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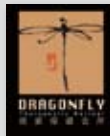
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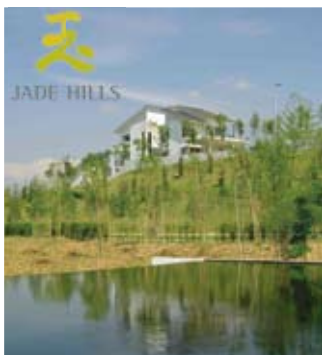


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A New Era

The Olympics didn't just transform our city, it also transformed our magazine. This issue is our first with two new editors. Our Dining editor, Juliana Loh, hails from Singapore, but she's lived in Beijing for over a year. She's worked on everything from ad campaigns for BMW to Benetton's Colors magazine. She's especially excited about her new position at CW because of all the new food she'll get to try. Juliana has a soft spot for cheese and loves trying new recipes. North Carolinian Lily Kuo spent the past year in Taipei, sharpening her Mandarin skills and working as a writer for *The China Post*. She's ecstatic about her move to Beijing and becoming part of the CW team as Community and Sports Editor. "I can't wait to take a cooking class at The Hutong and finally learn how Major League Baseball works," says Lily. As the team moves forward, keep an eye out for changes in our magazine and online, where Juliana and Lily will be writing blogs and posting Tweets to keep you plugged into each new step Beijing's post-Olympics era brings.

Blake, Lily and Juliana
CW Beijing's Editorial Team



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THE BEST THINGS TO DO THESE TWO WEEKS

2008
August **THU**

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DJ Wordy Throw Down
DJ Wordy spins ChinaDoll (3.3)'s young and beautiful crowd into a tizzy, showing off the hip-hop turntablism skills that made him China's three-time DMC champ. ➔24

2008
August **FRI**

29

Dio
One half of the infamous MORSE parties, this Beijing club stalwart throws some of the tightest tech in Beijing, but no one knows what he'll do on his own night at White Rabbit. ➔22

2008
August **SAT**

30

Riviera Pool Party
The city's hottest people finally have an excuse to dance and sip Champagne in their swimwear as DJs spin house tunes at Sunstyle One. ➔24



Sep 7 The Paralympics rock Beijing

2008
August **SUN**

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Yugong Drum Festival
Beijing's baddest beat masters, from Beibei (of Cui Jian) to Lu Wei (of Woodie Alan) showcase their craft in this special show at Yugong Yishan. ➔25

2008
September **MON**

1

Qing
Beijing's ultimate in seen-and-be-seen club, LAN Club, tests out the waters of Beijing's jazz scene with one of the city's newer and more impressive acts, Qing. ➔26

2008
September **TUE**

2

Quiz Night
Come alone or round up your own geek squad for Beijing's longest-running quiz night now at Schindler's Anlegestelle. Come early for a table if you don't want to think (and drink) standing up. ➔24

2008
September **WED**

3

12SQM Birthday
To mark their first year of serving the mini-masses, Beijing's smallest bar, 12SQM, offers ¥15 Australian Coopers beer from 5pm to midnight. ➔24

2008
September **THU**

4

Al Jarreau and George Benson
With a combined 18 Grammy Awards between them, jazz legends George Benson and Al Jarreau rock the Beijing Exhibition Center Theater. ➔26

2008
September **FRI**

5

Cinco de Drinko
Celebrate tequila independence on the fifth of each month at The Saddle Cantina with half price drinks (including their famous margaritas) all day and all night. ➔24

2008
September **SAT**

6

Local Legends
Three of Beijing's brightest forces in hip-hop, the Beijing Live Hip-Hop Experience, IN3 and Young Kin stop by Star Live for this hip-hop. cn-sponsored bash. ➔23

2008
September **SUN**

7

Paralympics Athletics
Day one of the Paralympics brings events in almost every Paralympic sport, but we're most excited about watching wheelchair basketball at our favorite local sports bar. ➔57



Sep 4 Jarreau croons with jazz legend Benson

2008
September **MON**

8

Cuba Libre
Beijing's new Cuban restaurant and bar, Guantanamo, offers an escape from the Monday night blues with a live band, DJs and off-the-wall dancers at this weekly bash. ➔24

2008
September **TUE**

9

Sudden Infant
2 Kolegas' experimental music show Waterland Guanyin returns with a special performance by Switzerland's Sudden Infant and Taiwan's Lin Qiwei. ➔26

2008
September **WED**

10

Teacher's Day
Enjoy a triple shot of heavy metal mayhem tonight at Yugong Yishan as The Face, Yan and Shentou give us students a lesson in old school, cranked-to-eleven hard rock. ➔26

DON'T MISS

If you only do one thing, it's this

2008
August **SAT**

30

Jump In
After two of the most legendary pool parties in Beijing history, Riviera returns to Sunstyle No. 1 to close out the summer with three straight weekends of aquatic bliss on Saturdays, Aug. 30, Sep. 6 and Sep. 13. Pop the cork on a bottle of Champagne and catch rays while the city's beautiful people writhe in and out of the water to the beat of some of the city's hottest house DJs. Don't let summer pass you by without rocking the Riviera Pool Party at least once.



All tomorrow's hair bands go poolside with Riviera

SMALL TALK WITH...

The Travel Writer

From studying medieval lit at Cambridge to luxury resort-hopping across Asia, Kristina Perez tells us what it takes to become a real-life travel writer.

So how did you first get into travel writing? I sort of backed into it when I came to Asia. There were local magazines looking for articles on places in Europe and South America, where I've spent a lot of time, so I was able to produce that quickly. Traveling has always just been a passion. **There are a lot of people out there who envy what you do. What advice do you have for aspiring travel writers?** You shouldn't think you're too good to do anything. I have a Ph.D. from Cambridge and when I started writing for one of the Beijing's listings mags, friends were like, "What the Hell are you doing?" But you've got to start somewhere, and by the time I came across the Condé Nast editor, I had a bunch of clips I could show her. So, ever so humbly, you have to just put yourself out there. **So you went from working at a Beijing listings mag to writing for Condé Nast Traveler in a year?** Actually, in six months.

Wow! Do share! Well, this will probably put me out of business, but the big international magazines really want to know about Asia, and they don't have many correspondents here, so you're better off trying to write about the unique and interesting places here.

What has been the hardest piece you've had to write? Actually, the hardest part for me isn't the writing, but the front-of-book-photos. I don't think people fully appreciate just how much work goes into those pretty photos. **So the pretty pictures are the most difficult part?** Yeah, and because the pieces rely on the pretty pictures, if you can't get one, your piece gets killed. **What's the most beautiful place you've visited?** Hawaii. It's a cliché, but it's very beautiful. Another place, Iguazu Falls, is one of my favorites.

Who are the writers that inspire your work? I'm a medievalist by training, so my idea of travel writing comes from medieval chroniclers. I see it not only as "travel writing" but chronicling history as you see it. **Does a travel writer need a home?** I've been debating that since they jacked up the rent on my Beijing apartment. But yes, I think you need a home base. As Virginia Woolf said, "A woman needs a room of her own" ... or at least an office. One can only sit in Internet cafes for so long.

Listen to our full interview with Kristina Perez at www.cityweekend.com.cn/travewriter

Kristina Perez,
travel writer
extraordinaire,
strikes a pose



EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT...

They Pulled It Off ... Now

After seven years of anticipation and an awesome Olympics, which way will Beijing turn?

Beijing this month was a roller coaster. We ran across town to attend all the events and parties we thought you'd want to know about. Now that the Games are over we must move on with post-Olympics life, but first we compiled a couple of lessons we learned from the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The big question in the lead-up to the Olympics was whether Beijing would succeed in bringing sunny blue skies to the "Green Olympics" or not. Though decreased industry, a lull in construction, alternate day driving and cloud seeding didn't empty the sky of gray for the Opening Ceremonies, there were several

days of glorious weather in the middle of the Olympics period.

Another concern for expats was how Beijing nightlife would change with the international presence and increased security during

Tiesto and Chozie never played a tag-team DJ set in the Forbidden City

the Olympic Games. Despite talk about early closings for clubs in the international media, Beijing's nightlife proved tenacious. Even if Tiesto and Chozie never played a tag-team DJ set on the rooftops of the Forbidden City, all Beijing became a non-stop party for three-weeks.

Can we still
dress like this
after The Games?



What?

We also anticipated how the newbies would handle Beijing's notorious taxi drivers or the casual hacking on the side-walk. Yet, with legions of volunteers, translation services and dozens of new, high-end hotels, Beijing proved capable of utter warmth and hospitality.

Essentially, we were all wondering whether BOCOG could pull it off. They did, and the media's doomsday prophecies proved empty. In fact, pessimists may have found them anti-climactic. For us, they were a blast.

The Olympics defined Beijing for the past seven years. Now, that it's over, we don't know what to expect or look forward to. But whatever may come, we are impressed by our city and its changes.

DIGITS

→ **100,000**

Condoms distributed at the Olympic Village

→ **16,500**

Competing athletes staying at the Olympic Village

→ **5.08 million**

Visitors checked by security in the first 11 days of the Olympics

→ **4,369**

Cars that broke the odd-even plate traffic regulation in first two weeks

→ **842 million**

People who tuned into the Opening Ceremony broadcast, the highest Chinese TV viewership in history.

BEIJING PERSPECTIVE



The Games Continue

The 2008 Paralympics arrive in Beijing

So you were in Beijing during the Olympics but didn't attend a single event? It's not too late to check out the Olympic Green. You can still get inside the Bird's Nest and Water Cube by attending the 2008 Paralympics, which has already garnered a ton of international media attention with major TV networks from Japan to the EU all pledging to broadcast the Games live every day. Officially, tickets for the Opening Ceremony are sold-out, but the CW Olympics Blog can tell you all about the "alternative distributors" out there. To watch the games, you can take your passport, cash or visa card and buy tickets at any of the designated Bank of China ticket outlets listed on www.tickets.beijing2008.cn. We recommend swimming in the Aquatics Center, athletics in the National Stadium and judo in the Worker's Stadium. The Paralympics run Sep. 6-17.

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