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British Sea Power  
rocks the indie scene



## British Sea Power

This mega indie rock band has been likened to The Pixies and The Cure. Their whirling deep, epic guitar riffs and passionate lyrics make them an indie favorite. Hailing from the U.K, British Sea Power hits Yugong Yishan with support from Muma and Third Party in a prequel to the Midi Ocean Festival, which goes down in Shandong province later in the week. Don't miss this single Beijing show. Tickets are ¥180 (presale)-¥260 (door).

British Sea Power at Yugong Yishan, Wednesday, August 3, 8:30pm, Tel: 6215-9844

## NEON Party 3

The Pipesmokers, Saul D, Tobias Patrick, Tigerninstein, GreenVesper and Bite-Size Buddha rip up the rooftop decks at Migas in this third edition of the NEON parties. These DJs mix the latest nudisco, italo, house and electro-pop from early afternoon until the Beijing sky hazes over with morning light. Free.

NEON Party 3 at Migas, Sunday, July 31, 4pm, Tel: 5208-6061, max@the-m.asia

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Britpop to the  
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## PARTY OF THE WEEK

# Comeback Kids

**Suede** brings their reunion tour to Beijing

True music historians credit Suede with inspiring the Britpop phenomenon. For the casual fan, however, Suede was one of many groups singing about the toils of urban youth and middle-class strife. They were the precursors to bands like Oasis, though with more of a retro Beatles backbeat. They come to Beijing August 7 for a reunion show at the Workers Gymnasium as part of their comeback tour. The question on our minds: does this mean Britpop is dead?

In true rock 'n' roll fashion, the band suffered a major setback when guitarist Bernard Butler left the band after repeated clashes with frontman Brett Anderson. It became a made-in-Hollywood drama when Anderson fell to booze and drugs after Butler's dramatic departure. Like most legendary artists after a

musical fad fades, Suede sunk into obscurity as Britpop gave way to alt-rock. The group drifted apart in 2003.

They have now reunited in typical comeback fashion for a series of lucrative tours. Their 2011 summer tour launched in London, and was their biggest concert to date. Suede has been to Beijing before, of course, back in 2004, post-SARS. It was one of the biggest musical events in the Capital's recent history, ushering in the era of big rock concerts and leaving a profound impression on Beijing's nascent rock scene. Brett and the boys may be slinging little more than nostalgia these days, but if you want to throw lighters in the air, this will be a night to remember. Tickets are ¥280-¥1,280.

Suede at Worker's Gymnasium, Sunday, August 7, 7:30pm, Tel: 8399-3031