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Moonlit Sailor shows you how to feel rather than hear music

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Nature and nurture come together in this enchanting instrumental performance. Swedish band Moonlit Sailor are innovating post-rock sound with the addition of space-rock and quasi-pop elements. Their latest album, *So Close to Life*, is an emotional creation that mirrors nature as closely as possible with sound. "The true beauty of music without words is that it can mean something different to each one of us," says bassist Markus Rundl. ¥70-¥100.

Moonlit Sailor at The One Club, Saturday, July 16, 8:30pm, Tel: 6417-7845

IZ Album Release

IZ celebrates the release of their latest ethnic/modern music album entitled *Shadow* before embarking on a European tour. IZ frontman Mamer, who hails from Xinjiang and Kazakhstan, is a major player in China's folk scene, and this album has been eagerly anticipated by the capital's indie music lovers. ¥50 (presale)-¥60 (door).

IZ at Yugong Yishan, Thursday, July 14, 9:30pm, Tel: 6404-2711

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Sherlock Groove

qbar: "DJ Wang Bei keeps the sounds of the basskillvilles at bay with a groove-oriented mix of nu sound, soul and electronica. Other mysteries await when he cracks open the record case."

Sherlock Groove at Q Bar, Saturday, July 2 and Friday, July 15, 10pm, Tel: 6595-9239



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Macy Gray offers an intimate show



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Sultry Star Power

Macy Gray brings soul to the capital's Atmosphere

▶ The infamous, sexy and ultra-talented Macy Gray, winner of a Grammy Award and one of the best R&B/soul vocalists of her generation, performs July 8 at China World Summit Wing's cloud-penetrating Atmosphere Bar.

"What we're trying to do is make this a boutique event. It's intimate. Like she is in your living room" says Matthew Arnett of Street Hustle Promotions, the crew that brought Usher to the capital last year.

Macy Gray will perform an unplugged half-hour set of all her biggest hits before DJing the after-party. This exclusive event allows 200-250 lucky Beijing music lovers the rare chance to see the sultry singer sing and then DJ until the sun comes up. "She is a very accomplished DJ," Arnett tells us.

The combo of a personal unplugged set

combined with an all-night DJ session by Gray is literally too much to fathom.

"Atmosphere Bar is setting themselves apart when it comes to entertainment" says Arnett of the sky-high venue, "No one else is doing what they are doing."

Macy Gray has been nominated for five Grammy awards, and has released five albums. She is also an accomplished actress, with appearances in films like *Spider-Man* and *Training Day*. She is perhaps best known for the single "I Try," which we admit we rocked out to in 1999. The album *On How Life Is* went triple platinum in the U.S. and quadruple platinum in the UK. Needless to say, she is a big deal. Tickets are ¥800, reservations: 8571-6459.

Macy Gray at Atmosphere Bar, Friday, July 8, 7:30pm, Tel: 8591-2885.