crazy, futuristic beats and the thing that caught my attention was the scratching by DJ Qbert. After I heard it I really wanted to be able to recreate the noises. **Why drum 'n' bass?** I like the energy you get with drum 'n' bass—nothing beats it. I also like the fact that you can apply so many different styles to it. From funk, to Latin, rock, jazz ... the list goes on. **What was it like to be in the video game DJ Hero?** I was brought in to record some of the scratching sounds that were used in the game. It was cool, I got to see

a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff and play the game way before

it was released.

Where do you enjoy performing?

I prefer smaller clubs, the vibe is more in-your-face and I feel much more involved.

What are you expecting from Beijing?

I'm expecting it to be a great event with some wicked vibes, Beijing style. See you down front!

DJ Fu at 2 Kolegas, Friday, August 5, ¥50, enquiry@low-beijing.com

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new bars

A hotel bar with a retro feel

Bar 19 ★★★★★

Way Out West

Opening the first week in August, this new Tangla Hotel bar aims to become a mecca for financial and government types seeking a stylish, chill spot in the decidedly untrendy area west of Financial Street. The cocktail list includes specialities like the vodka and Frangelico-infused Dragon Red (¥80) and the watermelon liqueur Tea Drop (¥70). Two-for-one deals make these pricy drinks more affordable. A Venezuelan house band and local DJ perform nightly, or you can create your own music with the Karaoke-equipped luxury VIP rooms (¥2,000 minimum). ■ Casey Hynes

Find it: 19 Fuxingmenwai, 复兴门外大街19号, Tel: 5857-6688, www.tanglahotels.com

Beer Mania ★★★★★

Tin-Tin-Tastic

Beijing's beer staple used to draw a desultory crowd of beer aficionados and Euros after a taste of home. Now, with triple the space and a new retro design, the newly emerged Beer Mania has a lot more. The beer menu has expanded, with over 20 new imports, while new pool and foosball tables and a stage for rock, jazz and contemporary musical performances give you something to do. The impressive range of rare beers and bar games make this a weekend warrior's new hangout. ■ Lauren Johnson

Find it: 16 Sanlitun South, 三里屯南街16号泰悦豪庭 103, Tel: 6500-0559



More beer and a new design

MIXOLOGY

Bar Blu Lychee Martini Fruit Cup

This sticky sweet cocktail from newly renovated Bar Blu offers bang for your buck. Ideal for anyone with a sweet tooth and a hankering for a buzz. ¥48.



With vodka, lychee liquor, lemon juice, Martini Dry and, of course, a floating lychee fruit, this drink is part cocktail, part dessert.

The lychee martini is Bar Blu's best seller. Ladies in particular love this sweet treat.

Find it: 4/F Tongli Studio, Sanlitun, 三里屯酒吧北街同里4层, Tel: 6417-4124