



TELUS TAIWANfest: A New Journey (August 28- August 30) **Part of World Routes 2009 *presented by RBC***

Toronto, August 6 – The fourth edition of **TELUS TAIWANfest: A New Journey** returns to Harbourfront Centre **August 28 to August 30**. This year's theme "a new journey" is inspired by marriage, unions and collaborations that are carried throughout the festival's music, food, dance and fashion programmes.

Friday night kicks off with the highly anticipated **UMUSICLIVE** concert (**\$28**) that showcases the cultural collaboration between east and west with three high-energy indie rock bands from North America and Taiwan. Representing Taiwan is piano-rock band **Tizzy Bac** and Taiwanese actor/singer **Van Fan** (Van Fan's movie *Cape No.7* is also screened at the festival). New York based **Hsu Nami** joins them with high-energy shredding of the Chinese fiddle (Erhu) fused with metal, psychedelic and funk rock. Limited free tickets are available at www.taiwanfest.ca

Foodies are in for a sweet treat at the **Sweet Engagement** demo. Audience members can sample an assortment of beautifully packaged engagement treats that are customarily presented to a bride-to-be from her groom. Audiences can also view the extravagant traditions of wedding banquets during the "**What's Cooking**" **banquet demonstration**. During this demo chefs from Taiwan prepare a few typical Taiwanese dishes created to bless the new couple (limited quantities available). Food fair presents **Chia-A-Noodle** in a do-it-yourself form. This is an opportunity to create an authentic Taiwanese noodle dish topped with all the trimmings just they way you like it.

CLASH: Taiwan's Revolutionary Runway presents renowned Taiwanese fashion designer **Goji Lin's** contemporary haute couture **Tao collection** in a spectacular runway show. By marrying Eastern tradition with Western cutting techniques or material, Gogi Lin has revolutionized the design of couture dresses. Two supermodels from the top modeling agency in Taiwan lead the runway show emceed by Miss Chinese Vancouver 2005. Other fashion highlights include the **Fashion Hall of Fame** featuring wedding and couture dresses from one of Canada's most prolific bridal designers **Sandra Sung**. Her work has been seen in bridal shops across Canada and in the US, and worn by brides all around the world.

[Below, full site highlights for categorized by music, food, performing arts, film and family activities.]

About World Routes

A series of FREE festivals that run from July through September, World Routes presented by RBC explores ideas in contemporary culture, bringing together rich, artistic traditions from around the globe. For complete information visit harbourfrontcentre.com or call 416-973-4000. Harbourfront Centre is located at 235 Queens Quay West, in Toronto.

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Music:

Hsu Nami:

Saturday, August 29, 3 p.m.

SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

Featured on MTV in 2009 and the Beijing Summer Olympics in 2008, Hsu Nami are known for their high level musicianship from their virtuoso melodic shredding of the Erhu (Chinese Fiddle). They are considered the first ever "Er-hu prog rock group" in the world. Their music is a fusion of various styles from metal, psychedelic, prog rock to funk, incorporating the use of an amplified Erhu in place of lead vocals.

“UMUSICLIVE concert” with Tizzy Bac, Van Fan and Hsu Nami

Friday, August 28, 8:30 p.m.

SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

The UMUSICLIVE concert brings three musical groups from Taiwan and North America to Harbourfront Centre's SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage. First up are New-York based rockers Hsu Nami. Their music fuses metal, psychedelic, prog-rock and funk with an amplified Erhu (Chinese Fiddle) in place of lead vocals. Representing Taiwan, Tizzy Bac is one of Taiwan's best "piano rock" bands who use keyboards as their lead instrument. Inspired by Guns N'Roses, Van Fan and his band close the show with their latest soft rock hits.

Johnny Hi-Fi:

Saturday, August 29, 5:30 p.m.

SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

Johnny Hi-Fi is one of the most talked-about Taiwanese-American indie rock bands around. With numerous US and Asia tours under their belt, Johnny Hi-Fi's alternative rock sound has captured fans all over. They perform songs from their third full length album titled *Vicious Cycle of Promises & Apologies* released in 2008.

NyLas:

Sunday, August 30, 4 p.m.

SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

Characterized as easy listening electronic music fused with folk and rock, Nyals often write songs filled with childlike fantasy and innocence. Their performances are simple, yet humorous that often evokes feeling of lightheartedness.

Moulann:

Sunday, August 30, 2 p.m.

SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

Toronto-based singer/songwriter Moulann channels her effervescent creativity into themes of love, hope, longing and loss. Like many Asian kids, Moulann, a first generation Canadian, she wasn't permitted to listen to anything pop until she was 14, and even then it was only Mandarin pop from Taiwan that she could access. Her warm, confiding vocals with world-class productions and eloquent arrangements light up our SIRIUS stage.

Ocarina Ted:

Saturday, August 29, 4:30 p.m.

Redpath Stage

The ocarina is a popular Taiwanese flute-like wind instrument. Trained by a Chinese bamboo flutist, Ted shares the crisp and particular sound of the ocarina with the audience.

Violets and Viruses:

Saturday, August 29, 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 30, 1 p.m.

Redpath Stage

Toronto-based hard rock band Violets and Viruses present their expressive melodies and lyrical content to the masses. With a unique combination of both Asian and Western musical influences, the band's works seek to explore and express humanity's tendencies to dislocate itself from truth.

TTCO:

Saturday, August 29, 2 p.m. and Sunday, August 30, 3 p.m.

Redpath Stage

Toronto Taiwanese Chamber Orchestra (TTCO) returns to TELUS TAIWANfest for the second year. This year TTCO teams up with Soprano Daphne Hsu and Tenor Kevin Chen to perform love songs of Formosa. The collection includes "Spring Breeze", a popular Taiwanese folk song. Conducted by Ming Hsing Wang, this performance is a new interpretation on classical love songs.

Dance:

Echo Dance:

Saturday, August 29, 12 p.m. and Sunday, August 30, 5 p.m.

Redpath Stage

As an emerging dance troupe that combines modern and traditional Chinese dance forms, Echo Dance Association presents a special piece that depicts those waiting to be loved.

Art Exhibitions:

Yes I Do by Yun Lin:

Saturday, August 29, 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 30, 1 p.m.

Marilyn Brewer Community Space

Yun Lin is a professional artist, teacher, enthusiast and advocate of paper sculpturing. Paper sculpturing utilizes the lightness and softness of paper that other materials don't have. From plain, unfolded paper, the artist presents various facets of a wedding.

Echo Art: The Golden Lifestyle:

Tuesday, August 25 – Friday, August 28 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday, August 29 10 a.m. – 8p.m.

Distillery Fermenting Cellar

Presented with National Taiwanese Craft Research Institute (NTCRI), the Eco Art exhibition returns to TELUS TAIWANfest in the fermenting cellar at the Distillery Historic District.

Fashion:

Fashion Hall of Fame: Sandra Sung and Goji Lin

Saturday, August 29, 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 30, 12 p.m.

Lakeside Terrace

In addition to the CLASH: Taiwan's Revolutionary Runway fashion show that showcases the designs of Goji

Lin, TELUS TAIWANfest also exhibits wedding and couture dresses in this Fashion Hall of Fame. Taiwanese immigrant Sandra Sung is one of Canada's most prolific bridal designers. Based in Vancouver, Sung designs wedding dresses that are simple yet elegant. Goji Lin also displays a couture dress that fuses eastern and western traditions.

CLASH: Taiwan's Revolutionary Runway:

Saturday, August 29, 8:30 p.m.

SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

Renowned Taiwanese fashion designer **Goji Lin's** presents his contemporary haute-couture **Tao collection** in a spectacular runway show. Lin's designs marry seemingly conflicting concepts and fuses eastern tradition with eastern techniques and materials. Two supermodels from the top modeling agency in Taiwan lead the runway show emceed by Miss Chinese Vancouver 2005.

Culinary Art:

What's Cooking – Wedding Banquet:

Saturday, August 29 – 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 30 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Brigantine Room

Regardless of culture, a wedding reception plays an essential part in the entire wedding process. In Taiwanese culture, the wedding banquet is often elaborate and extravagant with ten courses and deserts. Every dish of food prepared carefully is created to bless the new couple. Banquet chefs from Taiwan demonstrate how to prepare typical Taiwanese wedding dishes. (Limited samples available).

Andrew Chase's Culinary Journey in Taiwan:

Saturday, August 29, 5 p.m.

Brigantine Room

Andrew Chase, food editor of Homemakers/Canadian Living magazine shares his favorite Taiwanese recipes in an exciting food demo. His passion for Taiwanese cuisine started over 20 years ago when he lived in Taiwan. He learned about Taiwanese and regional Chinese cooking first hand and is prepared to share his culinary experiences with the audience.

Sweet Engagement:

Saturday, August 29, 2 p.m. and Sunday August 30, 1:30 p.m.

Brigantine Room

In Taiwan, it's customary for the groom-to-be to give engagement sweets to his fiancée. Upon receiving the sweets, the bride delivers them to her relatives, friends and neighbors as a way of announcing her engagement. These engagement sweets are available to sample at the wedding banquet in the "What's cooking" session.

Food Fair: Chia-A-Noodle DIY:

Saturday, August 29, p.m. and Sunday, August 30, 12 p.m.

Lakeside Terrace Tent

Chia-A-Noodle is one of the simplest forms of noodle dish and returns to Taiwanfest in a do-it-yourself form. Festival-goers can cook their own Chia-A-Noodle in a bamboo basket and add their favorite toppings, including dried red onion, bean sprouts, chives and a special ground pork sauce.

Film:

Cape No. 7:

Saturday, August 29, 6 p.m. and Sunday, August 30, 3:30 p.m.

Studio Theatre

The international award winning film, "Cape No. 7" depicts the end of the Japanese Colonial Period and the friendship, love and regret that stem from an undelivered love letter written 60 years prior to the end of that era.

Island Etude:

Saturday, August 29, 3:30 p.m.

Studio Theatre

This film follows hearing-impaired college student Ming Xiong as he journeys from Taiwan's scenic eastern Pacific ocean coastline to the western coastal highway in a quest for self-discovery. The film was the official representative for Taiwan at the 80th Academy Awards in the Best Foreign Language Film category.

Blue Brave : The Legend of Formosa in 1895:

Sunday, August 30, 1 p.m.

Studio Theatre

"Blue Brave" tells the story of Taiwan's resistance against a Japanese takeover in 1895 after the Qing government ceded Taiwan to Japan. This film provides a peek into this period of history and tells a brave story of how much people love their land.

Orz Boyz:

Saturday, August 29, 1 p.m.

Studio Theatre

This film captures the spirit of childhood. Despite the turmoil, as children make the journey to adulthood, they always adopt creative ways to grow stronger. The movie won Taiwan's Golden Horse Award for Best Actress while at the Taipei Film Festival as well as the Best Actor and Best Artistic Director award.

Jump! Boys:

Friday, August 28, 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 29, 9 p.m.

Studio Theatre

This documentary is about seven boys at an elementary school in I-Lan, Taiwan going after their dream of becoming gymnasts. This film won Best Documentary at 2005 Taiwan Golden Horse Award and Audience Choice Award at the 2005 Taipei Film Festival.

Family:

Paper Demonstration by Yin Lin:

Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30, 1 p.m.

Harbourkids Zone Tent

Paper sculpture master Yun Lin, celebrates Taiwanese wedding ceremonies with this exhibition made entirely out of paper. She will be on-site to demonstrate how to make bamboo dragonflies simply from paper.

Ocarina demonstration by Ted:

Saturday, August 29, 6 p.m.

Harbourkids Zone Tent

Children will have a chance to learn how to play the Ocarina, a popular Taiwanese wind instrument.