

BEHIND THE MUSIC

Right on Track

The man, the myth, the DJ legend, **A-Trak** tells all

What do you think about dance music's return to the mainstream?

I think what's positive is that DJs are now seizing the spotlight and are being recognized as personalities. The way the crowd reacts is just part of the experience of seeing a real concert. **How do you decide what tracks to remix?** I look for certain elements that I know I'll be able to use to create a strong track. It could be a vocal or bassline melody or maybe just a few notes that I can replay a different way. **Describe your setup.** I

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DJing. I do a lot of scratching and tricks. The computer only stores my library. I do all the work on the turntables. **What's more challenging: creating original tracks or remixes?** I view remixing as an exercise. It's a way for me to adapt tracks to the style of my DJ sets and try out some production ideas at the same time.

A-Trak at Tango 3/F
June 10, 7pm, Prices TBD.



Come for the hotness, stay for the drinks



Victoria Secrets Lounge ★★☆☆☆

Heavenly Pieces

Listen up, Beijing dudes: this bar was created especially for you. It's Beijing's *Girls Gone Wild* at the Victoria Secrets Lounge with steak, stiff drinks, sexy entertainment and a touch of pleather to tie it all together. Bar-style seating lines the windows while long tables provide ideal accommodation for parties. Scantly clad angels stalk the lounge, and some of them don't even work there. If you want the full effect, a lingerie fashion show kicks off every last Saturday of the month. Cocktails aren't bad and even contain fresh fruit. We recommend the mango mojito ¥50. ■ Lauren Johnson

Find it: 15 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xili Nanqu, 朝阳公园西里南15号维多利亚花园公寓, Tel: 6538-4707

Baby, Oh! ★★☆☆☆

Dirty Prom

If you're looking for a place to get cheap drinks, dance and hang out with the leaders of tomorrow, then, baby, you are in for a treat at Baby, Oh! Spray painted walls set the scene, with an elevated pole for intoxicated exhibitionists near the DJ booth. The main attraction is the dimly lit bar where you find Beijing's youth shouting out orders for shots, beers and cocktails (¥15 or less). To ensure they turn a profit, bouncers usher every newcomer directly to the bar ■ Lauren Johnson

Find it: 3/F, Tongli Studio, Sanlitun Back Street, 三里屯后街同里3层, Tel: 6415-7166



Sanlitun hot spot for Beijing's youth

MIXOLOGY

Q Bar Espresso Martini Infusion Paradise

The best-selling drink at Q Bar, the "Espresso Martini" infuses booze and caffeine in a medley of tastes and textures in one eyebrow-raising martini. ¥50.



With chilled, house-infused Italian espresso vodka, Kahlua and vermouth, this seemingly simple cocktail is a Q Bar favorite for good reason.

This cocktail is perfect for coffee lovers, with the ideal balance of sweetness and bitterness.

Find it: 6/F, Eastern Hotel, Sanlitun 南路和工体南路交接口, Tel: 6595-9239