

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater

If Kids Theater Company's (如果兒童劇場) **The Third Piece (伊卡寶藏大冒險)** tells the adventure of a little boy from a small fishing village who ends up sailing the Seven Seas in a quest for the world's greatest treasure.

■ National Theater, Taipei City
■ Tonight at 7:30pm, tomorrow at 10:30am, 2:30pm and 7:30pm, Sunday at 10:20am and 2:30pm
■ Tickets are NT\$500 to NT\$1,600, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Assembly Dance Theatre (組合語言舞團) teams up with Taishin Arts Award-winning choreographer Lai Tsui-shuang (賴翠霜) for its latest contemporary dance production **Premiere (首映會)**. In the piece, four dancers jump, swirl, roll and twich on the floor, in the air and against flickering images projected onto the wall. [See story Page 13]
■ Experimental Theater, Taipei City
■ Tonight at 7:30pm, tomorrow, Sunday at 2:30pm and 7:30pm
■ Tickets are NT\$500, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Godot Theatre Company's (果陀劇場) **Hello Dolly (我愛紅娘)** is billed as a Broadway-style musical featuring a big band and star-studded cast including catwalk models Chien Shuai-chun (錢帥君) and Jerry Huang (黃志瑋), pop singer Tong-en (同恩) and veteran entertainer Pai Ping-ping (白冰冰) in a story about a happy chef and matchmaker who aims to help others find happiness.
■ Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall (國父紀念館), 505, Renai Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市仁愛路四段505號)
■ Tonight and tomorrow at 7:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm
■ Tickets are NT\$500 to NT\$2,500, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Cloud Gate 2's (雲門舞集2) annual spring performance, **Spring Riot 2010 (2010春門)**, this year consists of new works by three choreographers. Huang Yi's (黃翊) *The Floating Area (浮動的房間)* involves a lone dancer in one sealed room. *Crack (裂)* by Cheng Tsung-lung (鄭宗龍) is about change in life. Ku Ming-shen's (古名伸) *Endless Shore (碎浪海岸)* was inspired by Taiwan's eastern coastline.
■ 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\$300 to NT\$1,200, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Mystic Dance Drama (詭舞劇) by Mei Theatre (滅劇場) is a modern dance work that portrays people's inner landscapes. The performers are professionally trained in dance, kung fu and acrobatics. Mei Theatre was founded in 2008 by Hu Chia (胡嘉), a kung fu practitioner of the Monkey and Crane Kung Fu School (猴鶴雙形拳) in Taiwan and a pupil of marital arts master Chen Ming Luen (陳明濤).
■ Crown Art Center Theater (皇冠小劇場), 50, Ln 120, Dunhua N Rd, Taipei City (台北市敦化北路120巷50號)
■ Tonight and tomorrow at 7:30pm
■ Tickets are NT\$400, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Classical music

Silk Road Ensemble With Yo-Yo Ma (馬友友 — 絲路之旅在台灣) brings superstar cellist Yo-Yo Ma (馬友友) and a group of musicians who form the Silk Road Ensemble. The ensemble is made up of virtuoso musicians with a mission to explore the music of Central Asia, where Western and Eastern musical traditions have a common source. The program includes many compositions that have been generated by the frisson of this unusual group of artists, which includes many masters of unusual Central Asian instruments.
■ Tomorrow at 7:30pm (Taichung) and Sunday at 7:30pm (Kaohsiung)
■ Taichung City Fulfillment Amphitheater (圓滿戶外劇場), in Wensin Park (文心森林公園), at the intersection of Wensin Road Section 1 (文心路一段) and Siangshang Road Section 2 (向上路二段); Kaohsiung's Chih-teh Hall (高雄市文化中心主禮堂), 67 Wufu 1st Rd, Kaohsiung City (高雄市五福一路67號)
■ Tickets are NT\$800 to NT\$6,000, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

NSO Sound of Formosa (NSO精選 — 聲動·福爾摩莎) presents new work by local composers performed by the National Symphony Orchestra (國家交響樂團) under Gunther Herbig and featuring pianist Lu Chia-huei (盧佳慧). The program includes the world premieres of three works, *The Legend of Red Moon (紅月傳說)* by Huang Si-yu (黃思瑜), *Piano Concerto No. 1 (第一號鋼琴奏曲)* by Chin Hsi-wen (金希文) and *Impressions of Home — A Symphony (交響曲《吾鄉印象》)* by Lai Teh-ho (賴德和).

HIGHLIGHT

BY CATHERINE SHU



The **Green Art Market (綠色藝術市集)** is one of several events this weekend marking the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Taking place outside the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA, 當代藝術館), the market will feature vendors including Earth Tree (地球樹), a fair-trade goods store, Dou Dou Xiang (朵朵香), which sells hand-woven jewelry made from seeds gathered in small amounts from plants native to Taiwan, aromatherapy oils from Escents (伊聖詩, an event sponsor) and ChicoBag, which manufactures reusable shopping bags and totes. Many of the items that will be available for sale are handmade,

Earth Day events continue through the weekend.

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including recycled glass artwork and driftwood carvings. Pesticide-free produce and fresh milk will also be sold at a farmers' market, while *The Cove* and ±2°C (正負2度C), a documentary about global warming, will be shown throughout the day.
► Taipei Museum of Contemporary Art, 39 Changan W Rd, Taipei City (台北市長安西路39號) Tomorrow and Sunday from 10am to 6pm
► Admission: free. Tel: (02) 2651-2888 X817. On the Net: www.earthday.org.tw/node/769

Jim Morrison singing in Mandarin, plays tomorrow. **Pink Guitar** is a female-led bossa nova and folk outfit that 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). 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 **Riverside Cafe (河岸留言)** hosts jazz guitarist **Yang Ting-yu (楊騰佑)** and **Friends**. Tomorrow it's two rock groups that use traditional Chinese instruments, newcomers **GTROZ** and well-received Hakka band **Zenkunw (神棍樂團)**. On Sunday up-and-coming indie bands **Fun People** and **PUMPKINney Fan Club (南瓜妮歐迷俱樂部)** take the stage. 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 10pm tonight and 9pm all other nights. For a list of standard songs and ground rules for the open jam, visit the venue's Web site
■ Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight and tomorrow, NT\$350 on Sunday and NT\$150 on Monday

Pop singer **Victor Wong (冠佑)** appears tonight at **Riverside Live House (西門紅樓展演館)**. Tomorrow the venue hosts *One Million Star* (超級星光大道) finalist **Pets Tseng (曾沛慈)**. On Thursday it's jazz-rock group **Seven Shekels (七舍客勒)** who opens for **Rock N' Rap**.
■ 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 tonight, 6:30pm tomorrow and 8:30pm Thursday
■ Entrance fee is NT\$500 tonight, NT\$400 tomorrow and on Thursday. Tickets available online at www.riverside.com.tw/livehouse or tickets.books.com.tw

Alt-pop band **13 (拾叁)** and upbeat punk rockers **Punkhoo (胖虎)** play tonight at **Underworld (地下紅會)**. Tomorrow it's post-rock outfit **Selfkill** and indie-electronica band **Telephone Booth (電話亭樂團)**. Indie rockers **Louis** and synth rockers **The Okay Cars** appear 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. Underworld is open daily from 9pm, closed on Mondays. Happy hour on

HIGHLIGHT

BY DAVID CHEN

World music group **A Moving Sound** performs May 1 at **Legacy Taipei** to launch an international tour that includes dates in London, Paris and Helsinki.

A Moving Sound combines theater and a fusion of Asian folk music that features the unique voice and improvised dance of Mia Hsieh (謝韻雅), who co-founded the group with Scott Prairie.

The Taipei-based ensemble comes up with something new for every show, and this time is no different. They plan to debut new material, including renditions of traditional folk ballads from Israel, Greece and Tibet, and will be joined by special guest, Flamenco guitarist **Cameron Ford**. Adding to the festive mood will be a group of Sufi whirling dancers.
► A Moving Sound live at Legacy

Tuesdays and Thursdays before midnight
■ Entrance is NT\$300 on Fridays and Saturdays, which includes one drink, NT\$100 on Wednesdays. Free on other nights and after music shows

The **Earl Hines II Jazztet** appears tonight at **Sappho de Base**, a late-night lounge and jazz venue. Tomorrow it's the **Jo Jo Ma Quartet**, led by American expat saxophonist Joseph Marchione. On Tuesday pianist **Hsu Yu-ying (許郁瑛)** and friends take to the stage. On Wednesday Ash and Friends perform jazz on "unorthodox" instruments. German expat jazz bassist **Klaus Bru** and his ensemble appear 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 10pm. Closed on Sundays and Mondays
■ Entrance is NT\$100 on Friday, free on other nights

Tonight **Roxy Roots** hosts a party to celebrate Earth Day with Balkan folk group **Aashti (汎絲路樂團)** and DJs **Minijay, Chamber** and **Cougar**. Tomorrow Taichung-based country and bluegrass group **Waysoon** takes the stage.
■ 90 Songren Rd, Taipei City (台北市松仁路90號). Tel: (02) 2725-3932.
On the Net: www.roxy.com.tw
■ Shows start at 10pm
■ Entrance is NT\$300 on Fridays and Saturdays (NT\$200 credited toward food and drink)

EZ5 Live House hosts Mando-pop singers backed by a live band every night. Highlights for the week include **Julia Peng (彭佳慧)**, a major draw who appears every Tuesday, and male crooner **Shin Lung (辛龍)**, who performs every Saturday.
■ 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

Taipei Swing holds dance socials on Friday nights at **Capone's** with live music from blues band **BoPoMoFo (ㄅㄆㄇㄝ)**. Dancers of all levels are welcome, and beginner's lessons are offered while the band takes a break. Tomorrow it's Salsa night with live music from **Latin on Fire**.
■ 312, Zhongxiao E Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市忠孝東路四段312號)
■ Live music from 9pm to 11:30pm on Fridays, 8pm to 11:30pm on Saturdays
■ On Fridays there's a minimum charge of one drink, dancers receive a free drink coupon. On Saturdays the minimum charge is NT\$300

The Mercury (水星酒館) in Kaohsiung features indie bands every week. This week's performer is Kaohsiung group **Orange Doll (橘娃娃)**. They perform with singer and guitarist **Marine (馬林)**.
■ 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: www.mercurybar.blogspot.com
■ Show starts at 9pm
■ Entrance is NT\$200

Events

A host of expat bands, including **3 Day Bender**, **2 Acres Plowed** and **Dr Renculous Lipz** and **The Skallynz** perform at the 5th Annual Soho Street Chili Cookoff tomorrow afternoon at the **FuBar and Grill** sports bar in Taichung. Prizes are being offered for the best chili, and all are welcome to participate in the contest. All proceeds from the event go to the American Chamber of Commerce Kids Fund. For more information, call the venue.
■ 25-9 Daye Rd, Taichung City (台中市西區大業路25-9號) Tel: (04) 2310-9401 or 0920-504-724
■ Tomorrow from 1pm to 8pm
■ Admission is NT\$250



A Moving Sound is gearing up for an international tour with a concert next Saturday at Legacy Taipei.

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Taipei, located at 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)
► May 1 at 8pm
► NT\$600 at the door, NT\$500 in advance. Tickets are available through www.legacy.com.tw and at 7-Eleven ibon kiosks

Stage actors Wei Chin-ju and Shih Ming-shuai in *The Tracks on the Beach*.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAKESPEARE'S WILD SISTERS GROUP

Marguerite Duras in translation

Director and actor Hsu Yen-ling (徐堰鈴) feels torn as Shakespeare's Wild Sisters Group's (莎士比亞的妹妹們的劇團) new production *The Tracks on the Beach (沙灘上的腳印)*, which was inspired by the work of Marguerite Duras, hits the stage.

She had hoped the production would evolve organically as an abstract work in progress. Yet for all her experimental aspirations, she returned to a concrete, easy-to-grasp story.

Above all, though, Hsu strove to reproduce Duras' sentiments.

The director's bold exploration begins with Duras' *Le Ravissement de Lol V. Stein* (The Ravishing of Lol Stein). Stein, a married woman, returns to her hometown, where the disloyalty of her fiancé tormented her when she was young, which led to an obsession with her childhood friend's paramour Jacques Hold.

Duras' tale serves only as a backdrop in Hsu's production, the first of a yearlong series of performances to celebrate the Sisters' 15th anniversary. The narrative of the play's first half deals with love, desire and a constantly frustrated, elusive relationship between a deranged woman (Wei Chin-ju, 魏沁如) and a man (Shih Ming-shuai, 施名帥).

In the second half, the two characters become dancers and emulate each other's movements, improvising and creating moves that resemble those of a tango or a pas de

deux, though they rarely touch.

Meanwhile, a prerecorded voice-over reads lines from Duras' novel, but deliberately out of sync with what's going on on the stage.

The director says the piece is about the process of creating.

"I want to grasp why people want to create art and seek a way of creating that I feel most at ease with," Hsu said. This play "is the beginning of a period of heavy learning. It is a tremendous task, but I may end up writing everything, hence nothing."

Hsu said during an interview on Sunday that as director, she is constantly engaged in negotiations and discussions with the play's actors and production team. As a result, the play is in flux.

All this weekend's performances of *The Tracks on the Beach* at Guling Street Avant-Garde Theatre (牯嶺街小劇場) have long since sold out. Next in line in the series is *Jumel*, which takes place in June and was tailor-made by French theater director Franck Dimech for the company's two veteran performers, Juan Wen-ping (阮文萍) and Chou Jung-shih (周蓉詩). Following *Jumel* are new renderings of the company's 2005 box-office success *Michael Jackson* in August and *Quartet from Heiner Muller* in October.

For more information, visit the group's bilingual Web site at www.sws95.com.tw.



THE VINYL WORD

BY QUEEN BEE



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Will the earth move?

located at 16-1, Xinyi Rd Sec 5, Taipei City (台北市信義路五段16-1號).

Known as a fancy and upscale watering hole, Barcode is actually quite amiable, as long as you're not wearing slippers and a wife-beater with betel nut juice stains down the front. The bar has a dancefloor and DJs spinning seven nights a week, and there's no cover charge. This spot is ideal for revelers who have grown out of nightclubbing, or for those who are looking for a fun pre-party sans pretense. The bar recently tweaked its music policy — expect to hear funk, retro, pop, alternative and funky house on weekends. Resident DJs: **Kay, D La Roc, Jimmy Chen, Al Burro** and **Andrew Ford**. Barcode is located at 5F, 22 Songshou Rd, Taipei City (台北市松壽路22號5樓). And to finish, another natural disaster, of sorts. Next weekend Earthquake: The Underworld Indie Rock Dance Party! takes a trip down memory lane with the bar's resident DJs **Randy**, spinning from midnight to 1am, and **Floaty Keith**, spinning from 1am to 3am, who will grace the decks with indie and alternative rock, from "Black Flag to New Order to Vampire Weekend, as well as local heroes Go Chic and 1976," says the flyer.

April 30 from midnight at Underworld (地下社會), 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. Admission is NT\$100.