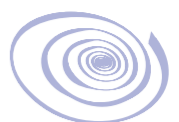


ARTS

THE VINYL WORD

BY TOM LEEMING



The Wolfpack DJs, James Jones, left, and Justin van Mulligan, right, are ready to take down some party prey. PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE FINCH

See the forest for the trees

The Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts (關渡美術館) will lay out a small forest of driftwood on Taipei National University of the Arts' Aigrette Down (鶯鶯草原) tomorrow for a one-day do-it-yourself, or DIY, event that is part of its Driftwood Sculpture Festival, which features 12 artists from Taiwan and abroad.

Tomorrow's family-oriented activity — which is organized by the museum and university — seeks to turn children into artists and furniture makers, if only for one day.

"It's part educational and ... part fun. We provide free driftwood and the public and they can make sculptures and furniture," said Ho Ming-kuai (何明桂) of the museum's exhibition department.

The DIY event begins at 9am on Aigrette Down, a series of rolling hills located to the left of the university's front gate that offer stunning views of Taipei.

In addition to driftwood, festival organizers will provide hammers, nails and other materials necessary for creating a chair or statue. Students from Taipei National University of the Arts will be on hand to help the burgeoning artists and carpenters. Tomorrow's event concludes at 3pm.

On Sunday, the festival begins in earnest with an opening ceremony that will be attended by 10 of the 12 participating artists. They will unveil and discuss the pieces that they've created on-site over the past two weeks. The sculptures will go on display until Dec. 31.

The artists from Taiwan include Lai Chi-man (黎志文), Tsai Ken (蔡根), Yien Chung-hsian (顏忠賢), Chang Nai-wen (張乃文), Lee Jiun-yang (李俊陽) and Tai Han-hong (戴翰翊). Foreign artists include Mori Ichiro of Japan, Anthony Luensman of the US and Martyn Barratt of the UK.

Aboriginal artist Rahie Talif (拉黑子達立夫), who participated in the festival three

FESTIVAL NOTES:

WHAT: Driftwood Sculpture Festival (綠野仙蹤·關渡草原·漂流木裝置藝術)

WHERE: Taipei National University of the Arts, Aigrette Down (台北藝術大學鶯鶯草原), 1 Xueyuan Rd, Beitou Dist, Taipei City (台北市北投區學園路1號)

WHEN: The DIY event is tomorrow from 9am to 3pm and the festival's opening ceremony is on Sunday beginning at 3pm. The festival runs until Dec. 31

GETTING THERE: The No. 35 bus departs from Guandu MRT Station's (關渡捷運站) exit No. 1 every 30 minutes. A taxi ride to the campus takes less than five minutes and should cost less than NT\$100

ON THE WEB: kdmofa.tnua.edu.tw

years ago and has a sculpture on view this year, will lead members from the Amis tribe in a performance that ends with a prayer ritual for victims of Typhoon Morakot. This is the first time the Driftwood Sculpture Festival is being held at the Taipei National University of the Arts. The festival was previously held at the Shihmen Reservoir.



The third Driftwood Sculpture Festival starts tomorrow with a hands-on event for kids. PHOTOS COURTESY OF KUANDU MUSEUM

BY NOAH BUCHAN



EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater & dance

Based on Canadian playwright Lee MacDougall's work of the same title, the Japanese production **High Life** by director, actor and producer Ryuzanji Show is a black comedy about four men who plan a bank robbery.

- Taipei Cultural Center, Wenshan Branch (台北市立社會教育館文山分館), 32, Jingwen St, Taipei City (台北市景文街32號)
- Tonight at 7:30pm, tomorrow at 2:30pm and 7:30pm and Sunday at 2:30pm
- Tickets are NT\$500, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

In **Waiting for What!?** (等待高頭之團團團越獄風暴) by 4 Chairs Theatre (四把椅子劇團), two pandas decide to escape from the zoo because the zookeeper never serves them Chinese snacks on time and they aren't able to watch the latest soap operas.

- Nanhai Gallery (南海藝廊), 3, Ln 19, Chongqing S Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市重慶南路二段19巷3號)
- Tonight and tomorrow at 7:30pm
- Tickets are NT\$300, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Part of Taipei Fringe, **Solitary Grudge** (妖怪) by Shine Theater (閃劇場) is composed of two theatrical pieces. In *Solitary*, a city is evacuated because of a plague, and *Grudge* is a ghost story about a girl with a hidden identity.

- Taipei Stock (倉庫藝文空間), 3F, 34, Bade Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市八德路一段34號3樓)
- Today and tomorrow at 7:30pm
- Tickets are NT\$300, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Five young artists from Extreme Art Space (極光藝術空間) put together dance piece **Ghost or Not** (搞什麼鬼), a playful examination of the taboos observed during Ghost Month.

- Guling Street Theater (牯嶺街小劇場), 2, Ln 5, Guling St, Taipei City (台北市牯嶺街5巷2號)
- Today at 7:30pm, tomorrow and Sunday at 2:30pm
- Tickets are NT\$250, available by calling 0975-417-937

Cloud Gate Dance Theatre (雲門舞集) presents *Wild Cursive* (狂草), the last installment of Lin Hwai-min's (林懷民) *Cursive* trilogy, beginning on Wednesday. The production runs through Sept. 20 at the National Theater. All shows are sold out. Tickets are available for performances of *Cursive II* (行草Ⅱ) tonight and tomorrow at 7:45pm and Sunday at 2:45pm.

- National Theater, Taipei City
- Wednesday and Thursday at 7:45pm
- Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$2,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Classical music

A Hero's Song — TSO With Vlatkovic (捷克三傑—北市交與弗拉特柯維克) has the Taipei Symphony Orchestra (臺北市立交響樂團) performing under guest conductor Charles Olivieri-Munroe and features French horn virtuoso Radovan Vlatkovic. The program includes Smetana's *Overture to "The Secret"*, Richard Strauss' *Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-Flat Major*, Dvorak's *A Hero's Song, Op. 111* and Janacek's *Taras Bulba*.

- Tomorrow at 7:30pm
- National Concert Hall, Taipei City
- Tickets are NT\$200 to NT\$1,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Evergreen Orchestra With Alexander Gavrylyuk (琴定烏克蘭—長榮交響樂團古典音樂紀行) will showcase Ukrainian-born pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk performing with the Evergreen Symphony Orchestra (長榮交響樂團) under Gernot Schmalzfuss. The program includes Rossini's *L'italiana in Algeri*, Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 3* and Brahms' *Symphony No. 1*.

- Tuesday at 7:30pm
- National Concert Hall, Taipei City
- Tickets are NT\$500 to NT\$1,500, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.tickets.com.tw

Carnival of Venice (威尼斯狂歡節) sees the Taiwan Wind Ensemble (臺灣管樂團) in celebratory mood with a program of music related to Italy, including J.B. Arban's *Carnival of Venice for Trumpet and Band*, Rossini's *Overture to "La Gazza Ladra"* and Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italian*.

- Sunday at 2:30pm and Wednesday at 7:30pm
- Ilan Performing Arts Center (宜蘭縣政府文化局演藝廳), 101, Fusing Rd Sec 2, Ilan City, Ilan County (宜蘭縣宜蘭市復興路二段101號)
- Tickets are NT\$200 to NT\$500 on Sunday and NT\$300 to NT\$800 on Wednesday, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.tickets.com.tw

Come to the Music — A Capella Moment Musical Concert Tour Episode II (Come to the Music! 樂興之時女聲合唱團團曲精選演奏會) presents Moment Musical (樂興之時女聲合唱團) under conductor Chan Yi-chia (詹怡嘉) performing such popular favorites as *Stand by Me*, *Hey Jude*, *Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree*, selections from musicals such as *Memory* and *Can't Help Lovin' That Man*, and folk classics such as *Red is the Rose*.

- Monday and Tuesday at 7:30pm
- Taipei County Cultural Affairs Bureau Auditorium (台北縣政府文化局演藝廳), 62 Jhuangjing Rd, Banciao City, Taipei County (台北縣板橋市莊敬路62號) on Monday and the National Recital Hall, Taipei City on Tuesday
- Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$500 (Taipei County) and NT\$300 to NT\$800 (Taipei City), available through ERA ticketing or online at www.tickets.com.tw

Contemporary

Pop-rock band **Totem** (圖騰) celebrates the release of its latest album tonight at the Taipei Symphony Orchestra (臺北市立交響樂團) performing under guest conductor Charles Olivieri-Munroe and features French horn virtuoso Radovan Vlatkovic. The program includes Smetana's *Overture to "The Secret"*, Richard Strauss' *Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-Flat Major*, Dvorak's *A Hero's Song, Op. 111* and Janacek's *Taras Bulba*.

- Tomorrow at 7:30pm
- National Concert Hall, Taipei City
- Tickets are NT\$200 to NT\$1,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Tonight at **Witch House** (女巫店) acoustic group **Gina's Can** (吉那罐子樂團) plays ballads, jazz, fusion and funk. Tomorrow it's **HE (有激人)**, a singer-songwriter duo on electric guitar and bass. They open for Rukai singer and guitarist **Gelesai** (陳世川). On Thursday, the venue hosts **Come on! Bay Bay!** (來吧! 痞痞!), which has an indie-pop sound along the lines of Belle and Sebastian.

- 7, Ln 56, Xinsheng S Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市新生南路三段56巷7號)
- Tel: (02) 2362-5494
- On the Net: 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
- Entrance fee for music shows is NT\$300

Tonight at **Riverside Cafe** (河岸留言) it's acoustic and jazz standards by **Real Collective** (河岸留言精選爵士四重奏), the band composed of Riverside's owner and guitar maestro **Geddy Lin** (林正如) with **Eric Song** (宋輔仁) on drums, keyboardist **Uno** (烏野蕭) and **Kinya** (池田欣彌) on double and electric bass. Mando-pop singer **Shadya** (藍又時) takes the stage tomorrow. Aspiring female Mando-pop rocker **Fish** (陳詩雨) shares the bill on Sunday with **Hsiao Nan and Friends** (小南和 Friends), a new folk rock group. Monday is the venue's weekly open jam.

- 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)
- Tel: (02) 2368-7310
- On the Net: www.riverside.com.tw

Shows start at 9:30pm tonight and 9pm tomorrow, Sunday and Monday. Open jam starts at 9pm. For a list of standard songs and ground rules, visit the venue's Web site

- Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight, NT\$450 tomorrow, NT\$350 on Sunday and NT\$150 on Monday

A charity event for disaster relief held by the Levites Ministry takes place tonight at **Riverside Live House** (西門紅樓展演廳). Mando-pop singer **Mavis Fan** and her band **100%** appear tomorrow night. On Thursday it's nu-metal and rap group **Overdose**, which opens for folk rocker **Elisa Lin** (林依霖).

- 177 Xining S Rd, Taipei City (台北市西寧南路177號). Tel: (02) 2370-8805
- On the Net: www.riverside.com.tw
- Shows start at 8:30pm
- Entrance fee is NT\$500 tonight, NT\$550 tomorrow and NT\$400 on Thursdays. Tickets can be purchased online at www.riverside.com.tw/livehouse or tickets.books.com.tw

Cosmopolitan Grill there's an open mic hosted by keyboardist Andrew Page, with the music mainly covering blues and jazz. All are welcome to participate, and participants receive 20 percent off drinks.

- 1F, 218 Changchun Rd, Taipei City (台北市長春路218號1樓). Tel: (02) 2508-0304
- On the Net: www.cosmo.com.tw
- 8:30pm to 11pm on Wednesday
- No entrance fee

EZ5 Live House hosts Mando-pop singers backed by a live band every night. Highlights this week include pub legend and songstress **Tiger Huang** (黃小琥), who performs every Monday, **Julia Peng** (彭佳慧) is another major draw who appears every Tuesday.

- 211, Anhe Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市安和路二段211號). Tel: (02) 2738-3995
- On the Net: visit www.ez5.com.tw
- Music shows run from 9:45pm to 12:30am
- Entrance fee (includes two drinks) ranges from NT\$600 to NT\$850, depending on the performer

Franz and Friends (城市舞台藝文沙龍), an upscale restaurant and performance space in Taipei's East District (東區), hosts music shows every night. The music tends to play it safe, ranging from wistful love songs and opera to lounge jazz. Weekly highlights include **Denise Juan** (阮丹菁), a former pop singer turned piano teacher and television presenter, and her band **Sunshine Costa**. They play tonight. Tomorrow it's **Buona Sera**, featuring soprano **Chang Hsiao-ni** (張曉倪).

- 25, Bade Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市八德路三段25號B1). Tel: (02) 2723-3257
- On the Net: www.franzandfriends.com.tw
- Minimum charge of NT\$300 on Fridays and Saturdays, on other nights there's a one-drink minimum

The Other Side is a new nightclub opened by Ling Wei (凌薇), the owner of Taipei's long-standing Roxy venues. The club is a "party-until-the-sun-comes-up" spot like one of Ling's past ventures, the recently closed **Roxy Vibe**. But The Other Side promises a classier atmosphere, with sofa seating and a modern lounge interior befitting of its locale in Taipei's East District. House DJs spin classic dance and rock from bands like Nirvana, The Ting Tings, Oasis, the Cure and Michael Jackson.

- B1, 20, Songshou Rd, Taipei City (台北市松壽路20號B1). Tel: (02) 2723-3257
- On the Net: www.roxy.com.tw
- Open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 10pm until 4am, and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10pm until 7am
- Cover charge for women is NT\$300, except Wednesdays, when women get in free. Cover charge for men is NT\$400 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and on Fridays and Saturdays before 1am. After 1am on weekends cover charge for men is NT\$500

Jazz Your Mind performs acid jazz and cool jazz tonight at **Sappho de Base** and tonight. On Saturday, **Blues Vibrations** plays surf rock and old school blues. Rock band **Double J** takes the stage on Tuesday. On Wednesday it's ethnic folk music mixed with jazz from **Orbit Folks**, a trio whose instrumentation consists of a bassist, violinist and tablas. **Shana Yang Jazz Quintet** (楊曉恩) performs on Thursday night.

- B1, 1, Ln 102, Anhe Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市安和路一段102巷1號B1). Tel: (02) 2700-5411
- On the Net: www.sappho102.biz
- Music shows begin at 10:30pm on weekends, 10pm on weekdays. Sappho is closed on Sundays and Mondays
- Entrance is free

Every Wednesday night at the