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PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE TOWN TICK

Caught on Film

SCREEN SIRENS AND CELLULOID SUPPORTERS BEGIN REHEARSING FOR NEXT MONTH'S FILMAID GALA

THE HONG KONG CHAPTER OF FilmAid will host its annual gala, The Power of Film, this year on March 16, once again co-chaired by actor **DONNIE YEN** and with a board that includes **CLAIRE BREEN MELWANI**, **JOHN MCLELLAN** and **LEVINA LI-CADMAN**. The charitable organisation produces documentaries promoting social and public health awareness. Christie's will run a live auction on the night while celebrated local handbag designer **FIONA KOTUR** has designed a limited edition minaudière (right) for the cause, with 100 per cent of proceeds being donated to FilmAid. Film stars Jamie Campbell Bower and Elizabeth Reaser (both pictured, centre, with Film Aid board members) were flown to Hong



Kong in December for the premiere of *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2* as well as for the launch of Kotur's bag.



GRIST TO THE RUMOUR MILL

DIAMOND CASANOVA Which two-timing scoundrel was seen at a sparkling jewellery counter recently purchasing not one but two of the same diamond bracelets? One for his partner and one for his mistress, we presume - unless his lucky pooch is his other Valentine.

I DREAM OF OPERA High notes of opera aren't usually accompanied by loud snores, but recently one hard-working tycoon failed to stay awake during the opening score. Other audience members were alerted to his sonorous breathing and his embarrassed wife soon nudged him awake. We recommend a double-shot of espresso next time.

ERRATUM

From *SOCIETY* 2013: Max Arculli has three half sisters and one half brother.

In our January issue, Michelle Cheng-Chan was miscredited on p.48 as a current director of Occasions PR. She is in fact the founding partner and group managing director of Trimaran.

Sleep on It

INTERIORS ENTREPRENEUR BRANDON CHAU CATCHES FORTY WINKS WITH LUXURIOUS FRENCH BEDDING COLLECTION



IN A CITY OF HYPER-STRESS and fast-paced lifestyles, a good night's sleep might just be what we all need to relax and recharge our batteries. With that in mind, **BRANDON CHAU** (pictured left, with wife Jenny) recently launched another European bedding line in Hong Kong. Having opened up British brand Vi-Spring's flagship in June, Chau now brings Paris-based Treca Interiors to our shores. Dorian Ho and other luminaries

attended the official opening in December. "I don't think a lot of people realise how important a good night's sleep is," Chau says. "Beds like these can really energise you and improve your lifestyle."



ONGOING

LOUISE HINDSGAVL: HUMAN DESIRES AND LAST MINUTE PLEASURES

Throw a mix of man and animal into porcelain casting and you get the mythical sculpture world of Louise Hindsgavl, who juxtaposes a chaotic, anthropomorphised setting with the smooth, refined material. Galerie NeC; 11am-8pm (Tue-Sat) and 1pm-6pm (Sun); until Feb 16; free. www.galerienec.com



WEST KOWLOON BAMBOO THEATRE

Chinese New Year events kick off with star-studded Cantonese opera shows at the Bamboo Theatre. Ethnic folk dances by the Hong Kong Dance Company, contemporary musical acts and a Bamboo Theatre Fair with traditional snacks and local handicrafts all ring in the Lunar New Year. West Kowloon Cultural District; various times and prices; until Feb 16. www.bamboothatre.wkcda.hk



IMMINENT DOMAIN: DESIGNING THE LIFE OF TOMORROW

The Fumio Nanjo curated exhibition, featuring original works by 12 award-winning local designers including Kai-yin Lo, interprets how technological innovations influence lifestyle and aesthetic perceptions. Works span architecture, jewellery, product design and the automobile industry. Asia Society; 11am-5pm (Tue-Fri) and 10am-5pm (public holidays and weekends); until Mar 31. www.asiasociety.org/hong-kong

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The Royal Touch

NORDIC BISTRO WELCOMES THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF DENMARK

IT WAS A RIGHT ROYAL afternoon on December 7 as **CROWN PRINCE FREDERIK** and **CROWN PRINCESS MARY** of Denmark visited Hong Kong's top Nordic restaurant, **FINDS**. Their Royal Highnesses were in town to support the launch of delectable Danish beer brand Mikkeller and Danish Crown pork. The Taste of Denmark cocktail event was inspired by the unique flavours of the country, and executive chef Jaakko Sorsa created a mouthwatering array of canapés that paired boutique



beers with the finest in Danish pork. The Crown Prince and Princess toasted the staff at **FINDS** and those in attendance with a speech to mark the occasion.

Cap and Gown

HIGH-PROFILE LAWYER NAMED HONORARY DIRECTOR OF BEIJING'S ESTEEMED TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY



THE PRESTIGIOUS TSINGHUA University in Beijing recently appointed Hong Kong legal eagle **WOO KA-BUI** (pictured, above) as honorary director. Woo, an Oxford graduate and the son of Woo Kwan Lee & Lo founder **WOO PO-SHING**, donated funds towards the

construction of a library for the School of Law. The library will be completed in 2015 and will be 10,000sqft in size. Tsinghua University is one of nine in the prestigious C9 League and is regularly ranked among the top higher education establishments in China.



BEST OF BRITISH

ONE OF THE MOST influential pioneers of contemporary art, Damien Hirst, brings his latest exhibition to White Cube this month. *Entomology Cabinets and Paintings, Scalpel Blade Paintings and Colour Charts* highlights the best of Hirst's ironic, tongue-in-cheek style. The controversial artist uses a studio of assistants to create his works; for his scalpel paintings, blades were meticulously laid out in a geometric pattern atop a circular canvas. Until May 4 at White Cube, Connaught Road Central.

ONGOING

SONG DONG: 36 CALENDARS

It's the world according to Song Dong as the acclaimed Beijing artist rewrites history with his first solo exhibition in Hong Kong. Based on his re-interpretation of recent historical events, Song presents 36 hand-drawn wall calendars with his take on world-changing events from 1978 to the present. ArtisTree; 11am-7pm; until Feb 8. www.aaa.org.hk



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BEETHOVEN VIOLIN AND PIANO SONATAS CONCERTS

The third concert in a four-part series sees musical duo Amy Sze and Benedict Cruft highlight Beethoven's musical development over the course of his career, covering Six German Dances, WoO42, Op. 12 No. 3 in E Flat and the Kreutzer Sonata. HKAPA; 8pm; \$65-\$150. www.hkticketing.com

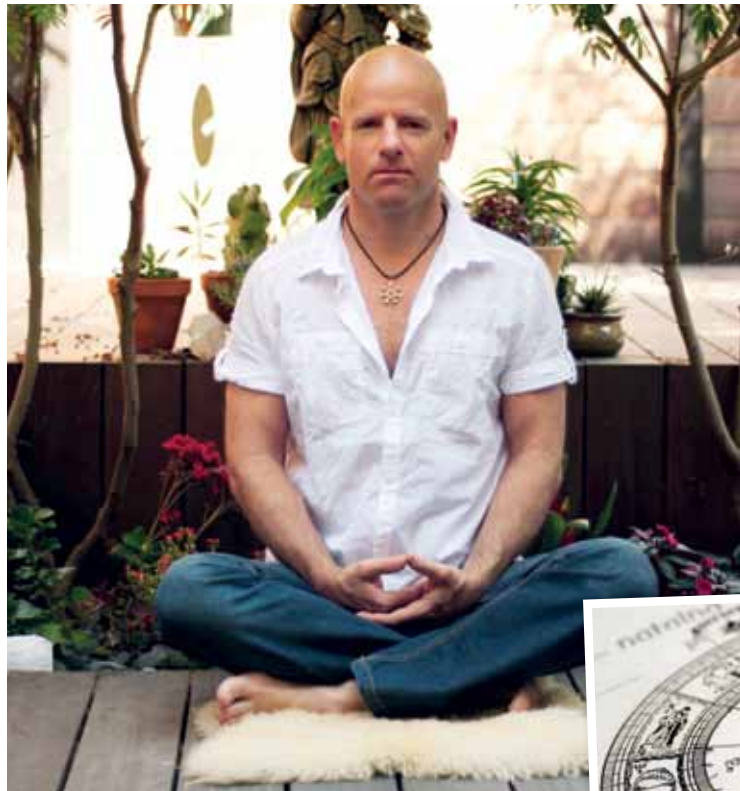
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CATHAY PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL CHINESE NEW YEAR NIGHT PARADE

Now in its 18th year, the acclaimed Cathay Pacific International Chinese New Year Night Parade once again snakes through Tsim Sha Tsui – and turns the Kowloon district into one of the liveliest parties of the Chinese New Year. Cultural Centre Piazza and along Tsim Sha Tsui parade route; 8pm-9.30pm; \$180-\$350. www.discoverhongkong.com



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SOUL SEARCHER

Gahl Sasson will be at the Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong from February 25 to March 3. Private one-on-one services include individual natal readings, newborn chartings and compatibility readings for you and your partner. Sasson will host two individual workshops: an astrological session titled *How to Progress in the Year of the Snake*, and a Kabbalah session titled *A Wish Can Change Your Life*. Discover more about Sasson's work at www.cosmicnavigator.com



HIGH-T WITH...

Gahl Sasson

THE WORLD-RENOWNED SPIRITUAL ADVISER AND TEACHER SPEAKS TO TITTLE TATTLE ABOUT LOVE, LUCK AND ASTROLOGY AHEAD OF HIS SESSIONS IN HONG KONG

TITTLE TATTLE: *What can we expect from your one-on-one consultations or workshops?*

GAHL SASSON: I'll be giving spiritual advice for the year ahead and will provide private sessions for those with relationship problems. Using Kabbalah, love signs, Buddhism and other traditions, I'll aim to help you find answers to your personal challenges. I help clients connect to their story, to find their passion and reason for being, and help them stay true to that core.

TT: *Do you think everyone should have a spiritual adviser?*

GS: In a perfect world, everyone is his or her own spiritual adviser – and uses astrology and mysticism to improve their own and others' lives. Astrology is not a fortune-telling tool; it is a system of spirituality

that connects people to their celestial and internal universe. I don't claim to know the future, but rather to give people a roadmap for their lives so they can make better choices.

TT: *Have you come across many sceptics in your career?*

GS: Yes; then they come to me and change their minds. I myself was a sceptic and studied psychology first. But after my own experiences, I found spiritual learning to be very helpful and practical. When you come to my sessions in Hong Kong, you'll learn that Kabbalah in Hebrew means "to accept." I help individuals accept life's lessons by recognising that everything happens for a reason.

TT: *We hear the Dalai Lama endorses your book A Wish Can Change Your Life.*

GS: Yes! I sent him a message, thinking that chances for success were slim. But I also knew that the Dalai Lama is a manifestation of the Buddha of Compassion who has 1,000 arms. A few months later, I received a personal note from the Dalai Lama, complete with an endorsement. The journey of *A Wish Can Change Your Life* began with a wish.

TT: *Any advice for the year ahead?*

GS: Expect a great deal of transformation. This is the year where Saturn, the Lord of Karma, will sail through Scorpio. A very rare and beautiful synchronicity. From June, it will be a good time for starting families and for real estate. Avoid shortcuts in trying to make money. And stay away from vengeance.

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HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL

Celebrating its 41st year, the Hong Kong Arts Festival brings in acclaimed international performances such as the American Ballet Theatre's rendition of *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as the award-winning *One Man, Two Guvnors* by the National Theatre of Great Britain. A variety of musical, theatrical and dance performances are set to make culture vultures salivate. Various locations, times and prices; until Mar 22. www.hk.artsfestival.org



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ASIA HOTEL ART FAIR

More than 3,000 contemporary Asian artworks from 60 galleries across Korea, China, Japan, Hong Kong and beyond make their way to the Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong. Aimed at unifying the Asian art world, expect fabulous pieces from a variety of disciplines at the fair. Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong; noon-9pm (Fri), noon-8pm (Sat & Sun); until Feb 24; \$100. hotelartfair.kr

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LONGINES HONG KONG MASTERS

Thirty of the world's top-ranking equestrians help jumpstart the inaugural Longines Hong Kong Masters this month. European champion Rolf-Göran Bengtsson, World Cup winner Christian Ahlmann is among the illustrious riders taking part. See our feature on p.232. AsiaWorld-Expo; various times; until Mar 2; \$150-\$450. www.longineshkmasters.com



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A Charmed Life

OUR PANEL OF SOCIALITES DIVULGE THEIR FUTURE PLANS AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THE DRAGON AND WELCOME THE SNAKE



"Foodlink Foundation are happy to be serving an estimated 4,768 meals per week. We will continue to work towards replacing hunger with a smile. Thank you for your heartfelt support!"

CHARLOTTE HWANG

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FEED THE WORLD

Harvest prices are predicted to rise so be sure to support charities that help feed the needy.

"Here's a tip: in the new year, it will be important to diversify and be liquid in your investments"

RONALD KWOK

LIVING COLOUR

Wearing blue, black and green will bring you luck, especially on Chinese New Year's Eve.



"To welcome the year of the snake, we've incorporated the 'must have' colours green and turquoise into our new collections. Beading details and snake skin are also used throughout"

DORIAN HO

WISE WORDS

Dragons are considered lucky and snakes wise, so as long as you plan carefully, you should continue to expect the same success.

GIVE AND TAKE

Wearing jewels and snake-skin clothes will attract fortune and wealth.



IMAGINE THAT

A snake year is the ideal time to launch a major creative project. Expect a good year for music, film, dance and the arts.

"I'm working with Project Twelve and Vero Chocolate to create chocolate squares inspired by a snake sculpture created by Dennis Chan of Qeelin"

ALAN LO

"I will continue to bedeck myself with even more jewels for the year of the snake and may even dig out one of two pairs of snakeskin pants from my wardrobe"

CAROL MURRAY

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