

BY ALITA RICKARDS

## Hot for teacher?



Karoliese Van Rooyen as Miss January, right, and Kara Jane Milner as Miss February, below. PHOTOS COURTESY OF KLOIE PICOT



How do you take the adage that sex sells, and use it to empower rather than enslave? After witnessing firsthand the plight of female Iraqi and Palestinian refugees residing in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, freelance photographer Kloie Picot initiated a new fund-raising project comprising a pin-up girl calendar featuring English teachers in Taiwan.

To promote the calendar and raise funds there will be a party tomorrow with entertainment by David Foster, A Moving Sound, Sheelah Murthy, Joseph Marchione and the Jojo Ma Quintet, and The Admissionaries, belly dancers, a burlesque show and live hip-hop from THC (H中P在台北). A midnight raffle will be held for prizes ranging from a painting by Thierry Noir (of Berlin Wall fame) to portrait sessions, workshops and a 50/50 draw.

While working as a freelance photographer in the Middle East over a six-year period, Picot was able to interact and speak with refugees. "I became aware that the children are getting little to no education [because] the host countries are not prepared to take in thousands of refugees into their already burdened school system," said Picot, adding that she saw widowed women turn to prostitution as a way to make a living. She said when she discovered that they were "making their daughters do it too, as a way to make a living to support their extended families," she decided to help.

"I want to help. I am single. I do not have children. I have the luxury to help," Picot said.

Early efforts to sell photos of the refugees through shows in Taipei provided for some housing and basic needs for the refugees, but left Picot with the sense that more could be done. It was "not enough," she said. "People have become numb to photos and the suffering they portray, it's simply too easy to turn the page."

Picot decided to use one of her strongest resources — foreign English teachers in Taiwan — to make a saucy pin-up-girl calendar to sell. "I chose the girls in the calendar because they are my friends and they said yes," said Picot, an energetic redhead who exhibits a whatever-it-takes approach to fund-raising.

The Age of the Feminine — Foreign English Teachers in Taiwan 2010 Calendar features the amateur models, solo or in small groups, with each

month portraying a decade from 1900 to 2010. Miss January (Karoliese van Rooyen) is shown as a woman from the 1900s, while Miss December features Kristen Adams and her daughter Trinity representing the year 2010.

"The calendar provides a way for foreign English teachers in Taiwan to fund-raise for a learning center for Iraqi and Palestinian refugees living in exile in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon," said Picot. "Teachers in one country [are] providing students living in conflict areas with books, pencils and ultimately teachers."

After working for the UNHRC, UNRWA and Medecins Sans Frontieres, Picot founded Crossing Borderlines to raise funds for a community learning center in Syria in which practical and educational skills will be taught that the refugees can use when they return to Iraq. She is also recruiting volunteers to teach various subjects to displaced persons. Ultimately she plans to provide visiting scholars and journalists with access to refugees willing to speak out about their lives.

"I thought that a way to raise awareness [in Taiwan] about the refugee situation would be to get my friends involved and asking questions. They in turn would have friends who would ask 'well what is this all for?'" Picot said. "It's a way to get involved with a situation few really understand or are aware of. We seldom hear about the plight of the Iraqi or Palestinian refugees."

## EVENT NOTES:

**WHAT:** The Age of the Feminine — English Teachers in Taiwan 2010 Calendar Fund-Raiser

**WHEN:** Tomorrow from 9pm to 3am

**WHERE:** Sappho de Base, B1, 1, Ln 102, Anhe Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市安和路一段102巷1號B1)

**ADMISSION:** NT\$200, includes a raffle ticket

**DETAILS:** For more information, send an e-mail to Kloie Picot at crossingborderlines@gmail.com. To view photos from her previous exhibition, check out hiddeninplainsightexhibition.blogspot.com

## EVENTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

Part of the Young Stars, New Vision 2009 series of dance and theater performances initiated by the National Theater and Concert Hall to showcase emerging talents, Theatre I (戲劇—狂想) consists of two shows:

**Understanding Drama (戲劇概論)** is director Chiang Jui-ming's (姜睿明) study on his experience of being a transvestite, while **Clear Life (黑白過)** is a solo performance by Vera Chen (陳雪甄) about her search for happiness.

■ 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

**The Village (寶島一村)** takes a nostalgic look at Taiwan's veteran villages through the lives of three families, from 1949 to the present day. Television producer Wang Wei-chung (王偉忠) teams up with respected director Stan Lai (賴聲川) to produce a dramatic and humorous work about the communities that did much to shape modern Taiwan.

■ National Theater, Taipei City  
■ Tonight and Tuesday 7:30pm, tomorrow and Sunday at 2:30pm and 7:30pm  
■ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$3,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Based on American playwright Neil Simon's comedy of the same name, Green Ray Theatre's (綠光劇團) **Plaza Suite** recounts the trials and tribulations of four couples. The cast includes Luo Bei-an (羅北安), Deng An-ning (鄧安寧) and pop star Eddie Peng (彭于晏).

■ 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 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm  
■ Tickets are NT\$600 to NT\$2,000, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Fu-hsing Beijing Opera Troupe (復興國劇團) of the National Taiwan College of

Performing Arts (國立台灣戲曲學院) presents **Li Hsiang-chun (李香君)**, a kun opera (昆劇) love story that centers on the famed courtesan Li Hsiang-chun and scholar Hou Fang-yu (侯方域) of the Ming Dynasty.

■ Metropolitan Hall (城市舞台), 25, Bade Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市八德路三段25號)  
■ Tonight and tomorrow at 7:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm  
■ Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$1,200, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

**Dancing Portrait of Taiwan (舞臺台灣)**, Taipei Folk Dance Theater's (台北民族舞團) newest production, features works by three male choreographers, including Kuo Jui-lin (郭瑞林) and Hu Min-shan (胡民山), who found inspiration in rural southern Taiwan.

■ Chiayi Performing Arts Center (嘉義縣表演藝術中心演藝廳), 265, Jianguo Rd Sec 2, Mingsyong Township, Chiayi County (嘉義縣民雄鄉建國路二段265號)  
■ Tomorrow at 7:30pm  
■ Tickets are NT\$350 to NT\$800, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

## Classical music

**Schumann's Rhine Vista, 1850 (舒曼的萊茵風景 1850)**, is a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra (國家交響樂團) that explores Schumann's beliefs about the Rhine and its association with the growth of German civilization. The program includes Mendelssohn's *Piano Concerto in G Minor* and the *Aeolian Caprices* by Australian composer Richard Mills.

■ Today at 7:30pm  
■ National Concert Hall, Taipei City  
■ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$1,500, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

**Roman Krasnovsky Organ Recital (克拉諾夫斯基管風琴名家獨奏會)** will see the noted Ukrainian-born organist, who has graced the halls of Notre-Dame de Paris and King's College Chapel, give the organ at the National Concert Hall a work out with a program that includes Bach's *Toccata, Adagio*

and *Fugue in C Major, BWV 564, Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659* and *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565*, as well as Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck's *Organ Concerto in F Major, Op. 55*, Franck's *Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Op. 18* and his own *Toccata Dornica, Op. 9*.

■ 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

**Celebration of Chorus and Percussion (聲東擊西—英美合唱曲之夜)** is a concert sponsored by the Taipei Symphony Orchestra (臺北立交響樂團) featuring the Taipei Symphony Chorus (臺北立交響樂團附設合唱團). The program includes Leonard Bernstein's *Choruses From "The Lark"* and *Folk Songs of the Four Seasons* arranged by Vaughan Williams.

■ Tomorrow at 7:30pm  
■ Zhongshan Hall (台北市中山堂), 98 Yanping 5 Rd, Taipei City (台北市延平南路98號)  
■ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$800, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

**East Meets West (楚漢相爭vs中西合璧)** is a concert organized by the Taipei Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (台北愛樂青年管弦樂團) that will be performed in cooperation with the Chinese orchestra of the Taipei Hwa Kang Arts School (華岡國樂團). They will perform a program that includes Ma Shui-lung's (馬水龍) *Flute Concerto* (柳笛協奏曲), an arrangement of the *Yellow River Piano Concerto* (黃河鋼琴協奏曲) and Ravel's *Bolero*.

■ Monday at 7:30pm  
■ National Concert Hall, Taipei City  
■ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$2,000, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

## Contemporary

**Aphasia (阿飛西雅)** plays tonight at the **The Wall (這牆)**, sharing the bill with fellow post-rockers **Selfkill**. Later in the evening **Back 2 the Future (B2TF, 回到未來)** and **Dance Rock Taipei** present a mash-up of dubstep, rave, electro, big room and metal with DJs **Deathface** of **Guns N' Bombs**, **Mykal**, **fish.the** and **Two and Half Stars (兩星半)**.

Tomorrow, revered indie-pop band **1976** appears in support of its latest release, *Life or Live (不合時宜)*. On Sunday it's pop-punk group **The Fen-Fens (紛紛樂團)**, indie-pop band **Radicalo** and rockers **HJack**, and on Thursday nu-rock and funk group **Coach (教練樂隊)** takes the stage.

■ 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 and 11pm tonight, 8pm tomorrow, 8pm Sunday and 8pm Thursday  
■ Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight for the early show and NT\$800 at the door for the DJs (NT\$600 in advance), NT\$300 on Sunday and NT\$500 Thursday. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.thewall.com.tw or tickets.books.com.tw

Jazzy/bluesy act **Kukao (鼓號大樂隊)** appears tonight at **Witch House (女巫店)**, while tomorrow, it's a trio of harmonica virtuosos, **Sirius Sharp (天狼星口琴樂隊)**. On Thursday the **Bossarela Trio** performs bossa nova.

■ 7, Ln 56, Xinsheng 5 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  
■ Entry for music shows is NT\$300

Veteran jazz combo **JEG (這個爵士樂團)** plays standards, Latin, funk, rock and fusion tonight at **Riverside Cafe (河岸密言)**. Taiwan's "little prince of R'n'B," **Afalean Lu (盧學凱)** takes the stage tomorrow, while on Sunday it's fingerstyle instrumental guitar music from **Woody Woody**. On Monday the venue hosts its 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). 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 and tomorrow, NT\$350 on Sunday and NT\$150 on Monday

Tonight **Riverside Live House (西門紅樓展演館)** hosts **Volare (羅平)** a singer featured on the TV reality show *Super Idol (超級偶像)*. The venue hosts a different singer from the program for the next five weeks. Tomorrow night T-shirt design company **Pizza Cut Five** throws a free party featuring music from actor and alt-rock star **Ma Nien-hsien (馬念先)**, rapper **Soft Lipa (蛋堡)**, Hakka hip-hop outfit **Kou Chou Ching (撈秋勤)** and **Rust**. On Sunday **Blues Bash 6**, which runs tonight and tomorrow [see story on Page 13], spins off with a show featuring Chicago-based Japanese guitar virtuoso **Shun Kikuta**, a former member of blues legend Koko Taylor's touring band. He'll be backed by local blues outfit **Black Sheep (黑羊樂隊)**. Male-female pop duo **JS** appears on Thursday [see story on Page 14].

■ 177 Xining 5 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 8pm tonight, 7pm tomorrow, 8pm on Sunday, 8:30pm on Thursday  
■ Entrance fee is NT\$500 tonight, free tomorrow, NT\$450 on Sunday and NT\$400 on Thursday. Tickets can be purchased online through www.riverside.com.tw/livehouse or tickets.books.com.tw

Indie-rock band **Boyz and Girl (男孩們女孩)** appear tonight at **Underworld (地下社會)** with **Icon Girl Pistols**. Metal punk band **Total Disruption** and **Brain Corrosion** get the audience riled up tomorrow night. On Wednesday it's punks **Inhuman Species (非人物種)** and rockers **HJack**.  
■ 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. Underworld is open daily from 9pm, closed on Mondays. Happy hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays before midnight  
■ Entrance is NT\$300 tonight and tomorrow and includes one drink, NT\$100 on Wednesday

**Earl Hines II Jazztet** performs

tonight at **Sappho de Base**.

Tomorrow is Crossing Borderlines, a fund-raiser for war-displaced Iraqi and Palestinian refugees. The event is being held by photographer Kloie Picot, who is raising funds by selling a pin-up calendar of female English teachers living in Taiwan [see story above]. On Tuesday it's jazz pianist **Andrew Page** and his band **Electric Experience**, while on Wednesday the venue's house band takes the stage. On Thursday the **Sappho Jazz Trio** leads an open jam.

■ 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 **Cosmopolitan Grill** there's an open mic hosted by keyboardist Andrew Page, with the music mainly covering blues and jazz. All are welcome to join in, 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 for the coming week include beloved female singer **Tiger Huang (黃小琥)**, who performs two sets every Monday, and male crooner **Huang Chung-yuan (黃中圓)**, who performs every Friday.

■ 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

**The Mercury (水星酒館)**, a new club that opened a few months ago in Kaohsiung, launches a full live-music program this month featuring indie bands. Tonight **Orange Doll (橘娃娃)** performs melodic guitar pop with a hint of punk. Tomorrow is Neileiff IV, a tribute concert devoted to Neil Young featuring expat musicians **T-Bone** and **Brasco**, **Seamus Manly** and **Dim Bulb**.

■ 46 Liwen Rd, Zuoying Dist, Kaohsiung City (高雄市左營區立文路46號). Tel: (07) 550-8617. On the Net: mercurybar.blogspot.com  
■ Shows start at 9:30pm  
■ Entrance is NT\$100 tonight, free tomorrow

Tonight **89k** in Taichung hosts Australian electro-band **Godswounds**, which is currently on an extended tour of Taiwan.  
■ 21 Daquan Rd, Nantun Dist, Taichung City (台中市南屯區大觀路21號)  
■ Shows start at 10pm  
■ Entrance is NT\$300

**Roxy Roots**, a bar and restaurant dedicated to reggae and blues fans, hosts the first night of **Blues Bash 6** [see story on Page 13]. Appearing tomorrow is expat reggae group **The Blue Truckers**.

■ 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\$500 tonight, includes one drink; tomorrow is free

## THE VINYL WORD

BY QUEEN BEE



The Plain-man/Bedroom DJ forum, where DJs go to be noticed.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAO SHIH-WEI

Calling all bedroom and up-and-coming DJs. Plain-man/Bedroom DJ (素人DJ) is a forum run by Shao Shih-wei (邵詩緯), a passionate muso who's worked in the music industry for seven years, that since February of 2007 has held more than 70 events across Taiwan.

The venue gives DJs a chance to show off their skills and get noticed by a record company.

"I'm not a DJ, but I live in music every day so I guess you can call me half a DJ," Shao said. "I used to run a small record shop in the East District (東區). To spice things up a bit, I came up with the idea of doing a DJ forum there. It's always been about offering a meeting point for DJs to exchange ideas and share music. But now, once a month I also work with other promoters to organize a party."

Plain-man/Bedroom DJ provides opportunities for DJs and producers who wish to break into the music industry.

"When I come across someone remarkable, I recommend them to my record company [High Note Records]," Shao said. "I've seen lots of impressive DJs. One of them in particular is **K.J. Stone**, an enthusiastic young DJ who has been participating in the forums since the very beginning. In between the events, he'd come to practice deejaying. He's mixed three albums for High Note now."

This month, Plain-man/Bedroom DJ is holding three events — today, Nov. 20 and Nov. 27 — at La Playa Sports Bar (2F, 206, Minsheng E Rd Sec 5, Taipei City (台北市民生東路五段206號2樓)). For more info (Chinese only) visit [tw.myblog.yahoo.com/under\\_record/article?mid=965&prve=1159&l=&fid=26](http://tw.myblog.yahoo.com/under_record/article?mid=965&prve=1159&l=&fid=26), or send an e-mail to under\_record@yahoo.com.tw.

Tonight's edition runs from 10pm to 3am. Admission is NT\$250, which includes a NT\$100 drinks ticket. The roster for tonight: **Kenny (house)**, **Jero (tribal house)**, **Eat Me! Black Hole!** (electro/techno/indie) **K.J. Stone** (electro house), **Music Loop** (progressive, house), **Marc Engram** (progressive, trance), **Eddie Hu** (progressive, trance), **Legacy** (drum 'n' bass) and **Ian** (indie electro).

With live acts and mash-up style DJ sets, another option for tonight is A State of Sound. **Burn Electric**, **Genetically Modified Beats** and **J-Six** are on the bill. "This time we are adding some extra performances ... as well as a couple of other things that I want to keep under wraps to keep the element of surprise," said **Hooker**, the party's co-organizer and one-half of Burn Electric. "We're going with the Dark and Light theme to play on the rather auspicious date of Friday the 13th and all the images that it conjures up in people's minds."

A State of Sound at Luxy, 5F, 201, Zhongxiao E Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市忠孝東路四段201號5樓), tonight from 10pm to 4:30am. Admission is NT\$600.

Rolling on the River sets sail on another voyage tomorrow. "The party is aboard this fantastic riverboat that sails from Guandu Wharf (關渡碼頭)," the event's organizer **Shawn McClelland** said. "It has three decks: one for mingling, one for dancing and the top deck is open air with a bar. It has a spiral staircase, crystal chandelier, VIP room with a fireplace, brass fittings — it's really very luxurious." And the music? There will be house and hip-hop by DJs **Hooker** and **Mr Bear**. There is a "chic and sexy" dress code. The previous two cruises both sold out.

Tomorrow from 8pm, when the boat departs, to 11pm. Advance tickets are NT\$900 for ladies and NT\$1,200 for gentlemen. Admission includes open bar and entry to an after-party at Luxy. For more information, call 0922-483-594.

## HIGHLIGHT

BY NOAH BUCHAN

Coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, human rights and environmental activist Joern Mothes will give a lecture titled **Berlin Wall — The Voice of the Other Side** tomorrow for the Lung Ying-tai Cultural Foundation (龍應台文化基金會) as part of its ongoing Taipei Salon series.

The former two-term State Commissioner for the Stasi Archives of the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern will discuss the changes that have taken place in the former East Germany over the past two decades, and touch on the historical importance of the mountains of files collected by the Ministry for State Security, also known as the Stasi. The lecture kicks off with the 2006 documentary *Last to Know*, a heart-wrenching look at the stories of three families from the former German Democratic Republic who had one or more members imprisoned for dissident behavior.



Human rights activist Joern Mothes will give a lecture tomorrow about the changes that have taken place in the former East Germany since the toppling of the Berlin wall. PHOTO: NOAH BUCHAN, TAIPEI TIMES

► Taipei Salon (台北沙龍), Berlin Wall — The Voice of the Other Side. The lecture and screening will take place at Yue-han Hall (月涵堂), 110 Jinhua St, Taipei City (台北市金華街110號). The lecture will be conducted in German with interpretation in Mandarin. Admission is free, but those attending must pre-register online at [www.civictaipei.org](http://www.civictaipei.org) or by calling (02) 3322-4907

► Tomorrow from 1:30pm to 5:30pm. The film will be shown from 1:30pm to 3:40pm. The lecture follows the screening