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Shino's
born again

After tragedy struck, Shino picked herself up and dusted herself off and is now well on the way to resurrecting her career

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M ando-pop singer-songwriter Shino (林曉培) has a nearly impossible mission to accomplish. She has to rebuild a career she almost destroyed when she killed a woman in a drunk-driving accident three years ago. Since reaching a settlement with the victim's family, the rocker, who is best known for her KTV classic *Tempting Heart* (心動), has been seeking rebirth both in her life and in her music.

This year, Shino independently produced the live album *Invincible: Shino and Her Songs* (五語倫比- Shino和她的歌兒們) and distributed it through Seed Music. She has also held a mini charity concert titled Pure Love (純愛) for three years in a row.

On Wednesday night, she will perform the second part of The Way We Were Concert (林曉培 — The Way We Were音樂會), subtitled "Time Travel" (時空重遊), in which she will sing her favorite songs from the pub circuit at Legacy Taipei. Part one of the concert was held last Wednesday.

"This is my tribute to pub songs from 1990 to 2000. They are mostly rock songs with a female perspective," Shino said in a phone interview early this week, explaining that she decided to divide the concert into two parts because there were too many songs to choose from. "I started my career in the pub circuit and I want to celebrate music in this style."

"Since [experiencing] these dramatic changes in life, I am more sure about rock music than ever," she said. "Basically, I like music with a folk-based melody and clear rhythm."

"I've been too noisy for too long. It's time to get back to the basics with understated rather than overbearing music."

Shino's time spent mulling over her misfortune has brought about noticeable changes in her music. *Invincible: Shino and Her Songs*, released in January, is about persistence and survival. On the album she covers songs about redemption such as Debby Boone's classic *You Light Up My Life* and Teresa Teng's (鄧麗君) *Slow Walk Through Life's Journey* (漫步人生路).

Shino was baptized as a Christian in August 2007, two months after her car accident, and says she has "always wanted to do a gospel album."

"I want to present both our human side and God's message. These are issues I see every day when I make important decisions and judge things."

In addition to folk music and songs about redemption, Shino has also dabbled in electronic music with *Black Swan (to Salander)* (黑天鹅(給莎蘭德)), the Taiwan theme song for the crime thriller *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*.

And she's become an actress, with a supporting role in the Taiwanese blockbuster *Cape No. 7* (海角七號) and as the title character last year in the Chinese musical *Aunt* (阿姨).

Shino plans to release a new album with original material by the end of this year, though she is currently not signed to a major label.

"After all these upheavals, I sometimes have the illusion that [the people in] my audiences are my close friends when I am standing on the stage and watching them," she said. "They are old friends who will point out to me when I make mistakes."

PERFORMANCE NOTES:

WHAT: Shino — The Way We Were Concert (林曉培 — The Way We Were音樂會), Time Travel (時空重遊)

WHEN: Wednesday at 8:30pm

WHERE: Legacy 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)

ADMISSION: NT\$400 in advance or NT\$500 at the door, available through

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ON THE NET: www.goshino.com

[FESTIVAL]

Eat (and rock) your way through Taichung in two days

The Compass Taichung International Food and Music Festival highlights the international dining and music scene in the middle of Taiwan

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For the seventh year, the Compass Taichung International Food and Music Festival gives visitors a chance to gorge themselves and rock out at the same time. The festival, which starts tomorrow and runs through Sunday on Taichung's Art Museum Parkway (美術綠園道), was founded in 2004 by *Compass*, a monthly bilingual city guide that covers Taichung and other cities in the middle of Taiwan.

"We wanted an event that symbolizes the mission [of the magazine] by showcasing all that Taichung has to offer, with an emphasis on international dining, nightlife and music," says

Douglas Habecker, co-publisher of *Compass*.

This year's festival features 50 vendor booths operated by local dining establishments, selling food ranging from German sausages and Indian wraps to Japanese rice balls and Italian gelato, as well as traditional Taiwanese treats. Other vendor booths will offer items and services including electronics and fitness club memberships.

Sixteen bands are on the lineup for this weekend, including festival regulars the Money Shot Horns, who are headlining. New faces include band Aurora, which music coordinator Patrick Byrne describes as having a "Euro-beat sound," and flamenco guitarist Cameron de la Vegas.

Other acts include Native Space, Nick Fothergill, Way Soon, Point 22 (.22), Awesome Shit, Three Day Bender and The Infinite Minute, which play tomorrow, and The Ever So Friendlies, 2 Acres Plowed, Andy Goode, Reider, 'Round Midnight, Aurora and Coach, which perform on Sunday.

Taichung "is a hotbed of live bands and live music, so we try to keep some variety going," says Byrne. "The festival will cover a lot of genres, including jazz music, rock, folk, country, the whole gambit."

A new event at this year's festival is the Oriental Fashion and Cosmetics Show, which will be staged from 4pm to 5pm tomorrow by Hungkuang University (弘光科技大學) staff

FESTIVAL NOTES:

WHAT: Compass Taichung International Food and Music Festival

WHEN: Tomorrow and Sunday from 2pm to 10pm

WHERE: Art Museum Parkway, Taichung City (台中市美術綠園道), between Wucyuan West 3rd and 4th streets (五權西三街和五權西四街) and Wucyuan 5th and 7th streets (五權五街和五權七街)

ADMISSION: Free

ON THE NET: www.taiwanfun.com/central/taichung/articles/1005/1005CoverStory.htm

and students and has an "East meets West" theme. Organizers "felt that because the *Compass* festival has so many foreign visitors, that it would be a great opportunity to showcase the latest things in Taiwan creativity when it comes to fashion," says Habecker.

Late-night revelers can celebrate at an after-party, which will start at 11pm tomorrow evening at 89K Music Bar at 21 Daguang Rd, Taichung City, (台中市大觀路21號). The Money Shot Horns and Andy Goode will appear, and the NT\$300 cover charge includes a drink.



The Money Shot Horns headline this year's Compass Taichung International Food and Music Festival.
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