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 smugly at the photogs.

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 fiance 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-yearold 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 Wakaike, 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.

Time to groove

ike 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

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 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 who plays violin for the trio. Chang is interested in Central Asian music and

Janelle Chang (張宜蓁), a classically trained musician,

plays the satar (薩塔琴), a traditional Uigur instrument. Rounding out the trio is Toshihiro Wakaike, 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

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



The blue tiger, a type of milkweed butterfly.

PHOTO COURTEY 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's event features milkweed butterflies. Of the 13 species of milkweed butterflies in Taiwan, 11 are found on Yangmingshan. They are easily spotted along the 2.5km trail connecting the Erziping (二子坪) outdoor parking lot and Datun Mountain (大屯山). What draws the fairy insects is the nectar of the *eupatorium shimadai*, a plant that flowers in the Datun Mountain area.

The best time of the day for butterfly-watching is in the morning. Milkweed butterflies take off in clusters from their bushy homes in the early morning and begin to return in the afternoon. Blue and chestnut tiger butterflies are especially unafraid of humans, making close observation and appreciation easy.

"This is like a cafeteria for them. Butterflies come, stuff themselves and leave," said Lin Pochang (林柏昌), secretary-general of the Butterfly Conservation Society of Taiwan.

Seventeen stalls will be set up around the parking lot and along "butterfly road" tomorrow and Sunday, offering information on the insects through educational games, workshops and exhibitions for children and adults. Visitors can join guided tours and watch butterflies in their natural habitat while strolling along the road.

"Each butterfly is an individual," said Lin. "Some are laid-back, and some are jittery."

Traffic controls will be in place for the weekend. Visitors can take the No. 260, No. 230, No. 110 or Red 5 (紅5) bus to Yangmingshan National Park and transfer to free shuttle buses to the Erziping parking lot. Cyclists are free to tackle the often steep mountain roads on two wheels.

For those interested in signing up for the guided $tours, visit\ webs.ymsnp.gov.tw/web/butterfly/2009.$ Or call (02) 2861-6341 X800 or X801. — HO YI

FESTIVAL NOTES:

WHAT: Yangmingshan Butterfly Festival (2009陽明山蝴

WHEN: Until July 31

WHERE: The trail connecting Erziping (二子坪) and

Datun Mountain (大屯山) **ADMISSION:** Free

ON THE NET: webs.ymsnp.gov.tw/web/butterfly/2009

TOP FIVE MANDARIN ALBUMS MAY 29 TO JUNE 4

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

Wilber Pan (潘瑋柏) and 007 with 13.45%

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

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

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

[EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT]

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 (相聲瓦舍),

The Unmatchable Mates (兩光康樂 隊) stars Feng Yi-gang (馮翊綱) and Song Shao-ging (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

Popular among children and their parents, Moscow Magic Clown **Theater** returns for a countrywide tour of interactive performances that combine magic tricks, pantomime and acrobatics.

► Cultural Affairs Bureau of Taoyuan County (桃園縣文化局演藝廳), 21, Sianfu Rd, Taoyuan City (桃園市縣府路 21號); Chiayi Cultural Center (嘉義市文 化中心), 275, Jhongsiao Rd, Chiavi City (嘉義市忠孝路275號); Taipei City Government Family Theater (台北市政 府親子劇場), 2F, Taipei City Hall, 1

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, Jhonaihena Rd, Sinina 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

Kaohsiung City Ballet (高雄城市芭蕾舞 團) has revived its 2007 production The Peony Pavilion (牡丹亭) for a national tour that visits Hsinchu tomorrow night. The production is inspired by Tang Xiazu's (湯顯祖) tale of the same name.

- ▶ Hsinchu Cultural Center (新竹市文 化中心), 1, Ln 15, Dongda Rd Sec 2, Hsinchu City (新竹市東大路二段15巷
- ▶ Tomorrow at 7:30pm ► Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$1,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Acme Physical Theatre's (極至體能舞 蹈團) unique dance production Puppet Ballet (掌中芭蕾) 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

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, Jhonghua 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 (+ 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 (楊惟) on pipa, Yang Wen-hsin (楊文信) on

- on erhu. ▶ Tonight at 7:30pm
- National Concert Hall, Taipei City ▶ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$1,200, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

cello and Wang Ming-hua (王明華)

Yuri Bashmet & Moscow

Highlight

The 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 selfdescribed "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

Soloist Chamber Orchestra (尤里・巴什梅特與莫斯科獨奏家室内樂

manic head-shaking without losing

(B) 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 Trauermusik 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



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/ myskinagainstyourskin; and www.myspace.com/bbbomb

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 Chthonic, 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) ▶ Shows begins at 11:30pm tonight,

- 10pm tomorrow
- ▶ Entrance is NT\$300 tonight and NT\$350 tomorrow, includes one drink

Tonight at **The Wall (這牆)** Chiang Ming-juan (江明娟), best known from the TV reality show Super Idol (超級偶 像), appears for a "mini-concert." Later on it's Dance Rock Taipei, a party with music spun by DJs Clash The Disko **Kids** from Singapore, **F Dragon** and **Spykee Fat.** Tomorrow indie-pop chanteuse Waa Wei (魏如萱) plays two sets, followed by a late-night electro-rock romp with Chill Da Dog, Unfamiliar Friends Party, Digihai and **Salamander**. Performing on Sunday are post-rock bands **Sorry** Youth, Sloth Scamper and

- Aphasia (阿飛西雅). ▶ B1, 200, Roosevelt Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市羅斯福路四段200號B1). Call (02) 2930-0162 or visit www.thewall.
- com.tw for more information ▶ Shows start at 8pm and 11:30pm tonight and tomorrow; 8pm on Sunday.
- ▶ Entrance fee is NT\$800 for each show tonight, NT\$450 for Waa Wei tomorrow and NT\$300 for the latenight show, and NT\$350 for Sunday's show

Jazz outfit **AJP Trio**, composed of a pianist, bassist and drummer, plays tonight at Witch House (女巫店). Plan to get there early tomorrow to get a seat for a solo set by iconic folk rocker Chen Ming-chang (陳明章). Laid-back indie folk band **Smokering**

- (煙圈) appears on Thursday. ▶ 7, Ln 56, Xinsheng S Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市新生南路三段56巷7號). For more information, call (02) 2362-5494
- or visit www.witchhouse.org ▶ Performances start at 9:30pm

Restaurant/bar with queer/feminist bookstore and large collection of board games open 11am to midnight Sundays through Wednesdays; 11am to 1am Thursdays through Saturdays ▶ Entry fee for music shows is NT\$300

Tonight JEG (這個爵士樂團) jazz combo appears at **Riverside Cafe** (河岸留言) with special guest Q-Mao (Q毛) on drums. Tomorrow, the venue hosts pop singer **Shino** (林曉培), while Sunday features Latin jazz group Mandinga (曼丁家拉丁團).

- ▶ B1, 2, Ln 244, Roosevelt Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市羅斯福路三段244巷 2號B1), next to Taipower Building (台電 大樓). Call (02) 2368-7310 or visit www. riverside.com.tw for more information ▶ Show starts at 9:30pm tonight, 9pm tomorrow and Sunday
- ► Entrance fees: NT\$400 tonight, tomorrow and Sunday

Live Machine, a group of Chinese-Canadian and Chinese-American rockers, play Mando-rock tonight at

Riverside Live House (西門紅樓展 演館). Tomorrow it's Latin dance night with live band Mandinga (曼丁家拉丁 團), which will play salsa, tango and cha cha. DJ **Zulu** will keep everyone dancing afterwards. [See Vinyl Word.] ▶ 177 Xining S Rd, Taipei City (台北市 西寧南路177號). Call (02) 2370-8805 or visit www.riverside.com.tw for more

- information ▶ Tonight at 7pm and tomorrow from
- 7:30pm to 11:30pm ▶ Entrance fee is NT\$350 tonight and NT\$1,400 at the door tomorrow or NT\$1,100 in advance (call Infine Art for details at (02) 2742-3595)

Taking to the stage tonight at Sappho de Base is Jazz Your **Mind**. Tomorrow it's blues, funk and surf rock with the Blues Vibrations. On Tuesday, it's the **Jazz Friends**