

Super Bowl XLIV pits the New Orleans Saints against the Indianapolis Colts. The showdown takes place at Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, but Taiwan-based fans of American football can catch the game live at several spots in the capital early Monday morning.

No desire to wake up early? The following bars and restaurants will also replay the game in the evening. Want to make sure you have a sharp view of every first down and fumble? The Tavern will broadcast the game live on 70 TV screens. An all-you-can-eat buffet starts at 6:30am, with scrambled eggs, sausage and other American-style fare. The NT\$450 plus 10 percent service charge for the buffet also includes unlimited coffee and tea. Not hungry? You don't have to order the buffet, but the minimum charge per customer is NT\$500, which you can make up with Bloody Marys, beer and other drinks. A repeat of the game will be shown at 7pm. Address: 415, Xinyi Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市信義路四段415號). On the Net: www.tavern.com.tw. Tel: (02) 8789-0892.

Don't feel like watching the game in a sports bar? Check out Capone's Italian Dinnerhouse, which is run by the same owners as the Tavern. The restaurant will broadcast the game on a 120-inch screen at 6am. Like the Tavern, Capone's will serve an American-style breakfast buffet with free coffee and tea refills. The price is NT\$450 plus a 10 percent service charge, with an NFL commemorative mug included. The restaurant will replay the game at 7pm. Address: 312, Zhongxiao E Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市忠孝東路四段312號). On the Net: www.capones.com.tw. Tel: (02) 2773-3782.

Dan Ryan's Chicago Grill is encouraging audience participation with drawings and other games. Prizes include NFL-branded merchandise, such as footballs, and Dan Ryan's gift certificates. Doors open at 6am. All guests must order a plated breakfast for NT\$450 with a 10 percent service charge. Options include a choice of scrambled eggs or two different types of omelet and ham, sausage or bacon. Bloody Marys are NT\$100 a glass. Call ahead to confirm when Dan Ryan's will replay the game. Address: 8 Dunhua N Rd, Taipei City (台北市敦化北路8號). On the Net: www.danryans.com. Tel: (02) 2778-8800.

Brass Monkey's Super Bowl broadcast starts at 6:30am. Seats are NT\$300, and most are already reserved. Standing room is still available for NT\$150 per person. The sports pub will host a draw for T-shirts, sports towels and bags. Drink specials include Heinekens, Coronas and Bloody Marys for NT\$100 each. Breakfast items, such as sausage, eggs, bacon, pancakes and scones, are also available. The Brass Monkey will show a repeat of the game at 8pm on Monday evening. Address: 3F, 8, Nanjing E Rd Sec 5, Taipei City (台北市南京東路五段8號3樓). On the Net: www.brassmonkeytaipei.com. Tel: (02) 2547-5050.

Carnegie's Super Bowl event begins at 6:30am. Breakfast items and NT\$100 Bloody Marys and Budweisers will be served. Drawings for prizes and the usual dance-on-the-bar showgirls are part of the festivities. There is no minimum service charge. Call ahead to confirm when Carnegie's will replay the game. Address: 100, Anhe Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市安和路二段100號). On the Net: www.carnegies.net. Tel: (02) 2325-4433.

Fans of American football can catch the big game live early Monday morning at several locations in Taipei.

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SUPER BOWL

for early birds



Jason Mascarenhas, better known as **Wax** to clubbers and turntable enthusiasts, is easily one of Canada's most established and internationally recognizable DJs.

He might also be the shyest person with platinum white hair you've ever met.

Having shared a stage with the likes of Snoop Dogg, Destiny's Child, The Roots, A-Trak and DJ Craze to name just a few, Wax is soft-spoken for someone with his credentials.

He credits 1992's seminal hip-hop movie *Juice*, starring the late Tupac Shakur, as the spark that set off his lifelong obsession.

"Uh, should I say all this stuff?" he asks before elaborating. "When I first heard the scratching from the records, I tried the same thing with my parents' turntable. I actually got slapped by my mom, like 'What are you doing? You're ruining the record!'"

Aged 14, Wax procured his first set of low-end turntables by squirreling away his lunch money and selling off his collection of sports memorabilia.

"Since I was in Grade 8 all the way 'til now, I haven't stopped once," Wax said. "I practice everyday."

At 16, he began playing in clubs, often at venues he wasn't legally allowed to be in, and, much to his parents' dismay, stayed out past curfew.

"I actually failed a lot of my [school] courses," he said, "but my teachers actually respected what I was doing and passed me anyway."

Now, 19 years later, with the 1999 Canadian DMC gong as well as the International Turntablist Federation Championships under his belt, and having toured Asia, the US and Canada, he's earned a reputation for his unique style, which combines scratching and turntablism with more traditional methods of mixing and melds diverse genres into new forms.

Although unassuming, when Wax steps behind the decks he transforms into a globe-trotting party rocker.

"I like to interact and feel the crowd," he said. "Even before my set I like to show up at the club earlier just to get a feel for the space. It all starts from the moment I walk in."

When Wax isn't playing in a club, he takes care of business as CEO of Fusion DJ, a collective of Vancouver DJs that he founded, whose aim is to reshape and redefine what services a mobile spinmeister can provide.

And what about Taiwan? "I love the food here and the people are so friendly ...," Wax said. "I could come back every month and I wouldn't get tired of this place."

Hopefully he'll consider it.

Wax's upcoming gigs:

► Tonight from 10pm at Club W, B1, 67, Roosevelt Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北市羅斯福路二段67號B1). Admission is NT\$700 for men and NT\$350 for women at the door. On the Net: www.clubwtaipei.com

► Tomorrow from 10pm at Spark, B1, 45, Shifu Rd, Taipei City (台北市市府路45號B1). Admission is NT\$700 at the door. On the Net: www.spark101.com.tw

For more information on DJ Wax you visit www.djwax.ca, and for Fusion DJs, check out www.fusiondj.com

DJ Wax plays at Club W and Spark this weekend.

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EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

Kaohsiung City Ballet (高雄城市芭蕾舞團) presents the seventh installment of its Dance Shoe series, which was initiated in 2004 to provide young choreographers with a platform perform in public. *Dance Shoe 2010* (2010點子鞋) comprises works by five choreographers, including Wang Kuo-chuan (王國權), Huang Huai-te (黃懷德) and Hsu Cheng-wei (許程威). [See story on Page 14.]

■ Experimental Theater, Taipei City
 ■ Tomorrow at 7:30pm and Sunday at 2:30pm
 ■ Tickets are NT\$400, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Hanlin Folk Arts Theater (漢霖民俗說唱藝術團) revisits classical Chinese stand-up comedy in its newest show, which stars comedic legend Wang Chen-chuan (王振全), whose career has spanned four decades.

■ Metropolitan Hall (城市劇院), 2F, Bade Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市八德路三段25號)
 ■ Tomorrow at 7:30pm and Sunday at 2:30pm
 ■ Tickets are NT\$250 to NT\$1,300, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Comedy Greats. Comedy Club's year-end program, reprises some of the venue's most popular shows from over the past 12 months. Performers include NG Improv Club (新激梗社劇團), MC Birdy, Terry the Magician, Rifat and Yubon (魚游樂樂). For the complete schedule, visit www.comedy.com.tw/node/389
 ■ Comedy Club, B1, 24 Taishun St, Taipei City (台北市泰順街24號B1)

■ Tonight and tomorrow at 8pm, Sunday at 7:30pm
 ■ Tickets are NT\$270 in advance or NT\$300 at the door, and available online at tickets.books.com.tw

National Guoguang Opera Company (國立國光劇團) presents *The Best Scholar's Matchmaking* (狀元媒), a Beijing opera romantic comedy piece taken from the popular story of the Yang Family Generals (楊家將).

■ Guoguang Theater (國光劇場), 8-1, Ln 66, Muzha Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市木柵路三段66巷8-1號)
 ■ Tomorrow at 2:30pm
 ■ Tickets are NT\$200 and NT\$300, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Dog & Dog (雙面狗) by Ark Theatre (方舟劇場) is a comedy about an actor who, on the day of a big audition, finds his whole face has gone missing. His mission is to discover exactly why his eyes, nose, mouth and ears vamoosed and retrieve them.

■ 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)
 ■ Tomorrow at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm
 ■ Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$600, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Contemporary

Located in a former warehouse at Huashan 1914 Creative Park (華山1914), **Legacy Taipei** hosts top Taiwanese bands and international acts. Tonight folk-pop singer **Europa Huang** (黃建為) takes to the stage. As of press time, no shows are scheduled for tomorrow.

■ Huashan 1914 Creative Park (華山1914), Center Five Hall (中五館), 1, Bade Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市八德路一段1號)
 ■ Shows start at 8pm
 ■ Entrance is NT\$500 at the door. Prices include one drink. Tickets available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw or www.legacy.com.tw or at 7-Eleven ibon kiosks

Metal-core/emo band **831** (八三天) and upbeat punk rockers **Punkhoo** (胖虎) play tonight at the **The Wall (牆牆)**. Tomorrow night's show with indie rock band **Tizzy Bac** is sold out. On Sunday it's a group of up-and-coming rockers including **The Pixels, 3.D.B.** and **Live Machine**.

■ 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
 ■ Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight, tomorrow's show is sold out, NT\$250 on Sunday (no advance tickets). Tickets can be purchased online at www.thewall.com.tw or tickets.books.com.tw

Sirius Sharp (天狼星口琴樂隊), a trio of harmonic virtuosos, performs tonight at **Witch House (女巫店)**. Tomorrow the venue hosts several a cappella groups, including **Oops** of Germany, and Taiwanese singers **Jigsaw**, **Every Planet** (美味星球樂隊) and acoustic indie rockers **Silverbus** (銀巴士) appear 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). 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
 ■ Admission for music shows is NT\$300

Tonight at **Riverside Cafe (河岸留聲)** it's the **Ray Band** (雷樂隊), a trio of veteran session musicians who play power rock originals and covers. Tomorrow lead singer and multi-instrumentalist **Suming** (蔡聖明) of indie-rock band Totem (圖騰) takes the stage. On Sunday it's pop pianist **Josh Chen** (陳熙) and singer **Chris Lee** (李立威). Monday is the venue's weekly open jam. Popular nu-metal/funk band **Coach** (教練樂團) appears on Tuesday.

■ 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 Tuesday. Monday's 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 Sunday and Tuesday and NT\$150 on Monday

Riverside Live House (西門紅樓表演廳) hosts Mando-pop boy band **Magic Power** (魔幻力量) tonight and pop singer **Alien Huang** (黃鴻升) tomorrow. Rap trio the **TriPoets** (參鬍) perform on Sunday [see story on Page 13].
 ■ 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 8pm tonight and 8:30pm tomorrow and Sunday
 ■ Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight, tomorrow and Sunday. Tickets can be purchased online through www.riverside.com.tw/livehouse or

tickets.books.com.tw.

Tonight **Underworld (地下社會)** hosts reggae and dub band **Down in Air** (灑在空中) and veteran underground rockers **Celluloid** (賽路). Tomorrow it's **Killing Zoe** and noise band **Shebang-a** (死蚊子). On Wednesday it's low-key indie-rock duo **Zag Lope** (柴可洛嘆) and one-man electro-rock band **Sonic Deadhorse**.

■ 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, which includes one drink; NT\$100 on Wednesday

The **Earl Hines II Jazzet** appears tonight at **Sappho de Base**. Tomorrow it's the **London Shamisen Club**, which combines ballads from Turkey and the Balkans with an Asian twist. The **Edamame Jazz Trio** (毛豆) plays on Tuesday. **Flanour Daguerre**, a jazz quartet that plays everything Bach to Bjork and Ornette Coleman to the Ramones, appears on Wednesday. **DD Quartet** plays fusion 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 Friday and Saturday and 9:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday and 10pm Wednesday. Closed on Sundays and Mondays
 ■ Entrance is NT\$100 tonight and tomorrow, free on other nights

Roxy Roots celebrates Bob Marley's birthday tonight with reggae band **Scaramouche (Suite for Two Pianists)** and Claude Bolling's *Sonata for Two Pianists No. 1*.
 ■ Today at 7:30pm
 ■ Kaohsiung's Chih-Teh Hall (高雄市文化中心至德堂), 67 Wufu 1st Rd, Kaohsiung City (高雄市五福一路67號)
 ■ Tickets are NT\$100 and NT\$200, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

The Mercury (水星酒館) in Kaohsiung features indie bands every week. Appearing tomorrow is punk rock from **Broken Flowers** (碎紙花).
 ■ 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
 ■ Show starts at 8:30pm
 ■ Entrance is NT\$200

Tomorrow night Taichung's **89k** hosts **Swing Black**, a group that combines R'n'B and jazz sounds.
 ■ 21 Daguang Rd, Nantun Dist, Taichung City (台中市南屯區大觀路21號)
 ■ Shows start at 10pm
 ■ Entrance is NT\$300

Classical

When Classical Meets Jazz (古典爵士雙鋼琴音樂會) brings together two classical pianists, Chan Yu-rung (詹育蓉) and Wang Pin-hsin (王品心), in a program of jazz-inspired works

including Gershwin's *Preludes*, Anton Arensky *Suite No. 1*, Darius Milhaud's *Scaramouche (Suite for Two Pianos)* and Claude Bolling's *Sonata for Two Pianists No. 1*.
 ■ Today at 7:30pm
 ■ Kaohsiung's Chih-Teh Hall (高雄市文化中心至德堂), 67 Wufu 1st Rd, Kaohsiung City (高雄市五福一路67號)
 ■ Tickets are NT\$100 and NT\$200, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Baby Soldiers March into the Concert Hall (娃娃兵進音樂廳) is part of the Taipei Civic Symphony Orchestra's (台北市民交響樂團) Children's Concert Series, a musical program designed to appeal to children. The music, drawn from folk songs, cartoons and children's songs, are linked together in a narrative structure by host Ho Kang-ting (何康婷). The orchestra will be conducted by Lin Tien-ji (林天吉).
 ■ Today at 7:30pm
 ■ National Concert Hall, Taipei City
 ■ Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$600, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

The Flowing Water (香畫—流水), a concert by the Little Giant Chinese Chamber Orchestra (小巨人絲竹樂團), features work by emerging artists working in the Chinese orchestral tradition. The orchestra will be conducted by Chen Chih-sheng (陳志聲), with soloists Wang Tsi-ching (王梓靜) on *pipa* (琵琶) and Wu Meng-shan (吳孟珊) on *erhu* (二胡).
 ■ Tomorrow at 7:30pm
 ■ National Concert Hall, Taipei City
 ■ Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$1,200, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw