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# Where to get freaky on Halloween

There will be plenty of places to get creepy tonight and tomorrow. Here are a few of Taipei's most exciting Halloween parties.

**Carnegie's** is going from innocence to sin on Halloween. From 3pm to 5pm tomorrow, it hosts a children's party with face painting, apple bobbing, a pinata and pumpkin pie. At 9pm, however, the theme turns to "Heaven and Hell." Entrance is free for those in costume. There will be contests for the sexiest and best costumes, with cash prizes of NT\$5,000 for each winner. Vampire Kiss and Angel's Kiss shots are NT\$100. Women get free cocktails while supplies last. From 9pm to 5am or 6am. Address: 100, Anhe Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市安和路二段100號) Telephone: (02) 2325 4433 On the Net: www.carnegies.net

**Barcode** hosts two parties this year. The dress code of tonight's fete is "silver" and the entertainment will include house DJ Rasmus Faber, the founder of Farplane Records, and percussionist Thomas Eby. On Halloween night, the dress code will be "luxury" and the

bar will reproduce the opulence of a Las Vegas casino. Entrance tonight is free; tomorrow's party is free for revelers in full costume and NT\$500 for everyone else. From 9pm to 3am. Address: 5F, 22, Songshou Rd, Taipei City (台北市松壽路22號5樓) Telephone: (02) 2725-3501; (02) 2725-3520; call 0920-168-269 for reservations On the Net: www.room18.com.tw

**Brass Monkey's** Halloween party tomorrow night includes competitions for best and sexiest costumes, with the winners of each getting a NT\$5,000 cash prize. Women in costume get free cocktails from 9pm to midnight. Party starts at 9pm. Address: 166 Fuxing N Rd, Taipei City (台北市復興北路166號) Telephone: (02) 2547-5050 On the Net: www.brassmonkeytaipei.com

**Hell's Kitchen** celebrates Halloween and rings in the Celtic New Year tomorrow night. The customer-selected winners of a best scary costume contest will receive NT\$5,000, NT\$3,000 or NT\$1,000 in "kitchen

koupons." Party starts at 9pm. Address: 1, Civil Blvd Sec 5, Taipei City (台北市市民大道五段1號) Telephone: (02) 2748-6407

**DV8's** (the bar, not the dance club) Halloween bash tonight includes free food, NT\$100 Taiwan beer on tap and a bottle of Glenmorangie for the scariest-looking witch or sorcerer. Party starts at 9pm. Address: 385, Fuxing 5 Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市復興南路二段385號) Telephone: (02) 2733-9039

Enjoy a Caribbean-infused Halloween tomorrow night at **Roxy Roots**. Funky rock quartet Slow Motion, Caribbean reggae duo the Warmups, reggae ska band High Tide and "Taiwan ska boy band super-group" Skaraoke are all on the lineup. Apple bobbing and a costume contest with a NT\$5,000 cash prize for first place are also on the schedule. From 8:30pm to 4am. Tickets are NT\$350 each. Address: 90 Songren Rd, Taipei City (台北市松仁路90號) Telephone: (02) 2725-3932

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## EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Theater

Dancer/choreographer Lin Wen-chung (林文中) and his WC dance troupe begin their first national tour this weekend in Kaohsiung with **Small**, the show that launched the company last year (see Page 13 of the **Taipei Times** on Dec. 12, 2008 for the preview of this piece and Page 13 on Dec. 22, 2008 for the review). **Small** is a finely crafted gem. Lin confines the dancers to a plexiglass cube for the bulk of the evening, yet creates a wide world of possibilities within that small space, all set to a driving techno beat.

■ Tomorrow at 7:30pm at Tsoying Boy's High School dance theater (高雄左營高中舞蹈班劇場), 55, Haikung Rd, Kaohsiung (高雄市左營區海功路55號); Nov. 20 7:30pm, Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 at 2:30pm at the Children's Educational Center Theater of the Taipei Cultural Center, Wenshan Branch (台北市社教館文山分館兒童劇團), B2, 32 Jingwen St, Taipei City (台北市景文街32號B2); Dec. 4 at 7:30pm and Dec. 5 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm at the Experimental Theater at No. 20 Warehouse, Taichung (台中二十號倉庫實驗劇場), 6-1, Ln 37, Fuxing Rd Sec 4, Taichung City (台中市復興路四段37巷6-1號) ■ Tickets are NT\$350 for Kaohsiung and Taichung shows, NT\$500 for the Taipei shows, available at www.artstickets.com.tw or NTCH outlets

Billed as the first Taiwanese Aboriginal musical, **Ciwans** (吉娃斯—迷走山林) tells the story of an adventure of three Taijia (泰雅族) youths, who save the forest and a kidnapped friend from the invading Japanese army. Directed by Fu Hung-cheng (符宏正), the musical aims to appeal to young audiences with cast of young pop singers including Lo Mei-ling (羅美玲) and Afalean Lu (盧學敏). ■ National Theater, Taipei City ■ Tonight at 7:30pm, tomorrow at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm ■ Tickets are NT\$500 to NT\$3,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

In collaboration with the National Culture and Arts Foundation (國家文化藝術基金會), the National Theater and Concert Hall is staging a series of dance and theater performances to showcase emerging talent. **Yong Stars, New Vision 209—Dance I** (舞蹈—與私密絮語) is the first installment of the series and features works by choreographers Lee Kuo-chih (李國治), Chen Wei-ning (陳維寧) and Yang Nai-hsuan (楊乃璇). ■ Experimental Theater, Taipei City ■ Tonight and tomorrow at 7:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm ■ Tickets are NT\$300, available through

NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Flamenco dancers and musicians from local flamenco group **Compania Flamenca** are putting on four performances tomorrow night at Saffron, a venue for ethnic dance.

■ Saffron Flamenco Studio (番紅花佛朗明哥表演廳), 2, Ln 142, Nanya 5 Rd Sec 2 Banciao City, Taipei County (台北縣板橋市南雅南路二段142巷2號). Tel: (02) 8967-5937. On the Net: tw.myblog.yahoo.com/gina-saffron ■ Tomorrow at 8pm ■ Tickets are NT\$350 and include a drink set to a driving techno beat.

Bean Theatre (豆子劇場) invites children and their parents to take a journey to a far-away insect kingdom with its latest production, **Bell Runner No. 28** (蜻蜓二八). ■ Novel Hall (新舞臺), 3-1 Songshou Rd, Taipei City (台北市松壽路3-1號) ■ Tomorrow at 2:30pm and 7:30pm ■ Tickets are NT\$300 and NT\$800, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

On Sunday, Tellus Theatre begins **Workshop 3**, a series of workshops held on seven Sundays for a total of 28 hours of training. The workshops will be conducted in English and cover such exercises as major-minor, rhythm and repetition in movements with music, and playing with masks. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. To register, send an e-mail to tellus\_drama@yahoo.com.tw, or call Nita at 0982-204-577 or Daniel Ingi Petrusson 0981-472-451. ■ O Space (劇場排練室), 1-8, Ln 34, Quanzhou St, Taipei City (台北市泉州街34巷1-8號) ■ Sundays from 2pm to 6pm. Starts this Sunday ■ NT\$2,500 for the entire course, NT\$1,800 for students

### Classical music

**Toyota Classical Music Series 20th Anniversary Concert: Prague Chamber Orchestra** (豐田古典音樂會二十週年—布拉格室內管弦樂團) brings the world-renowned Prague Chamber Orchestra to Taiwan to perform in a single concert under conductor Charles Olivieri-Munroe and featuring soprano Marie Fajtova. The program will include operatic selections include Mozart's *Overture to "Don Giovanni"* and arias from *Così fan Tutte*, Beethoven's *Overture to "Die Geschöpfe des Prometheus"*, and *Song of the Moon* from Dvorak's opera *Rusalka*. ■ Monday at 7:30pm ■ National Concert Hall, Taipei City

### HIGHLIGHT



A day in the life of a single woman is the central conceit in **Dinner for One**.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THEATER DE LA SARDINE

Having just finished a two-week, sold-out run of *Five Clowns and a Chair* (五個小丑與一張椅子), Theater de la Sardine (沙丁魚劇團) returns to the stage tonight with **Dinner for One** (一個人的晚餐). The solo performance written by Ma Chao-chi (馬昭琪), who also directs the work, examines a day in the life of a single woman. Mime, dance and clowning are among the repertoire of goodies Ma has up her thespian sleeve, which she presents in a sometimes pessimistic, sometimes optimistic non-verbal narrative that is frequently humorous. Ma said *Dinner for One* is based on her experiences, and those of her friends, as single women trying to find love in a featureless urban center.

Although tickets for this weekend's performances are sold out, Ma told the *Taipei Times* that audiences will get a chance to see the play next year when it tours Taiwan.

► *Dinner for One* (一個人的晚餐) runs tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30pm and tomorrow and Sunday at 2:30pm. All performances are at 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) ■ Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$1,500, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

**NSO 2009 Halloween Concert (NSO2009萬聖派對)** features the National Symphony Orchestra (國家交響樂團) performing a selection of classical music pieces appropriate to the season, including the theme music from the movie *Batman* and John Williams' soundtrack to *Dracula*. ■ Today and tomorrow at 7:30pm ■ National Concert Hall, Taipei City ■ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$1,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

**E1002 Plays Steve Reich (Steve Reich的極簡主義—擊簡E1002)** is a concert showcasing the work of Steve Reich, one of the early pioneers of minimalist music. The program is performed by the percussion duo E1002 and features works including *Music for Pieces of Wood*, *Piano Phrase* and *Clapping Music*. ■ Wednesday at 7:30pm ■ National Recital Hall, Taipei City ■ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$600, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

### Contemporary

Tonight the **The Wall** (這牆) pays tribute to the New York rock club CBGB with performances from neo-folk singer and actress **Enno Cheng** (鄭宜農), rockers **HJack**, grunge band **Kook** (庫克) and **Until Seeing Whale's Eyes** (直到看見鯨魚的眼睛). Disco-funk rockers **Cosmos People** (宇宙人) take the stage tomorrow. On Sunday it's post-punk rockers **My Skin Against Your Skin**, **Crystal Dancer** (舞孃), who spins a mix of electronic melodic metal, psychedelic

trance and new breakbeats, and the **Blue Velvets** (藍絲絨). On Wednesday the venue hosts noise band **Sunset Rollercoaster** (落日飛車), **Pleasure Science** (愉悅科學) and indie rockers **Boyz and Girl**, which features the sweet, high-pitched voice of **Ben Ban** (班班). ■ B1, 200, Roosevelt Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市羅斯福路四段200號B1). Tel: (02) 2930-0162. On the Net: www.thewall.com.tw ■ Music shows start at 8pm tonight, 8pm and 11pm tomorrow, 8pm Sunday and 8pm Wednesday ■ Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight and tomorrow and NT\$300 on Sunday and Wednesday. Tickets can be purchased online at www.thewall.com.tw or tickets.books.com.tw

**Metamorphosis** (變形蟲爵士樂團), a veteran jazz group that mixes Western music with traditional Taiwanese folk music, appears tonight at **Riverside Cafe** (河岸留言). Tomorrow indie-rockers **Love Manana** (愛的大未來) open for pop-punk rockers **The Fen-Fens** (紛紛樂團). Acoustic pop group **Anniadora** (安妮朵拉) and pop-ska group **Pops Candy** (跳跳糖) appear on Sunday. 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 ■ Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight and tomorrow, NT\$350 on Sunday and NT\$150 on Monday

Tonight at **Riverside Live House** (西門紅樓展演館), indie-rock band **Totem** (圖騰) throws a concert to celebrate the release of its latest CD, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* (放羊的孩子). Tomorrow is an evening of hip-hop with **Double Jump** and **Da Xi Men** (大鬍門). On Thursday folk rocker **Connie Lu** (呂莘) opens for folk-rock act **Hsiao Nan and Friends** (小南和Friends). ■ 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\$400 tonight, tomorrow and Thursday. Tickets can be purchased online through www.riverside.com.tw/livehouse or tickets.books.com.tw

Tonight **Underworld** (地下社會) hosts two Japanese bands, new wave punk group **Six O'Minus** and **Ground Cover**. Also appearing is indie-rock outfit **Varo**. Tomorrow night **Black Summer Days** (黑色夏日) and veteran underground rockers **Celluloid** (賽璐珞) take to the stage. Later on, it's the venue's Halloween Party presented by Back 2 the Future (B2F, 回到未來), which includes sets by DJs **Discoattack**, **Spykee Fat** and **Ariel Zheng** (鄭思齊) of **Go Chic**, among others. Post-rock group **Psycho** and **XOXO** perform on Wednesday.

■ B1, 45 Shida Rd, Taipei City (台北市師大路45號B1). Tel: (02) 2369-0103. On the Net: www.upsaid.com/underworld ■ Music shows run from 9:30pm to 11:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 9pm to 11pm on Wednesdays. Tomorrow's Halloween Party starts at midnight ■ Entrance is NT\$300 tonight and tomorrow and includes one drink, NT\$100 on Wednesday. The Halloween party is NT\$100 with a free drink for the first 50 people with costumes

**Flaneur Daguere**, a jazz quartet that plays everything Bach to Bjork and Ornette Coleman to the Ramones, performs tonight at **Sappho de Base**. Tomorrow it's party favorites **The Kenyatta Quartet**. The **Emo Jazz Trio** appears on Tuesday, and **DD Fusion Quartet** plays fusion on Wednesday. **Orbit Folks**, which mixes Balkan and Mediterranean folk with jazz, performs on Thursday.

■ 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

Tonight **89k** in Taichung welcomes back former resident **Brad Whitmore** of folk-rock group the **Black Lung Inner City Choir**. Tomorrow, the venue's Halloween party features garage rockers **The Deadly Vibes**, expat comedy rock band **Crome Relic**, and post-punk rockers **My Skin Against Your Skin**. ■ 21 Dagan Rd, Nantun Dist, Taichung City (台中市南屯區大觀路21號) ■ Shows start at 10pm ■ Entrance is NT\$300

Tomorrow night, **Roxy Roots** hosts a Halloween party featuring funk-rock group **Slow Motion** and Colombian reggae duo **The Warm-Ups**, reggae and ska favorites **Skaraoke**, and **High Tide**. Revelers can win prizes including free beer by bobbing for apples. Best costume wins a cash prize of NT\$5,000. ■ 90 Songren Rd, Taipei City (台北市松仁路90號). Tel: (02) 2725-3932. On the Net: www.roxy.com.tw ■ Show starts at 9:30pm tomorrow ■ Entrance is NT\$350, includes a drink

**The Other Side** closes for business after its Halloween party. No cover charge for those wearing costumes tomorrow. ■ 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 tonight and tomorrow from 10pm until 4am ■ Entrance fee is NT\$300, free for those wearing costumes tomorrow

### HIGHLIGHT

BY DAVID CHEN



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOTEM

Indie-rock band **Totem** (圖騰樂團) celebrates the release of its second CD, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* (放羊的孩子) with a concert tonight at **Riverside Live House** (河岸留言西門紅樓展演館) in Ximending. The five-piece, led by singer and multi-instrumentalist **John Suming** (約翰淑敬), started to gain popularity on the college rock circuit after winning the annual Ho-Hai-Yan (海洋音樂祭) battle of the bands competition in 2005.

Totem draws from its Aboriginal roots (bandmembers are of Amis, Paiwan and Puyuma heritage), but its sound is modern rock. The new album runs the gamut of styles, from punk and hard rock to folk and electronic pop. The group also performs tomorrow in Kaohsiung at Pier 2 Art District. ► Tonight at Riverside Live House (河岸留言西門紅樓展演館), 177 Xining S Rd, Taipei City (台北市西寧南路177號); tomorrow at Pier 2 Art District (高雄駁二藝術特區), 1 Dayong Rd, Yancheng Dist, Kaohsiung (高雄市鹽埕區大勇路1號) ► Tonight at 8pm and tomorrow at 7pm ► NT\$400 tonight (includes a drink) and NT\$300 tomorrow. Tickets are available through tickets.books.com.tw ► On the Net: www.wondermusic.com.tw/index.php

It certainly feels like Halloween is bigger this year, with almost every major bar getting involved with competitions and a frightening name. With so much choice it's going to be interesting to see which events get the numbers and how many parties it is possible to attend.

Kaohsiung is bringing in two of Taipei's big guns for Freak It 4 at Roof Park. Thrown by Frisky, their Halloween parties have always been the biggest night in Taiwan's second city. **Marcus Aurelius** and **Hooker** will be sharing the decks with **Luke and Phil**, and with a NT\$10,000 costume prize up for grabs there is a good excuse for going all out.

Freak It 4 at Roof Park, 15F, 165 Linsen 1st Rd, Kaohsiung City (高雄林森一路165號15樓). Tomorrow from 10pm to 5am. Entry is NT\$600 without costume, NT\$500 with. Both prices include two drinks.

Taichung has a Wicked treat at Light Lounge with a five-strong crew of **Chi Funk**, **Ripper**, **Han**, **Renf** and **Dao** all manning up with a promise of new tunes, extra bass and prizes for those who make the most effort. If you're looking for house, breaks and electro in Taichung this will probably be the hit...

But, at Liquid Lounge, Finique X Aphrobet is also getting in on the party with **Edify**, **Victor Yeh**, **Panda** and **Eddie Hu**. Champagne for best costume.

Wicked at Light Lounge, B1, 85, Huamei W St Sec 1, Taichung City (台中市華美西街一段85號B1). Tomorrow from 10pm until 5am. NT\$400 with two drinks for costumed attendees and one drink without.

Halloween Taichung 2009 at Liquid Lounge, 98 Jhongming S Rd, Taichung City (台中市忠明南路98號). Tomorrow from 11pm until 5am. NT\$500 at the door. There are way too many parties in Taipei tomorrow to attend. One possible itinerary goes a little something like this:

Start off the night in style with the free bar at the newly remodeled rooftop at Room 18 with **SL** (獅軒) and **Tony Tung** providing melodic deep house and live saxophone. The roof has a great view and with free cocktails for customers in costumes, this place looks like a winner to get the monster ball rolling. Room 18 will also be open downstairs all night for all roof guests.

Halloween on the Roof at Room 18, B1, 88 Songren Rd, Taipei City (台北市松仁路88號B1). Entry is free with an open bar from 10:30pm until 12:30am. Closes at 5:30am.

After getting your fill at Room 18 why not head down to Resurrection at the Indian Restaurant, the one with the big dinosaur skeleton out front. Frog in a Sock has taken over three floors in this well thought out event with a varied lineup. The hip-hop floor features **Mr Blends**, **Godzilla** and **Baer plus MC CASH**. In the house area there's **Nina**, **Yoshi** and **Jimmy Chen**, and in the Afro-funk hall **Jorge**, **Cola** and **Funkadelic**. If you haven't been to this place, now is the time as the decor is crazy and the food generally horrible. Laser wizard **Dan McLachlan** is set to bring his biggest homemade box of tricks along.

Resurrection at Indian Restaurant, 196, Bade Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市八德路二段196號). Tomorrow from 9:30pm until 4:30am. NT\$800 on the door.

Luxy's offering, In Memory of Yoko, references the fable of a Taiwanese woman who after being unable to be with the caretaker's son she loved, because of class differences, and after being forced into prostitution in the early 1900s, gouged her eyes out. The meeting place where she was supposed to hook up with her beloved before eloping together, so the story goes, was a willow tree that once stood where Luxy is now.

First place wins in the costume competition nets NT\$10,000 plus NT\$5,000 Luxy dollars and a platinum VIP card. Admission is free with a full costume before 11pm and if you're thinking about shooting for top prize think big as Luxy-goers always put on a big show. Hip-hop aplenty with **Afro**, **Kid**, **Mr Gin** and **Double D**.

In Memory of Yoko at Luxy, 5F, 201, Zhongxiao E Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市忠孝東路四段201號5樓). Entrance is free before 11pm or NT\$500 after if fully costumed. For those who don't make an effort, it's NT\$700. Tomorrow from 10pm until 4:30am.

For the biggest party of the night, and the most expensive, Godskitchen Halloween Massive at the World Trade Center Hall 2 (台北世貿二館) is the safe bet. The promo video looks awesome and with a couple of thousand people or more all dressed up, the huge room should look pretty sweet. **Cookie**, **Reason** and **J-Six** will be the local talents on display this year playing with Dutch trance DJ **Menno de Jong**.

Halloween Massive, at Taipei World Trade Center Hall 2, 3 Songlian Rd, Taipei City (台北市松聯路3號). Tomorrow from 9pm until late. NT\$1,500 at the door.

On the Net: www.halloween-massive.com For the post-4am crowd, Fly at Cocky will be hosting Rise of the Dead and anyone not having their fill should be heading down when their respective parties are finished. This is where the real party begins with **vDub**, **Code** and **006** come morning time.

Rise of the Dead at Fly, Sunday from 4am until 8am at Cocky, B1, 26-3, Renai Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市仁愛路三段26-3號B1). Admission is NT\$300, which includes a drink.



Have a spooktacular weekend.

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### HIGHLIGHT

BY TAYLOR BRIERE

The Halloween Electronic Music **Massive War** takes place tonight and tomorrow night at Nanhai Gallery (南海藝廊). Hosted by both Nanhai Gallery and National Taipei University of Education, the event showcases many of Taiwan's top electronic music acts. Tonight's lineup includes the IDM musings of **Chill Da Dog**, **Pilot K's** impossibly eclectic mix of techno and rock, and the party-and-sex-drenched electro-rock of **Go Chic**. Tomorrow night features the video game dance music of **Unfamiliar Friends Party** (不熟的朋友派對), the experimental electronic music of **KbN** (凱比鳥), and new indie electro band **Sunset Rollercoaster** (落日飛車). Musical performances will be punctuated by the visual art of VJ **Sammy Chien** today and VJ **Dolceivita** tomorrow. Tomorrow night features a Halloween costume fashion show and a



**Chill Da Dog** plays tonight at Nanhai Gallery.

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one-off performance by DJ **Zombie Dance for Beginners: First Lesson**. (Yes, that's the DJ's full name.) ► Halloween Electronic Music Massive War at the Nanhai Gallery (南海藝廊), 3, Ln 19, Chongqing 5 Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市重慶南路二段19巷3號) ► Tonight and tomorrow night from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm ► Tickets are NT\$300 for tonight's show, NT\$350 for tomorrow night's show, and NT\$500 for both days