

## LEISURE & pleasure



### MICHAEL LEARNS TO ROCK TOUR

**M**ichael Learns to Rock (MLTR) heads east to where their biggest fan base resides: Asia. If you listened to the radio in the '90s, chances are you'll be familiar with their chart-topping songs *Paint My Love*, *Nothing to Lose* and *25 Minutes*.

It's a little-known fact, but this Danish soft rock band headlined

the *Celebrate Hong Kong* concert on 6 July 1997, which marked the territory's transfer from Britain to China.

22 Aug, 8:15pm. Star Hall, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon. HK\$480-\$880. [www.mltr.dk](http://www.mltr.dk)

### SLAVA'S SNOWSHOW

**O**ne may find it odd that a clown parade was nominated for a prestigious Tony Award, or that it won the Best Entertainment of the Year category at London's Laurence Olivier Awards. Clearly, though, *Slava's Snowshow* is not your average rabble of performers clowning around. According to critics, the show "is to clowning what *Cirque du Soleil* is to the circus". Powerful, silly and inspiring in equal parts, this "tragicomedy" promises to transport audiences to their childhood days of wide-eyed wonder and simple joys.

Showing until 6 Aug. Lyric Theatre, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd, Wan Chai. HK\$480-\$880. [www.slavasnowshow.com](http://www.slavasnowshow.com)



### WOW AND FLUTTER PRESENTS THE WEEKEND

**A** 3-day outdoor festival of local music, art installations, unique food, craft market finds, and family activities.

11-13 Aug. 1-10pm West Kowloon Cultural District. HK\$350-\$900. [www.theweekend.hk](http://www.theweekend.hk)



## BLACK ROCK WHISKY BAR POP-UP

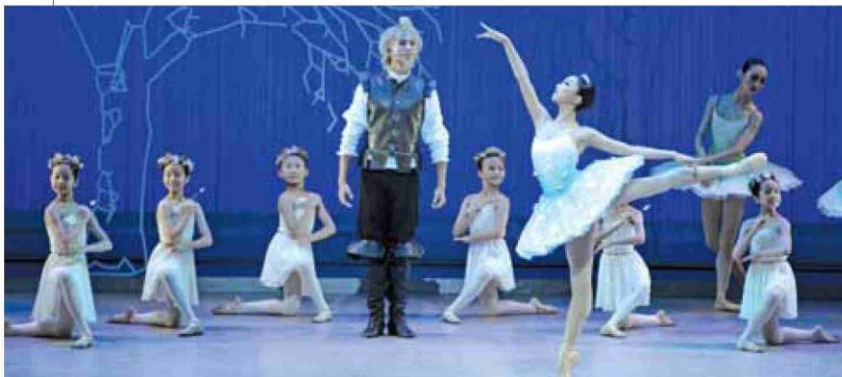
For two weeks this summer, popular watering hole Foxglove will partner with Black Rock, dubbed “London’s best whisky bar”. Their gimmick? Setting up a “speakeasy within a speakeasy” and offering specially curated selections along with personally guided tours. The gastronomic partnership is sealed with exclusive bites from the original Black Rock menu plus dishes from Bo Innovation chef Alvin “Demon Chef” Leung and Asia’s first *MasterChef* winner, Woo Wai Leong.

Open until 5 Aug. Printing House, 2/F, 6 Duddell St, Central. HK\$500+ [www.foxglovehk.com](http://www.foxglovehk.com)

## DON QUIXOTE

Miguel de Cervantes’ literary masterpiece is brought to life by the Hong Kong Ballet in a flurry of red ruffle and explosive movement. This showing welcomes guest ballerina Iana Salenko of Staatsballet Berlin and The Royal Ballet, who brings her gravity-defying jetés and fearless lifts to the Hong Kong stage.

26-27 Aug. Grand Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui. HK\$140-\$680. [www.hkballet.com](http://www.hkballet.com)



## CHINESE OPERA FESTIVAL

Music, dance, martial arts and acrobatics commingle in the centuries-old Chinese Opera. Catch the last shows of the two-month festival, highlighted by the Shanghai Yue Opera Group, or Shaoxing Opera, which is known for its lyrical repertoire. If you’re a regular, you might want to change things up by seeing the new Cantonese opera *Battle of the Throne*. The Suzhou Kunqu Opera Theatre of Jiangsu closes the affair with *The White Silk Gown*, about a young man faced with the biggest moral dilemma of his life.

Showing until 13 Aug. Various locations. HK\$120-\$380. [www.cof.gov.hk](http://www.cof.gov.hk)

## DNCE IN CONCERT

Three-time platinum record-selling American band DNCE is coming to Hong Kong for one night to play their hit tracks, *Cake by the Ocean* and *Toothbrush*, among other upbeat tunes. Fronted by Joe Jonas of Disney fame, DNCE is a 2-year-old funk-pop group that has won the hearts of young girls all over the world. They bagged Best New Artist at the MTV Video Music Awards in 2016 and Party Song of the Year at the Teen Choice Awards, to name a few accolades. Get ready for some *Body Moves* and *Kissing Strangers!*

14 Aug, 8pm. MacPherson Stadium, 38 Nelson Street, Mong Kok. HK\$588-HK\$850. [www.livenationlushington.net](http://www.livenationlushington.net)

## INTERNATIONAL DESIGN FURNITURE FAIR (IDFFHK 2017)

Over 10,000 visitors are expected to attend this year’s edition of IDFFHK – a design event that advocates creativity and generates new business opportunities in the region. From architects and interior designers to distributors and property developers, participants will be inspired by the fair’s integrated exhibitions and signature forums featuring acclaimed professionals.

25-27 Aug. Hall 3E, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Dr, Wan Chai (Expo Road Entrance). HK\$90-\$380. [www.idffhk.com](http://www.idffhk.com)



## INTERNATIONAL REGGAE SKA FESTIVAL

Only good vibes are forecast at “Endless Summer” – Hong Kong’s biggest celebration of Jamaican music. International and regional acts alike will bring tunes that will transport you to the shores of Kingston: from rocksteady and dub to dancehall and ska. Don’t miss “original rudeboy” Neville Staple (UK) or the “lover’s rock” beats of Bagdad Café the Trenchtown (Japan).

26 Aug, 6-11pm. PMQ, 35 Aberdeen Street, Central. HK\$380-460. [www.hkirsf.com](http://www.hkirsf.com)