

POP STOP



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Plastic surgeon **Li Jin-liang** (李進良) tied the knot with **Hu Ying-chen** (胡盈禎), daughter of television host **Hu Gua** (胡瓜) — but the nuptials did not go off without a hitch, thanks to Li's alleged womanizing. *Next Magazine* published photos of Li and starlet **Mao Mao** (毛毛) in the same car and claimed the two had been caught trying to rent a room at a hotel in Taoyuan just a few days before Li's wedding last Saturday. The photos appear to show him ducking his head while Mao Mao tries to hide behind a cellphone, but not before appearing to grin snugly at the photos.

The duo were the center of another tabloid feeding frenzy last Christmas when Mao Mao and Li were photographed on a night out, leading to allegations of infidelity. Hu Ying-chen shrugged off the rumors, however, saying that she'd been present with her fiancé and Mao Mao on the evening in question.

Li managed to dig himself into an especially deep hole with this latest round of scandal, however — news of his alleged tryst with Mao Mao surfaced on his father-in-law Hu Gua's 50th birthday. The *Liberty Times* [the *Taipei Times*' sister paper] reports that Hu senior had previously made clear he was not keen on listening to any of Li's excuses for his behavior, but would support his daughter in whatever decision she made about the relationship. Pop Stop readers will know that the discretion-challenged Li's past misadventures have included accusations of sexual harassment by a Japanese porn star and reports of a night spent entertaining two friends and three hostesses at a Taipei hotel.

The latest excuses that Hu senior apparently did not listen to were Li and Mao Mao's his-and-her explanations for why they were in the same car and headed to a hotel: Li said he was attending a conference on breast reconstruction surgery, while she said she was on her way to a party. A hotel employee, however, denied that there had been a party that night.

Regardless, Hu Ying-chen is once again standing by her man. Before their nuptials, the two of them emerged hand-in-hand from Li's clinic

Li Jin-liang, right, and Hu Ying-chen's nuptials got off to a flying start.

and told assembled press that Li had just been giving a lift to an old friend. Mao Mao fared less well when she appeared on a talk show a couple of days after the wedding. Sassy host **Huang Kuo-lun** (黃國倫) impishly asked the actress if it was "stressful" hitching a ride from Li so soon before his wedding, prompting Mao Mao's agent to scream from the wings, "We've been set up! You said we wouldn't have to talk about that!"

Huang later said he had the right to ask whatever questions he wanted and his interviewees had the right not to answer them. Mao Mao didn't take the bait, however, and deflected his probing by turning the discussion to her new passion for guitar playing.

Billionaire and Quanta Computer chairman **Barry Lam** (林百里) seems to be faring better in his love life. Gossip pages reported on Monday that Lam might already have tied the knot with his girlfriend **Clara Kuo** (郭倩如), though he has yet to announce that he's divorced his first wife, **He Sha** (何莎).

Both Kuo, general manager of Taiwan Ravenel Art, an auction house, and Lam refrained from confirming or denying the rumors. NOWnews reported that Lam's 39-year-old paramour has a taste for the high life. In a 2007 interview, Kuo said she and her colleagues had taken a trip to Italy and France, where they enjoyed each country's art and stayed in the best hotels and eaten the best food because "when you deal with art, you must have an understanding of what quality is."

Tabloids report that the two lovebirds married in the US before the Lunar New Year. Lam's (supposedly ex) wife He Sha is no longer on the payroll of Quanta Computer Inc (廣達電腦), where she had previously worked as a supervisor. Lam was spotted wearing a wedding ring during Quanta's April 21 annual celebration, though it was unclear whether it marked a new marriage or not. When asked by reporters to comment, Kuo's coworkers parried back, "It's their own business!"

— COMPILED BY CATHERINE SHU



From left to right: Bassist Martijn Vanbuel, violinist Janelle Chang and tabla player Toshihiro Wakaiki, aka Waka. Orbit Folks is a jazz trio that plays music from Greece, Bulgaria and Xinjiang, among other far-flung places. They appear at Franz and Friends in Taipei this Sunday.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ORBIT FOLKS

Time to groove

Like many a jazz musician, bassist Martijn Vanbuel is preoccupied with time. Meter and groove were foremost on his mind when talking about an upcoming gig on Sunday at Franz and Friends with his trio, Orbit Folks.

"A lot of this band's music is in strange meters ... six, seven, nine, eleven," he said on the phone after a rehearsal earlier this week. "I think it's interesting because an odd meter is a total new world, like a liberation from the limits of 4/4. It has a different feel to it."

But don't let exotic time signatures scare you. Much of the group's repertoire is folk music from around the world; traditional Greek, Jewish and Bulgarian songs figure prominently in Sunday's set.

Orbit Folks, which was born out of Vanbuel's previous project Free Breathing World, will also play a song from Xinjiang, as well as a few compositions by avant-garde jazz composer and bassist Dave Holland.

Vanbuel, a 29-year-old expat who's lived in Taiwan since 2006, says he was inspired to start the band by a fondness for the folk music he often heard in his native Belgium.

While he studied jazz formally at conservatories in Belgium and France, Vanbuel greatly admires musicians like Tunisian oud player Anwar Braham, and he adapted Braham's music for the double bass.

Vanbuel's ongoing tenure as bassist for Sizhukong (絲竹空), a Taiwanese group that mixes Chinese music and jazz, fortifies his world music leanings.

It was at a past Sizhukong performance that he met

Janelle Chang (張宜蓀), a classically trained musician, who plays violin for the trio.

Chang is interested in Central Asian music and plays the *satar* (蘇塔琴), a traditional Uigur instrument. Rounding out the trio is Toshihiro Wakaiki, aka Waka, who has studied Indian percussion for more than 20 years and plays the tabla.

Even though many of the numbers are either slow or have unusual rhythms, Vanbuel says he always imagines people dancing to the music. "I need to think of that when I play," he said, for the groove's sake.

The trio's concert, however, will be a sit-down affair. Groove is "really important" in the Orbit Folks' music, but it's best enjoyed by listening, said Vanbuel.

— DAVID CHEN

PERFORMANCE NOTES:

WHAT: Orbit Folks jazz trio at Franz and Friends (城市舞台藝文沙龍)

WHERE: Franz and Friends (城市舞台藝文沙龍), 25, Bade Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市八德路三段25號B1). Call (02) 2579-0558 for reservations or visit www.franzandfriends.com.tw for more information

WHEN: Sunday at 3pm

ADMISSION: NT\$400, includes one drink

TOP FIVE MANDARIN ALBUMS

MAY 29 TO JUNE 4

1 Tank and *Third Round* (第三回合) with 15.15 percent of sales

2 Wilber Pan (潘瑋柏) and *007* with 13.45%

3 eVonne (許慧欣) and *Love*Over=Love* (心·跳) with 10.51%

4 Hsu Chia-ying (徐佳瑩 aka Lala) with *Lala's First Original Songs* (首張創作專輯) with 9.62%

5 Chang Yun-jing (張芸京) with *Out of the Blue* (破天荒) with 5.86%

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Theater

Star performers from the **National China Beijing Opera Theatre** (中國國家京劇院) have traveled to Taipei with members of an opera troupe from Dalian and China's National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts (中國戲曲學院) to stage 11 classics on eight consecutive days.

► National Theater, Taipei City

► Tuesday to Thursday at 7pm

► Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$2,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

The latest stand-up comedy production by Comedian's Workshop (相聲工作室), **The Unmatchable Mates** (兩光談樂隊) stars Feng Yi-gang (馮瑤綱) and Song Shao-qing (宋少卿) as two villagers forced to provide entertainment for the night after the village's movie projectionist is thrown into jail for stealing money from his boss.

► Novel Hall (新舞臺), 3-1 Songshou Rd, Taipei City (台北市松壽路3-1號)

► Tonight at 7:30pm, tomorrow and Sunday at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

► Monday to Thursday at 7:30pm

► Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$1,200, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Acme Physical Theatre's (極至體能舞蹈團) unique dance production

Puppet Ballet (掌中芭蕾舞) combines the tradition of Chinese hand

puppetry with Western ballet. The performers assume different puppet

roles and dance to a wide range of music, from traditional *beiguan* (北管)

to electronica.

► Keelung Cultural Center (基隆市文化中心), 181 Xinyi Rd, Keelung City (基隆市信一路181號)

► Tomorrow at 7:30pm

► Tickets are NT\$300, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Shifu Rd, Taipei City (台北市市府路1號2樓); Taichung Chungshan Hall (台中市中山堂), 98 Syueshih Rd, Taichung City (台中市學士路98號); Tainan County Cultural Center (台南縣立文化中心), 23, Zhongjheng Rd, Sining City, Tainan County (台南縣新營市中正路23號) on Wednesday

► Tonight (Taoyuan), Tuesday (Taichung) and Wednesday (Tainan) at 7:30pm, tomorrow at 3pm (Chiayi), Sunday at noon and 3pm (Taipei)

► Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$800, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

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Classical

Live From Buena Vista — The Havana Lounge (樂士浮生錄—記憶哈瓦那) brings some of the biggest stars of Cuban music to Taiwan. Their three-city tour comes to an end in Tainan tomorrow. The lineup includes vocals by Julio Alberto Fernandez Colina, Maria Victoria Rodriguez Sosa, and Regla Teresa Garcia Caturla with an orchestra of outstanding instrumentalists.

► Tomorrow at 7:30pm

► Tainan Municipal Cultural Center Performance Hall (台南市立文化中心演藝廳), 332, Zhonghua E Rd Sec 3, Tainan City (台南市中華東路三段332號)

► Tickets are NT\$600 to NT\$2,500, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

The concert **Farewell My Concubine** (霸王別姬) will be the occasion for the world premiere of two new works, the first, *Farewell My Concubine: Double Concerto for Erhu and Cello* by prolific Taiwanese composer Liu Shueh-shuan (劉學軒) and *Prelude to Ambush All Around* (四面埋伏序曲) by Kuan Nai-chung (關迺忠), a Chinese-born composer now based in Canada. Both works are based on epic tales and will feature the National Chinese Orchestra (國立台灣交響樂團) performing under the baton of Wen Yi-jen (溫以仁) and featuring soloists Yang Wei (楊偉) on *pipa*, Yang Wen-hsin (楊文信) on cello and Wang Ming-hua (王明華) on *erhu*.

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Highlight

The **Girls!Girls!Girls! Party!** at Roxy Vibe tomorrow is a triple feature of female-headed bands: electro from **Go Chic**, post-punk from **My Skin Against Your Skin**, **Rabbit Is Rich** (兔子很有錢) vocalist Andrea Huang's new band (黃盈誼), and punk from rockers **BB Bomb** (BB彈). DJ Floaty carries on proceedings with a mixed bag of old-school punk, alternative and industrial. This is the penultimate weekend to frolic in the den of rock 'n' roll — next weekend is the closing party, titled Vibe's Last Stand. My Skin Against Your Skin frontwoman Huang has a more polished stage presence in her new band that lives up to her self-described "violently seductive take on post-punk." With a bit of PJ Harvey, a little Yeah, Yeah, Yeahs, and a whole lot of her own magnetism, Huang croons, yowls and growls her way through a performance that has evolved from manic head-shaking without losing



PHOTO: ALITA RICHARDS

Andrea Huang of My Skin Against Your Skin delivers a raw performance reminiscent of a young PJ Harvey.

her psychotic-vamp edge. Oi-punk band BB Bomb is composed of foul-mouthed tough girls who sing from the heart. The show starts at 10pm tomorrow at Vibe, B1, 155, Jinshan S Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市金山南路一段155號B1). Cover charge is NT\$350, which includes one drink. On the Net: www.myspace.com/gochictheband; www.myspace.com/myskinagaintyourskin; and www.myspace.com/bbbomb

Soloist Chamber Orchestra (尤里·巴什梅特與莫斯科獨奏家室內樂團) will feature viola virtuoso and artistic director Yuri Bashmet leading the Moscow Soloist Chamber Orchestra in a program that includes Grieg's *Holberg Suite for Strings*, Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3*, Hindemith's *Truermusik for Viola and Strings* and Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings in C-Major, Op 48*. ► Monday at 7:30pm ► National Concert Hall, Taipei City ► Tickets from NT\$1,200 to NT\$2,500 remain, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Yuri Bashmet & Moscow

Contemporary

Roxy Vibe is closing for good next weekend, but the venue intends to go out with a bang. Tonight is the Hard, Fast and Heavy Show, with DJ-fueled music spun by local hard rockers **Jesse Infernal of Cthonic**, **Ting of Consider the Meek and Collider** and **Mac Wooley of Doublewide**. Tomorrow it's an evening of girl rock, with punk band **Go Chic**, **My Skin Against Your Skin**, the new band of the vocalist **Andrea Huang** (黃盈誼) from **Rabbit Is Rich** (兔子很有錢), and Taichung's **BB Bomb** (BB彈). [See Highlight above.]

► B1, 155, Jinshan S Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市金山南路一段155號B1)

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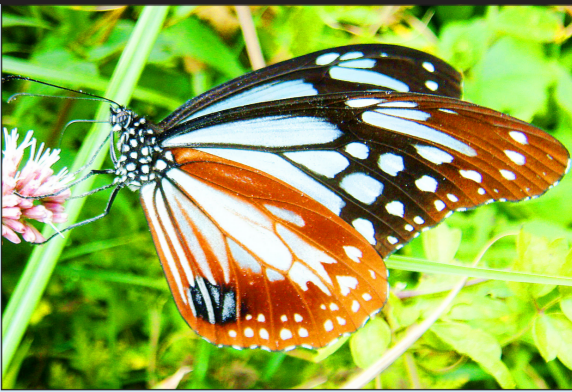
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The blue tiger, a type of milkweed butterfly.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LIN YOUNG-FA

Madam and mister butterfly

Each spring, cherry blossoms and calla lilies bloom on Yangmingshan (陽明山) and are celebrated with flower festivals. Now, the stars of the mountains are butterflies, as the Yangmingshan Butterfly Festival (陽明山蝴蝶季) reaches its climax this weekend with activities and tours organized by Yangmingshan National Park Headquarters (陽明山國家公園管理處) and the Butterfly Conservation Society of Taiwan (台灣蝴蝶保育學會).

This year