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WANDERFUL TAIWAN

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THEMED CAFES
If dining at fast-food joints or dessert cafes are wearing you out, perhaps it’s time to break out of the safe zone and try some quirky themed cafes. From airplane-themed restaurants served by ‘stewardesses’ to miniskirted bartenders, Taiwan has plenty of places to satisfy your curiosity.

CAT CAFES, TAIPEI
If you love kittens and dogs but don’t have one yourself, you can enjoy the company of cats and Kittens at one of Taipei’s many cat cafes. From the classic “kitten cafe” concept to themed cafes, you’ll find a diverse range of cat cafes in Taipei.

BANANA NEW PARADISE, TAICHUNG
Not to be confused with the banana-themed banana restaurant, Banana New Paradise is like a movie set that brings you back to the days of banana treats. The decor is complete with colonial-style architecture and vintage furniture, including a bar, a library, and even an old pharmacy. Ideal for photo lovers, this is a great photo-opportunity place to try and different local delicacies of banana.

EDEN EXOTICISM PLANET HOTEL, TACHUNG
Based in Koushan, Eden is a high-end love motel featuring outrageously themed rooms with exotic scenes like jungle, autism, and fantasy. The rooms include a full range of amenities and are designed to cater to all your needs.

LOVE BOUTIQUE HOTEL, TACHUNG
This all-inclusive love boutique hotel features sprawling rooms. Apart from normal stylish rooms with纶纺 and comfortable beds, they also offer half-day with large hot water pool and spa. A room like this is perfectly suited for couples who want to relax and enjoy a luxurious stay.

THEMED LOVE MOTELS
Forget the image of seedy joints that offer “hourly rates”. The latest generation of love motels in Taiwan have been revamped to become chic places not only for a secret rendezvous, but also as a venue for an awesome night in. Think karaoke, private pools, jacuzzis, baths (a standard and the like).

EDEN EXOTICISM PLANET HOTEL, TACHUNG
Believe it or not, this exquisitely themed Love Motel is a pocket-sized wonderland. From exploring the miniatures to enjoying the skyline views from your room, this place has it all.
Music Meets Fashion

by Nicole Yeo

One of the biggest questions that pops up in my head before attending a concert is - "What should I wear?". You don't want to be too overdressed but at the same time you want to look hot for the concert! So are some Dos and Don'ts to dressing up for a concert.

**Pop/Rock**

If it's a pop/rock concert held indoors, steer clear of any tops or bottoms that are too tight for comfort, especially if you secured yourself a ticket at the mash pit - feeling uncomfortable is the last thing you want.

**Indie**

If you're an indie music fan, play around with your outfits. If it's a summer festival, it means big green spaces and large crowds so don't forget your sunnies and shorts. On the other hand, if it rains, you don't want to be wearing something too thick or you'll be drenched with extra weight.

**Classical**

If you're attending a classical music event, you would have to dress up a little more proper and as formal as possible.

Here are some tips if you decide to come up with your own style!

For your tops, make sure it's not too revealing or too loose that you won't feel comfortable. You wouldn't want to be wearing out on great music when you're busy making sure something doesn't drop or constantly adjusting your straps.

Try to avoid wearing skirts or dresses, especially if you have mash pit tickets. It'll be easier for you to dance or move freely without having to worry about getting harassed with jeans or shorts, you can surely dance much more comfortably.

For footwear, it's better if it covers your toes - wear sneakers, boots or Chuck Taylors, as they never fail to be comfortable when you're prancing up and down to the beats with the crowd. Try to avoid heels or sandals - you might stall someone in the foot with your heels. Sandal lovers would be victims of foot stomping, so please look after your precious feet.

As for accessories in this case, the more does not mean the merrier. It could get uncomfortable, or if you're jumping, it may hit someone next to you or even choke yourself. So limit your accessories to as little as possible.

Good luck and have fun piecing your outfit together for your next big concert!

Outdoor Concert: SWEAT IT OUT

You're preparing for a rock or pop concert at Fort Canning, and you want to look effortless yet comfortable in a crowd of squeezing fans. Try getting dressed in black or navy, and white short sleeve shirt (100% comfort), black chino shorts with a pair of brown leather loafers. Alternatively, if you want to be more casual, you can go for white or light-colored cotton polo, navy chinos, and a pair of black leather casual shoes.

Indoor Concert: A NIGHT OF LUXURY

You're prepping yourself for a night of luxury - perhaps an evening at the Esplanade for a concert, or Marina Bay Sands for a musical and you know you need to look good. Donning a waistcoat might seem a tad silly, but if you know how to dress up you'll be in for a chorus of "soho!" and "ah!". A midnight waistcoat over a blue/white striped shirt, a striped bowtie (extra style) with a pair of navy trousers, and brown leather moccasins will create a classic dandy look out there, this would be the outfit girls would gawk at in awe.

Before you lock that door, don't forget the most important thing: Cologne! Take it from me; girls appreciate guys who dress well, but we'll go crazy for guys who smell good. Now go knock 'em out!
THE LIST
Entrepreneurial Musicians

JUSTIN BIEBER
Known for his heartfelt anthems amongst teenage girls, this Canadian crooner has not only sold out tours and topped album sales, he's uniqueness with his merchandising and endorsements too. With a well polished image named after his single 'Somebody To Love' and a fragrance called 'Somewhere', this pop-up shop is estimated to have earned a whopping $60 million (including music sales, merchandising sales and endorsement deals) in 2012 alone, allowing him to sit comfortably on Forbes' third most powerful celebrity.

PHARRELL WILLIAMS
Producer, rapper and lead vocalist of N*E*R*D. Pharrell Williams' creative versatility is evident through the multitude of ventures he has taken up. From writing lyrics and composing catchy beats, to creating his own fashion label Billionaire Boys Club & The G-Star Rawwear, this mogul has done it all. Always on the lookout for artistic challenges, this Grammy award winner forayed into the sphere of furniture design roughly 5 years ago. Now with an established furniture line under his belt, Pharrell is hoping to carve out a name in interiors too.

GWEN STEFANI
This peroxide blonde singer may be known for her stint with No Doubt, but outside the music industry, Gwen Stefani cuts a snazzy figure with her bold styling choices - her world-renowned preposterous fashion sense can be seen through her design label L.A.M.B. named after her first solo album - ‘Love Angel Music Baby’. While many musicians dilute the fashion industry with their own labels, Gwen Stefani’s line raises an estimate of $100 million annually with her line of fragrances, clothes and handbags - making her the poster girl for musician entrepreneurship.

CURTIS “50 CENT” JACKSON
This American rapper famously noted for southing the words get rich or die tryin' did the former and now has a business empire estimated to be worth at least $5 million. With a business portfolio consisting of a recording label (50 Cent Music), a production company (50 Cent Films) and video games (50 Cent: Bulletproof), 50 Cent is currently looking for a product to brand his name with. You might eventually wind up purchasing one of his products, like that pair of sandals (Wedge Black/White), 3D glasses (Fame Vision Option), or Vitamin water.

LADY GAGA
This queen of pop is arguably the most interesting musician out there. Besides making heads turn with her fashion and addictive tracks, Lady Gaga in extremely business savvy too. Pivoted to bring in close to $52 million dollars (inclusive of music sales and concert earnings) in 2010, her portfolio includes a perfume line (Chace) and a headphone brand (Mountains). She is also a restaurant owner (Wine & Dine), as well as creator of her own comic book series (Chase), with other projects still in the pipeline (i.e. a documentary). This eccentric lady is definitely out to entertain.

OLIVIA KIM
Start-up founder searching for her retail dream!
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Q: WHO ARE YOUR FASHION ROLE MODEL MUSICIANS?

To be honest, I never really had a fashion role model musician. Maybe it’s because of the edgy/alternative fashion that I’m into or the fact that I can’t really pull off the often extravagant outfits but if I had to pick a fashionable musician, I would definitely go for the sharp and smartly dressed - 50 Cent.

If you’re a fan of his music, you would take notice of the way he dresses. Most of his stage attire encompasses a collared shirt or t-shirt paired with a pocket-vest and skinny jeans and complete with a pair of trendy high-cut dranks and of course his signature fedora hat. In a nutshell, he dresses with a smart/casual yet formal type of style that suits his personality, music and pared with his good looks, he simply pulls off the look flawlessly.

Although I don’t have a great fashion sense, I find a similarity in style to 50 Cent’s - in terms of his understated yet stylish outfits he pulls off. My everyday day-to-day outfit to school or an event would be a shirt paired with skinny jeans. I’m not exactly crazy about the high-cut dranks but I do go on high-cut boots.

FAME

Q: QUIRKY, WEIRD AND LOVES TO WRITE
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For the longest time, musicians have always relied on solely through their music. However, I believe that era is over. In today's modern-era industry, where the line between different professions of celebrities is being blurred with the boom of creative collaborations between musicians and fashion designers, musicians have also become fashion icons for their audiences.

My personal muse is Cher Lloyd, a British pop singer who shot to fame through the popular UK reality programme, The X Factor. She is only 16 years old yet her strong personality shines through her music and fashion. I am a fan of her outfit and style. Her unique style speaks for itself wherever she is and her sophisticated clothing choices suggest her adventurous side. Her various head accessories constantly inspire me to be bold and daring when dressing up instead of blindly following trends. I love how confident she is in her fashion philosophy and I guess the X Factor has not just her voice.
TRENDS THAT CAME AND WENT

Bad fashion trends are like thunderstorms: during the storm, you enjoy the cool weather but after it’s gone.

SHUTTER SHADES

WHO’S TO BLAME: 80s pop bands (e.g., New Order)

These eyewear pieces served no purpose at all. It does not exactly protect your dear eyes from UV rays, neither does it look good with your beach wear. These fashion phenomena came about in 1980 and died before it was brought back in 2007 by Beyonce in her video “Stronger”. Unless you’re in a music video, there’s absolutely no reason to wear them at all.

BANDANAS

WHO’S TO BLAME: 80s metal bands (e.g., Guns N’ Roses)

There was a period when bandanas could be seen everywhere. People wore them around their necks, beneath their caps, around their arms and for some, even as tube tops. Bandanas soon joined the ranks of headbands and are now only seen in pockets.

BAND TEE SHIRTS

WHO’S TO BLAME: Rappers (e.g., ICE-T)

There was a time when wearing band t-shirts showed that you had exquisite tastes in music. It could be a conversation starter. But imagine if this was still true today, “YOUR CARLY SIMPSON JESSIE J LOVES BANDS? OH MY GOD, WE ARE A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN”?

WALLET CHAINS

WHO’S TO BLAME: Rock & punk bands from 70s – 90s

You’ve got to admit that if you were a 80s baby boy, you would’ve had this. Sometimes, it served as a measure to present your attitude. But sometimes it served no purpose at all. It hung from your belt loop to another and wonder why you’d carry this extra weight.

PARACHUTE/PARET PANTS

WHO’S TO BLAME: RC Hammer

We hadn’t thought that those ridiculously purty pants associated with the likes of 80s boy bands and RC Hammer would make a comeback years ago with the popularity of K-Pop. But even now, this trend has gone the way of the dodo once again, replaced by fitted pants with cleaner lines.

USA/UK FLAGS

WHO’S TO BLAME: Geri Halliwell

This particular trend may still be around but I dare say that it isn’t as crazy as it was a couple of months back. We all know the reason for this craze could perhaps be the sudden influx of British music. On the other hand, if more designs of different flags are worn, this could serve an educational purpose as well.

CROCS

WHO’S TO BLAME: Does it really matter?

This is probably THE BIGGEST, FASHION, FLAW EVER. Crocs’ virality was due to the comfort that Crocs provides. But what’s the point of comfort, when it’s an eyesore? Either way, I’m just glad that the craze is no longer as crazy as it was back then.

RIPPED JEANS

WHO’S TO BLAME: Rock & punk bands from 70s – 90s

Once upon a time, ripped jeans were a staple to utmost every closet. But of course, there were in the late 1980s and early 2000s when they were associated with rock bands. This homeless-and-not-enough-money—“for-fabrics look” is finally gone, replaced with cleaner, more flattering looks.

We know fashion trends have had their rise and fall. But what’s next to fall? Axe/te prints? While Axe and tribal prints are still common these days and sold at many outlets, I think it’s not been reached full potential yet! Whatever it is, this proves that fashion is ever changing and there is definitely no right or wrong to wearing something.

MUSICIANS WITH A PASSION FOR FASHION

Music and fashion have always been associated with each other; every music genre seems to come with its own fashion trend. Many musicians take one step further and forge a way in making their own fashion line and trend to complement their music. So, if you’re still caught in the middle of a fashion rut, here’s a list of musicians that are presently molding the way music looks:

SOH&I KIL, MOTLEY CRUE

Hailed as rock royalty, Nikki Sixx, the co-founder and bassist of Motley Crue has been molding in fashion since the inception of his band in 1981. Known for his sense of style that is often branded as an eccentric mix of glamour, punk rock and goth, his love for fashion has led him to create his own label, Royal Underground. Described as a mash-up of high fashion and rock, Royal Underground combines 80s rebel with 90s edge. With an unparalleled passion for clothing, Soh’s designs are intricate, down to the colour of threads used.

In recent years, he has also diverted his interest to photography, which has fostered inspiration for his designs reaching around elements of grunge with a kick of chic. It’s no surprise his designs are worn by well-known figures around the rock world today.

G-DRAGON, BIG BANG

Possibly the first in South Korea to attract and clinch a sponsorship with legendary fashion house Louis Vuitton, Korean rapper G-Dragon is easily one of the most influential fashion icons in the world of K-Pop. Even with the tight control over his image and commitments to his band (Big Bang), G-Dragon continues to win praises and a multitude of awards for his contribution to fashion because of his precocious sense of fashion and ever-changing style.

With plans of creating his very own fashion label in the future, G-Dragon’s fashion style of everything neon can now be put to the test as he collaborates with renowned Japanese jeweller, Yimbaa, to create whimsical pieces under the ‘My Bamb’ collection.

M.I.A

UK-based singer-composer, M.I.A (aka Mathangi Arulpragasam), has not only been signed onto Jay-Z’s Roc Nation label, her artistic repertoire includes being a fashion designer as well.

Influenced by her seamstress mum, M.I.A developed an early interest in fashion, with her ever-changing eccentric style evolving over the years in tune to her music. Her second album, ‘Galang’, saw her experiment the no-rules style with bold patterns and over-saturated hues that were a reflection of her music. Mixing guerrilla art and fashion as her major influences, she launched her limited edition Oakley Run line, infusing Mexican and African styles into her apparel such as bomber jackets and t-shirts that sold out during New York Fashion Week.
Harmonious Fashion: Local Bands & Their Threads

Don’t be fooled by the tiny island we live on – we may be known as a ‘Little Red Dot’ but the number of up and rising local bands is on the rise, and a lot of it is due to the number of innovative and young musicians bringing their ideas to the forefront of Singapore’s music scene. Here are three young and emerging bands from artists who are sure to brighten your day.

THE SUMMER STATE

Fun-loving band The Summer State was formed in 2012, and they have released their latest EP, which has gained them a dedicated following. Their music is a mix of rock and pop, and they are known for their energetic live performances.

Describing their style as “a balance between comfort and looking good”, bassist Narelle says the pop/rock sound is their signature. With a blend of checkered shirts, cardigans, and blazers, they pair their outfits with sneakers or leather brogues, and as the band members say, “our music, like our fashion sense, is easy on the ear and eyes!”

THE SAM WILLOWS

The soul-folk quartet consisting of Benjamin Kheng, Jonathan Chua, Sandra Tang and Narelle Kheng began their music career after their YouTube page hit over 100,000 views. Since the launch of their first EP on 27 October 2012, the band has embarked on their first-ever international tour in North America – the Southwest 2013 in Austin, Texas, and Canadian Music Festival in Toronto, Ontario.

“As a band, we try to stay true to ourselves and what we feel moves us, and that hopefully transcends into the songs we write.”

VILLIES

“Think of a Taylor Swift mash-up with the old school Linkin Park.” Villes consists of Dominic Tan (vocals), Bryan Ulric (guitar/vocals) and Harith Shah (guitar) – they are a post-hardcore band with a balance. As Bryan simply puts it, their music comprises “catchy choruses of Top 40 pop song combined with the heaviest elements of the rock/hardcore genre.”

Their plans for 2013? Get ready for more shows and possibly an acoustic EP coming your way!

The band rocks with casual street style with a comfortable edge, and with one thing in common – lots of black. In their usual band t-shirts and snapbacks, the friendly and ambitious band have an understated style and their outfits are clearly congruent to the music that they offer.

What does your smile say about you?

It’s the fashion trend, and there’s nothing more stylish than a smile. For more than just a smile, there’s a whole range of things this makes you own.

After all, according to the psychologist Barbara Fredrickson, a smile is the thing that “in the end, is your own.”

When you see a smile, even the most flabby friend would never say “yes, it’s nice but it wore off better.”

That’s because everyone likes a nice social smile; it’s a social skill and one that you should never under-value.

In short, a smile is the one accessory you never leave home without. You just have to remember to put it on.

People who don’t smile

Everyone thinks runway models and rock stars are fashionable. And they are, sort of. But when was the last time you saw a runway model crack a real smile?

It’s possible they’re medically unable to smile. After all, lack of protein in your diet can degrade facial muscles, meaning a malnourished model may be medically unable to smile, or anything more than a smile. In the case of rock stars, binge drinking can damage facial nerves. They may desperately want to smile, but simply can’t.

Research shows that when you don’t smile upon first meeting someone, they’re 43% more likely to have a bad impression of you. Fact is, unless you’ve got endless legs or major stage-presence, not smiling will probably work against you.

People who smile

So for the average person, what’s the advantage of smiling?

FISTLY, YOU’RE NOT GONNA DIE

We all heard it; if you smile too much, you’ll look foolish or unprofessional. But then research shows people who smile often live longer than their non-smiling counterparts. In fact, the real answer is that 80% of people who don’t smile may not live long enough to get wrinkles in the first place.

BETTER CAREER PROSPECTS

Managers say the first thing they judge about a new hire is their facial expression. A good smile says you’re alert, confident and approachable – all qualities employers look for. They also say (and this is completely true) an emotional candidate is automatically regarded as less likely to succeed in their job... due to having a “poor emotional and/or lower interpersonal skills.” So, you could say smiling is an employment prerequisite.

BETTER MATING PROSPECTS

Scientific experiments have proven when people first met, they’re universally more attracted to a good smile than any other feature. Why? Because at a basic level, a smile tells people how well we are satisfied with our situation. And if we’re really satisfied with things we smile, so evolution became that to mean we’re a good catch (and potential mate). Or think of it this way: If you saw someone you were interested in, would you be happy (and smile) or miserable (and glass-faced)? If you’d do neither, you’re a medium or rock star. So, just ignore this bit.

BETTER SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

A lot of people really want to smile, but they don’t because they’re embarrassed by what they think is a bad smile. The truth is, there’s no such thing as a bad smile. There’s good smiles, crooked toothy smiles, even Sophia smiles (just think of the Queen). Even if you don’t live your life in a smile, you can always fix it. From simple dental care to invisible braces, there’s really no excuses for not smiling – unless of course you’re a model or rock star.

The first step to an awesome smile

While regular dental check ups are important, the real basis for a better smile is having straight teeth. Straight teeth are easier to brush. They’re easier on your jaw and neck muscles, as they’re properly aligned when you chew. And let’s be honest, they’re easier on the eyes.

And the easiest way to start getting straight teeth is with a set of invisible braces, like SimpliClear – pioneered right here in Singapore. Because that’s their goal, they won’t be spending a starving cut-rate girl, making them easy on the eyes (see Better Mating Prospects above).

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NOTHING TO ENVY
DABARAH DEMPSEY

This book offers a view of how living in North Korea is like, where one is surround by brick buildings that are painted in shades of red and grey. Imagine, for instance, waking up to the sound of a train passing by in the middle of the night. This is the life of the main character, who escapes from her oppressive regime and starts a new life in South Korea. The story is a testament to the human spirit and the power of hope.

FIFTY SHADES OF MR. D ARCY
WILLIAM SHERWORTH

Essentially a parody of erotic novel series Fifty Shades of Grey, this book will be released on 5 March. The story is set in London and follows the adventures of Christian Grey, who is a domineering and controlling character, and his new girlfriend, Kate. The book is a humorous take on the original story and is sure to be a hit among fans of the Fifty Shades series.

BOOKS

22-23 Feb 2013 | 7:30pm
SOTA Concert Hall
Tickets: $35 - $88
Music of the Night with the SOO

Principles Guest Conductor Anson Koons will be featuring Tchaikovsky’s timeless masterpiece, Giselle, for the NUS Arts Festival. The performance will be accompanied by the NUS Symphony Orchestra and will feature guest soloists and guest conductors. The concert will be held over two weekends from 1 to 3 March, and will be held at the SOTA Concert Hall. The festival features 16 shows and will feature the work of over 50 artists and ensembles from around the world.

16 Mar 2013 | 7pm
SCO Concert Hall,
Singapore Conference Hall
Tickets: $23 - $79
Tiffany Alvord

Tiffany Alvord has received over 2 million subscribers and over 1 million viewers on her YouTube channel. Tiffany’s music is described as “oceanic” and “melodic.” Her album “The Breakup Song” was released in 2011 and has been praised for its beautiful melodies and heartfelt lyrics.

6 Apr 2013 | 3pm
Fort Canning Park
Tickets: $18 (event day)
Big Wig Festival

Big Wig Festival will be held on 6 April 2013 at Fort Canning Park. The festival will feature a lineup of internationally renowned performers, including Emeli Sandé, and local acts such as The Sam Willows, Jayley Woo, and A-Wyn. The festival will also feature a range of food stalls, art installations, and interactive workshops.

6 Apr 2013 | 12pm
Esplanade, Theatres on the Bay
Tickets: $10 - $120
Coppelia

Coppelia is a ballet with music by Léo Delibes and choreography by Marius Petipa. The story is set in a small town where a young girl named Giselle falls in love with a handsome young man named Albrecht. However, Albrecht is only interested in her because she is a princess. The ballet is filled with magical transformations and a mix of both tragic and comedic elements.

21-22 Mar 2013 | 8.30pm
Fort Canning Park
Tickets: $30 - $220 (VIP)
Timbre Rock and Roots

Back for the fourth year, Timbre Rock and Roots promises to deliver a top-notch music festival for music lovers. The line-up includes local bands such as Red Sun Rising, and international acts like The Black Keys and The Chainsmokers. The festival also features a range of workshops and interactive activities.

OUT AND ABOUT
Wanna be a Fashion Blogger?

by olivia kim

The key to owning your own style is not to fear judgment and stay confident. Dress yourself up and let the world in on the secret of your wardrobe.

1. CREATE A SPACE FOR YOURSELF.

Fashion no longer exists solely on the runway or in the pages of a magazine. With a flourishing number of social networking services everyone can have a “virtual” edition of their own. There are various platforms for you to share your fashion and styling tips.

VIDEO: YOUTUBE

Does writing and talking about fashion bore you? How about reading your own tutorial? Take your own pictures and start your own fashion blog! You can connect with like-minded fans and earn real money for your work!

3. BE YOURSELF!

Everybody can be a “fashionista” and there are already thousands of popular fashion bloggers out there. But your unique sense of style and originality is what sets you apart. Embrace your style and have fun with it.

3 RULES OF THUMB

- Update frequently
- Embrace your style and be proud of what you create
- At the end of the day, it’s uniquely you!
Summer is a time when Japan shakes itself free of the winter blues and kicks into high gear with plenty of outdoor music events. Attend one, or even all of them in succession (which is what many do!).

**RESORT SUN ROCK FESTIVAL**

Held in Sapporo (Hokkaido), the annual Resort Sun Rock Festival features local Japanese acts with music genres that range from rock to dance and folk. Held across 6 tents, each house a different lineup and genre. This 3-day event has featured some of Japan’s most popular and up-and-coming acts, including the GAZETTE, Asian Kung-Fu Generation, ONE OK Rock and Miyavi.

**DATES**

August 16 & 17, 2013

**FEE**

$21,000 (2-day w/ tent site), $18,000 yen (2-day no tent site)

**SUMMER SONIC**

Spread over 2-3 days and held in both Tokyo and Osaka, Summer Sonic’s international and local acts perform at both locations. Last year’s festival featured the likes of Rihanna, Arctic Monkeys and Death Cab for Cutie, in addition to Asian acts like Infinity (Korea) and Miyay (Taiwan). The festival draws over 200,000 attendees each year, and the year’s lineup will feature Muse, Linkin Park, Metallica and Stone Roses, among others.

**DATES**

August 9-11, 2013

**FEE**

$12,000 - $15,000 (2-days)

**FUJI ROCK FESTIVAL**

Held every summer over 3 days at Naeba Ski Resort in Niigata, Fuji Rock features over 200 Japanese and international musicians spread over 7 festival grounds. Past luminaries include The Stone Roses, Radiohead, Coldplay, Vampire Weekend as well as Japanese bands like Asian Kung-Fu Generation. Located in a ski resort, it has a cool mountain forest setting with all-night hot spring bathtubs, and is attended by over 100,000 people each year.

**DATES**

July 26-28, 2013

**FEE**

$9,000 (3-days), $5,000 (camping)

**PUSSY SPRING**

Can’t wait till summer? PUSSY SPRING is coming up soon. Spread over 3 days – March 29, 30 and Nagoya – this year’s event features a stellar lineup of popular international and Japanese punk rock bands including Weezer, NOFX and Simple Plan, as well as ONE OK Rock and Totalfet.

**DATES**

March 28-31, 2013

**FEE**

Tokyo $30,000, Osaka $20,000, Nagoya $20,000 (1-day), $18,000 (2-day)

**INTERVIEW**

I sat down with Tomoe Kakepuchi of Rupunzel, and Menomanganauts of Anichan, to discuss their 2013 projects, who has worked as a dresser for the Aus fashion festival in 2013 and as an Australian fashion photographer.

**WIRE 13**

In the theme of the annual electronic music festival with techno/dance being the main music theme, the 10,000-strong festival has a VJ section in addition to the main stage lineup that has included DJs from Germany, USA, Spain and the UK, as well as some top Japanese spinners.

**DATES**

TBC (summer)

**FEE**

$11,000 (advance)

**FASHION & MUSIC GENRE**

There is a myriad of different music genres designers use to make their collections. While plenty of designers capitalize on current music trends, we can also see unique music labels and collections. The Ralph Lauren’s current collection for Dior example, or Neapolitan designer Peter Young’s use of Viva La Ruta’s music and his clothing brands. As well as designers who use sounds from films like the Viva La Ruta’s fashion show which included a 4 minute sound graphic.

**CAPITALISING ON MUSIC TRENDS**

While obscure music might be preferred by some designers, others opt for pop music to appeal to a wider audience. For instance, the out-sized embroidered autumn winter collection was always accompanied by upbeat and current music. In 2013, they had artists like Phonics, Jukin, Sebeka and Brown Man who performed live, believing that live music helped to elevate the runway.

Even here in Singapore, where we have open-air fashion events, a local band in 2013 featured their track on stage as Kranky announced their latest Fall/Winter collections.

**FASHION SHOWS**

Music not only sets the mood but also sets the overall stage. Some music that is played during a fashion show can evoke feelings through the music and set the backdrop for the collection. For example, a slow, melodic song can make the audience feel uplifted and relaxed. However, to make the music work, the music must complement the overall look of the show. Music that is upbeat and energetic can make the audience feel more excited and energized. This year’s fashion shows will be accompanied by sounds that are in line with the overall theme of the music.
Every Last Morsel

From hearty meaty meals to tea time snacks, here’s a list of some pocket-friendly treats you can stuff yourself at.

Pork Fork

Authentic taste is what Pork Fork purveys itself on. Their dishes are merely seasoned over wood chips, which gives their food a distinct smoked flavor. Pork Fork is also known as Lechon in the Philippines, is one of their best-selling dishes. It is similar to Siopao but the distinct difference lies in the crispiness of the pork and how it melts in your mouth. Their Hungarian sausage is also another best seller with every bite of it made from scratch - even the skin! It’s a must try for meat lovers.

The Coffee Daily

What harm and cheese croissant sandwiches and iced coffee served with a dictate pocket money? But enjoyed differently are the coffee daily. It is known that they are also grilled connections to their hot chocolate and green tea, which is serving hot and refreshing and is very common for tea lovers. Another must try is their signature homemade waffles which are not too syrupy or soft served with scoop of ice cream coated with the coffee ambiance. This is a great mix to end with friends.

Coffee Daily, 75 Brighton Crescent, Serangoon
Crab & Avocado Smoothie @ $13.90
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Merely Ice Cream

Pineapple is the winner for the most popular ice cream flavour of the year, according to the Philippines. The Pineapple Tart is a hard-to-resist favorite. The Pineapple Tart is a zesty complement to the creamy flavors that have become a trademark of Merely Ice Cream.

In addition to their usual offerings, the Pineapple Tart flavour is currently up for grabs for a limited time only.

Merely Ice Cream, #01-13
Effortless Ice Cream
Crab & Avocado Smoothie @ $13.90

Tea Party

With activities that complement its intimate green space, the Tea Party is a cozy, light-hearted cafe that offers tasty meals and drinks, perfect for a quiet day in your company.

The Chicken Chop with mash potato at the side was delightful. It’s the perfect start to a rainy day - a hearty choice to warm up. For those who want a little more, the Burger of the Day (M女神) is a great choice served with cheese and fries that packs enough of a file at the right portion to suit your appetite.

Tea Party Cafe, #01-28/29
Burger of the Day @ $10

Stress Relief

If you’re not getting any love this Valentine’s, you may just need something else to bug. Forget your 10-year-old nappy teddy bear (which could be the cause of your singleton life), and have a go at a bit of handcraft (no, not one that involves vigorous right hand movements) and you may just end up being the talk of the class. Who could resist an Ah Boon stuffed paper toy (even G-Dragon named his latest jewelry collection My Boon)?

Directions
1. Make 8 copies of Ah Boon, and very carefully cut the outside portion of the white borders around him.
2. Find some scrap paper (recycling is key!) that you can either shred, tear or square up into small bits.
3. Staple the edges of the 8 pieces of Ah Boon together leaving enough of a hole somewhere along the line to stuff him up with the scrap paper.
4. Continue stapling all over Ah Boon (without getting your fingers caught in it, of course) until all the scrap paper doesn’t spill out. Glue the eyes and mouth on one side of your handcraft. Voila! You’ve made your own stuffed Ah Boon.

Make your own Stuffed Doll!

Cut out and glue on

Stuff Me!!

Make a copy of this and cut it out too.

Hug Me

Make your own Stuffed Doll!
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