

## BEHIND THE MUSIC

# Latin King

**Leo Anjos** throws the sexiest Latin dance parties in Beijing

**How did you get started in party planning?** I started promoting parties when I moved to Miami in 1999. I did my first costume party at my house. That reached about 350 people and was amazing. After that, I got a call from Level Nightclub to start promoting there. I came to China in 2006 and I just kept doing my parties here. **What's the Latin dance scene like in Beijing?** Latin parties in Beijing are well known by many foreigners but I am especially impressed with Chinese people because they take Latin dancing very seriously. I love dancing as well, but Chinese people can dance a lot ... and [they're] very good. **What's**

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**the music like?** The music is by DJ Fuego and DJ Juliana Lima, who really know what people like. It's pretty international. **What kind of folks show up to these parties?** I have to say thank you to all the beautiful girls who always come to my parties and make them beautiful, too.

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new bars

White Rabbit pulls a winner out of their hat

Haze ★★★★★

## Classy Rabbit

The masterminds behind White Rabbit, easily Beijing's most legendary underground club, have grown up with their latest venture. They've replaced the Tsingtaos and sofas with stunning drinks and a gorgeous minimalist bar. House gin is Bombay Sapphire (¥50 for a G&T), and beers start at ¥35 for a Kronenbourg. Those who miss the Rabbit's sense of danger need only look at the staircase—yes, it's as steep as a fire pole—to get the adrenaline pumping. Fortunately, the music is still as great as the original, with DJ Donald Summer and crew spinning mind-melting house and nu-disco. ■ **Blake Stone-Banks**  
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The James Joyce ★★★★★

## Irish Charm

Located where Swensen's used to be, this Irish pub has everything expected of a Chinese-owned, Emerald Isle bar. Staff are friendly and eager, and service is quick. We're told the sound system is being replaced, and we hope they swap the blaring Beyonce tunes with something more culturally relevant. The James Joyce's mixed drinks (¥40) are strong, but it's the decent beer list most drinkers are after. There are an impressive 21 bottled brews and five on tap. After a few of these you'll be jabbering in stream of consciousness, too. ■ **Lauren Johnson**

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Dublin class in civilized Chaoyang

## MIXOLOGY

Victoria Secrets Lounge | **Bourgeois Boheme**

Made with fresh watermelon, passion fruit and rum, this fall drink really hits the spot. The Bourgeois Boheme (¥60) is as zesty as it is unique.



The quenching sweetness of the watermelon is tinged with tang through the addition of passion fruit. Perfect proportions ensure a balance of tart and tasty, rather than a sticky sweet drink. The soothing rum overtones complete the autumn drink with a spicier finish.

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