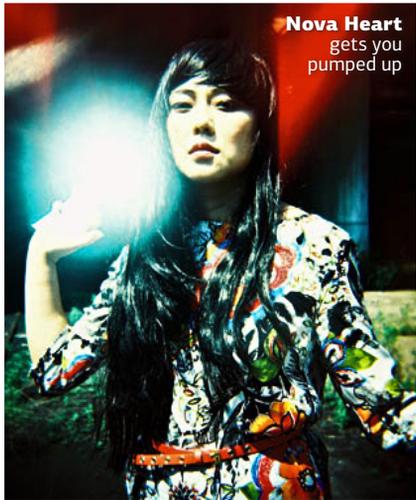


DON'T MISS!

➔ Nightlife



Nova Heart

Nova Heart—the new solo project from Helen Feng of Pet Conspiracy fame, brings the best mix of psych disco and lo-fi pop to the stage at Yugong Yishan. This show, produced by Italian artist Rodion, promises the perfect blend of tradition and innovation, and with a connection to the wildness of Pet Conspiracy you know it'll be unique. Support from Mr. Graceless and others. ¥70 (presale)-¥90 (door).

Nova Heart at Yugong Yishan, Friday, September 30, 9pm, Tel: 6404-2711

Reloads + Dissard

The Reloads open for Marianne Dissard, a French/American singer, songwriter, poet, filmmaker and performance artist who blends her love of the American southwest with French traditionalism. She has released four critically acclaimed albums and worked with famous acts like Calexico, Sergio Mendoza and François Breut. For the best in American/French fusion, this is it. ¥30.

Reloads and Marianne Dissard at D-22, Thursday, September 29, 9pm, Tel: 6265-3177



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PARTY OF THE WEEK

Boys Gone Wild

Westlife graduates to manhood with Gravity World Tour

▶ You won't admit it, but you secretly love boy bands—immaculately coiffed guys pouring out their hearts in perfect six-part harmony. The Backstreet Boys show tore up Wukesong Stadium last year, and now it's Westlife's turn. After a dozen years and 10 albums, these Irish choir boys make their China debut at the MasterCard Center on Sep. 25.

With help from legendary producer/songwriter John Shanks, Westlife has reinvented its sound. They were present with Shanks throughout the creation of their new album—a first for these handsome, well-groomed lads. The results are richer, deeper pop gems which eschew extoling childish infatuation for musings on tragedy and loss. Their Gravity World Tour unveils the newer, deeper Westlife.

Shanks reinvigorated Bon Jovi's career, re-launched the Backstreet Boys and wrote/produced Kelly Clarkson's top single *Breakaway*. He's performed the same magic on this once-saccharin boy band.

Don't fret if you're a diehard Westlife fan, though—we don't think they'll toss out their matching outfits or stop frosting their tips. And it just wouldn't be the same if every band member didn't stare longingly into the distance whenever cameras were around.

They may resemble the same boy band you fell in love with as a teenager, but like you, they've grown up. Lighters in the air, Beijing. ¥180-¥1,280.

Westlife at MasterCard Center, Sunday, September 25, 7:30pm, Tel: 6417-7845

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Moonlighting IV

cpy: "The fourth installment of our moon-howling sessions, DJ Usami and Patrick Yu, two of the longest serving guards of the Beijing underground music scene, take their cause to the rooftop of Migas, in the heart of Sanlitun."

Moonlighting IV at Migas, Friday, September 23, 10pm, Tel: 5208-6061



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