Harry Shum Jr. from *Glee*

Shop Til You Drop in Bangkok

Cirque du Soleil Brings *Alegria* to Houston

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Well, I guess you can see by the cover that we are rather Gleeful about this month’s issue. Harry Shum, Jr. is not only gaining exposure on the set of the super-popular series Glee, but he also exposed himself (well, his abs) for you, our readers. We all know Harry (maybe without really knowing who it was) from those iPod dancing silhouette commercials a while back, you saw him in the Step movies, you can see him every Tuesday on Fox in Glee; what you don’t see is what a genuinely nice guy this entertainer is and we hope that our interview captured that essence.

We all know that Houston is home to a vibrant and creative arts community. So we weren’t surprised to discover an organization that helps recent music school graduates market their careers. Early this month, The Impulse Artist Series will host performances of several up and coming musicians in different intimate venues around the city. This month, we focus on Phyllis Chen, a musician from New York who will be performing pieces on toy pianos. She is a classically trained pianist who discovered that toy pianos liberate her creativity and unleash waves of musical energy that were not achievable with concert pianos. She will be playing these during her performance, as well.

The circus is coming, the circus is coming! Or at least the divinely creative “circus” that is Cirque du Soleil, who is bringing Alegría to the Toyota Center. Alegría means “jubilation” in Spanish, which is generally how I feel when I have the opportunity to catch one of their shows. As for travel, Matt takes us to Bangkok this month. To listen to him, it would seem that Bangkok is Thai for “Shopping Therapy”. Bring lots of cash. Resistance is futile.

In this issue we also learn about Winifred Chan, co-founder of Maylán Skincare. Maylán is Chinese for “natural beauty” and that describes the guiding philosophy of the company perfectly. There are no synthetic or chemical ingredients in any of Maylán’s products; only the finest quality natural ingredients are used to enhance the beauty of the user by virtue of natural processes.

The shopping centers have already begun their seasonal transition – it is kind of like a game of Monopoly except, in this case, we get a card that tells us “Do not pass Thanksgiving. Go DIRECTLY to Christmas”. Christmas will get here soon enough. November is for Thanksgiving. Enjoy your sumptuous meals and, more importantly, enjoy your time with family and friends.

V. Hoang
The color yellow has played a recurrent symbolic role throughout the history of Asian culture. It symbolizes the earth that sustains all life, yet has been embraced by Buddhist monks as an expression of unchallenged power. Such is the role of yellow: always revered but in different ways under different circumstances.

The mission of Yellow Magazine is to introduce our readers to the artistic, fashion, lifestyle and entertainment contributions made by Asian Americans. It is our hope that the depth and breadth of the topics and events we cover do justice to the pride that the color yellow has represented throughout the millennia. As the editor in chief of Yellow Magazine, my last name is Hoang, which also means yellow. Just as I am proud of my name, I am proud of my heritage, and proud of Yellow Magazine.

Editor in Chief
V. Van Hoang, President of MV Media

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A wise woman once said, “Whoever said money can’t buy happiness simply didn’t know where to go shopping.” I know this is true because I have seen faces illuminated by the happiness that comes from shopping in a unique and special place — eyes are wide with anticipation, hands rapidly shuffle through hangers and credit cards nearly burnt from their hiding places.

Of all the cities in which I have witnessed these trance-like states amongst diehard shoppers, I think that Bangkok is at the top of the list. Although I am not exactly certain as to why, I suspect it may have something to do with the incredible variety of shopping experiences that the city offers.

Don’t get me wrong, the U.S. has more great malls and interesting shopping districts, as well, but Bangkok has everything from super modern malls anchored by upscale designer stores to zany and colorful night and weekend markets where you can find rare antiques, household items, inexpensive clothing and handbags, and tourist kitsch, all within a few feet of each other. Additionally, all the spicy food you need to refill is conveniently located to provide you with the energy to continue browsing late into the night.

You may peruse luxury goods at Siam Paragon where you can buy anything from a sporty new Ferrari to a pair of Jimmy Choo shoes that look like they came straight off the set of Sex and the City. This five story shopping and entertainment complex has more than 16 million square feet of retail space and houses more than 250 branded international and local luxury brands. All the top designer names including Gucci, Prada, Louis Vuitton, Dior, Versace, Burberry, and Armani can be found there. The floors are divided into Luxury Living, Fashion Venue, Lifestyle & Leisure, Living & Technology, and Global Entertainment.

When all that shopping makes you hungry, you don’t have to settle for low quality fast food. There are more than 80 restaurants and food outlets offering some of the best gourmet food in the city. Be sure and try the Tom Kha Kha at A.M.A. Thai Restaurant or take home something unusual from the huge international gourmet grocery store. If you are not prepared to venture outside into the heat and visit the myriad temples, just stay inside. Located on the basement floor is Siam Ocean World, the biggest aquarium in Asia. If you are ready to leave the mall, the city’s modern sky train system is easy to use and will take you wherever you want to go without having to contend with the heat or the traffic.

Are you ready to see the opposite side of the coin? Ease out of your expensive shoes and into a pair of flip-flops and head to Chatuchak Market. It was once known only to wholesalers and traders. Today, Chatuchak Weekend Market has achieved landmark status as a must-see destination for travelers. Its sheer size and diverse collections of merchandise can bring any shopper to his or her knees. The 35 acre area that comprises Chatuchak is home to more than 8,000 market stalls. On a typical weekend, more than 200,000 visitors explore the maze of stalls.

At first glance, you might be intimidated by the seemingly endless aisles of shops but do not be deterred (just jump in and start exploring and be prepared to bargain). You might get temporarily lost, but you can always find your way out. One main walkway encircles the entire market and it branches off into a series of numbered alleys called Soi 1, Soi 2, Soi 3, and so on. If you find something that you want, I advise that you buy it right away and not go elsewhere with the idea that you will find your way back to the original stall. It is likely that you will never be able to find it. Another way to find your way around Chatuchak is to take note of the public transportation stations, banks, and numbered entrance gates that will serve as great points of reference. Explore freely, but write down where you started so you can find your way back.

You will be amazed at the sheer variety of merchandise that is available to you for purchase. Do you want an antique wooden chess, M onsoon lamp, handmade rug, ornate dagger, sexy underwear or an exotic pet? Whether you are looking for modern or traditional styles Thai or European, collectible or utilitarian — you can find it here. And, of course, as wherever you go in Bangkok, you will find really good traditional Thai food.

I recommend that you stop in the morning when it is cooler. The market opens at 9:00 a.m. Bring enough cash as ATMs are few and far between, and many vendors do not accept credit cards. Before you get too deep into your shopping nirvana, pick up a free map at the information kiosks. If you are trying to find Chatuchak on your own, take the sky train (BTS) to Mo Chit station and leave via exit 1. Follow the crowds until you see rows of canvas stalls from which clothes are being sold. Turn right and continue to follow the crowd and you will see a small entrance that leads into the market.

Less upscale than Siam Paragon but worth a visit is Bangkok’s legendary MBK Shopping Center, a mid-level gathering of goods spread throughout eight floors and 2,000 stores. You will find many high-end designer products, as well as reasonably priced clothing, fashion accessories, handbags, leather products, luggage, furniture, electronics, cameras, stationery books, and DVDs. Check the quality and don’t be afraid to bargain here, as well. Locals and expats shop here for one good reason — prices. This may be the only mall where prices are negotiable in many stores. Here are some discount cards available to tourists at the information kiosks that are valid at specified stores.

If you’ve shopped legit but you’re not quite ready to quit, you just might be ready to step into the controlled chaos of a Bangkok night market: cheap clothing, inexpensive jewelry, souvenir T-shirts (most with rude sayings on them), and hawker stands selling satay or maybe something unusual like fried grasshoppers. Since there are so many night markets in Bangkok, you may be best served by asking your hotel’s concierge as to the best one within walking distance. However, sooner or later almost everyone stops by the Patpong Night Market. It was once comprised of a couple of seedy side streets dedicated solely to the sex industry, today the area is a different kind of buyer’s paradise. Early in the evening, sellers of all kinds of goods including souvenir arts and crafts, T-shirts, watches and handbags converge on a couple of narrow streets and set up their stalls. There is no price relief or handbag of questionable origin. If this is the right place. Be forewarned that there are still gritty bars operating here, but there are definitely more places selling handbags than there are places selling sex. I guess the illusion created by owning a fake designer purse is a stronger draw than the illusion of being able to buy love.

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Japan’s Tokyu Department Store occupies four stories of the shopping center and offers a large selection of high quality merchandise including clothing, apparel, cosmetics and household goods. I love exploring Asian supermarkets for unusual products and there are two good places for you. First, MBK. If you haven’t already filled a couple of suitcases with inexpensive souvenirs, there is also a touristy miniature indoor craft market on the sixth floor with arts and crafts from throughout the country.

You may have already shopped till you dropped by visiting the places described above but you still have not fully exhausted Bangkok’s shopping options. Pantip Plaza is a multi-story shopping center that specializes in computer and technology products. So, if you are in search of anything electronic, stop here first. If you are looking for something young and trendy, the chances are high that you can find it at the Emporium Bangkok, a seven story mall. If you still have room in your suitcase you may want to stop by the older Siam Center, the stylish A.M.A. Plaza, or the luxurious Gaysorn Bangkok that shines with polished white marble and glistening chrome where discerning fashionistas may shop for Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Prada, and other top designers.

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This month, the acrobats, athletes and incomparable performers of Cirque du Soleil will dazzle Houston audiences for a mere four days with performances of their critically-acclaimed production, *Alegría*.

*Alegría* (Spanish for jubilation) has been seen by more than 10 million people worldwide since its 1994 debut. *Alegría* is a mood, a state of mind. The themes of the show are numerous: power and the handing down of power over time, the evolution from ancient monarchies to modern democracies, old age, youth—it is against this backdrop that the characters of *Alegría* play out their lives. Kings’ fools, minstrels, beggars, old aristocrats and children make up its universe, along with the clowns, who alone are able to resist the passing of time and the social transformations that accompany it.

Acts include the Synchro Trapeze and the intense and high-energy Aerial High Bars in which daring aerialists fly to catchers swinging more than 40 feet above the stage. The vibrancy of youth is alive in Power Track, a brilliant display of synchronized choreography and tumbling on a trampoline system hidden under the stage floor. In Russian Bars, artists fly through the air and perform spectacular somersaults and mid-air turns, landing on bars perched on the sturdy shoulders of catchers.

Cirque du Soleil, it began as a group of 20 street performers in 1984 and has evolved into a major Quebec-based organization that provides high-quality artistic entertainment. The company has 5,000 employees, including more than 1,200 artists from approximately 50 different countries. Since its inception, Cirque du Soleil has delighted almost 100 million spectators in 300 cities on 5 continents. This year alone, they simultaneously presented 21 shows worldwide.
Golden Tapestry Ball
Held at Hilton Post Oak

Over 300 guests attended the Golden Tapestry Ball hosted by the Asian American Family Services (AAFS). This year the AAFS honored Ghulam Bombaywala and Mandy Kao with the Golden Lantern Awards, and Stanley Sue and Liem Dang with the Golden Harvest Awards.

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Exclusively at Neiman Marcus

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**Ralph Lauren Big Pony #2**
Seductive! This sexy mix brings together dark chocolate and musk for a spicy and seductive fragrance. Not to your fancy? Try #1, #3, or #4 from the Big Pony collection!
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**Pucci Miss Pucci**
Youthful, fresh, and seductive, Miss Pucci is undeniably modern while opening a window to the retro Pucci lifestyle. This sparkling musky floral scent comes alive with the elegance of magnolia and the lightness of Sicilian winter lemons.
1.7 oz., $74
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**Kate Spade Twirl**
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3.4 oz. spray, $80
Sephora

**Givenchy Play**
A surprising and bold fragrance, Play for Her combines the floral notes of the tiare flower and the warm accords of amyris wood for a sparkingly captivating composition.
2.5 oz. spray, $75.50
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**Chanel No 5**
The now and forever fragrance that never goes out of style. Chanel No 5 is the ultimate in femininity in an elegant, luscious spray closest in strength and character to the parfum form.
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Vibrant Colors and a Unique Vision of Art

Mika Ninagawa

One of Japan’s most celebrated photographers, Mika Ninagawa has a new book out from Rizzoli New York which is the first monograph to be published in the West. She is a cultural superstar in her home country, where celebrities seek her out for her distinctive portraits of ornately clad human subjects against baroque backgrounds.

The photography of Mika Ninagawa is distinguished by gorgeously saturated colors and stylized compositions. Lauded as an art and fashion photographer, Mika Ninagawa has become increasingly famous both in Japan and now internationally since her debut only a decade ago. Formally represented by influential art dealer Tomio Koyama, who introduced Takashi Murakami and Yoshitomo Nara to the world, Ninagawa’s images are widely exhibited in Japan and abroad where she has had exhibitions at Colette in Paris, Arndt and Partner in Berlin, and she is a frequent participant at Art Basel Miami.

Her portraits of international personalities including Cameron Diaz, the late Isabella Blow, Dita von Teese, Chiaki Kuriyama and Beyoncé, plus her elaborate, fantasy-infused landscapes and still-lifes illustrate how and why her vibrant aesthetic has been influential in the fashion world. In addition to celebrity photography, she has shown her work in dozens of exhibitions since 1997, accompanied by 40 catalogs of her work, and she has won numerous prestigious awards, including the Kimura Kii Award in 2001. Her film directorial debut, Sakuran, was officially entered into the Berlinale Special section of the 57th Berlin International Film Festival.

MIKA NINAGAWA
Photography by Mika Ninagawa with a foreword by Daido Moriyama, and contributions by Antonio Marras, Anna Sui, and Midori Matsui
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Not East vs. West, But East + West

Living Duality

“Andrew Lam devours the American experience with fresh eyes, keen insight, and a lyrical voice. He is a natural storyteller on a journey of discovery across continents and cultures, and we’re lucky to be along for the ride.”

Scott James, New York Times columnist and author of SoMa and The Sower

From cuisine and martial arts to sex and self-esteem, East Eats West shines new light on the bridges and crossroads where two hemispheres meld into one worldwide “immigrant nation.” In this new nation, with its amalgamation of divergent ideas, tastes, and styles, today’s bold fusion becomes tomorrow’s classic. But while the space between East and West continues to shrink in this age of globalization, some cultural gaps remain.

In this collection of twenty-one personal essays, Andrew Lam, the award-winning author of Perfume Dreams, continues to explore the Vietnamese diaspora, this time concentrating not only on how the East and West have changed but how they are changing each other. Lively and engaging, East Eats West searches for meaning in nebulous territory charted by very few. Part memoir, part meditation, and part cultural anthropology, East Eats West is about thriving in the West with one foot still in the East.
Harry Shum Jr. made his first inroad into America’s living rooms as the iconic silhouette dancer in the original ubiquitous iPod commercials several years ago. Today, he is back in the living rooms of legions of devoted fans playing an increasingly important role on one of the nation’s most popular shows, Glee. Even though Harry’s character, Mike Chang, stole the girlfriend of wheelchair-bound Artie, this actor is inescapably polite and upstanding. In fact, his aura is so bright and uplifting, you just want to get up and, well, dance.

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Harry Shum, Jr., November 2010
Yellow Magazine
Photographer
Collin Kelly
Fashion Stylist
Leslie Rivas
Hair and Makeup
Bianca Linette
I don’t think your inner kid will ever go away if you hold on to it.

How did/do your parents consider your choice of careers? They didn’t take it that way. They didn’t threaten me with, “If you do this, we’ll kick you out.” They were supportive, in a way, and said “Okay, but why don’t you go try school first, then go to college? Then maybe you can try it.” I wasn’t a rebel but I’ve always wanted to try things out first before I made decisions. I wanted to try out this business and I did. Over the years, my parents kept suggesting that I go to school to be a doctor or a dentist. Now, finally, they’re happy with it.

Your silhouette dancing for the iPod commercials several years back was truly memorable. You were famous but nobody knew who you were. I bet your parents kept suggesting that I go to school to be a doctor or a dentist.

In a previous interview, you made a reference to wanting your kids and their kids’ kids as my parents did with me is really important to me. I want them to merge. It’s very important to me that when I have kids, I will bring in half if you play football.” I pole vaulted, sprinted, and ran relays.

How does the choreography process work for you? It’s kind of weird, but I’ll be sitting somewhere and my head will begin to turn the whole time and we were dizzy towards the end. It was kind of weird, but I’ll be sitting somewhere and my head will begin to turn the whole time and we were dizzy towards the end.

What is it like dancing with some of the biggest names in the business? It was the time of my life dancing with Beyonce, J.Lo, Ashanti, and Destiny’s Child. Beyonce is one of the most memorable performers. You go out to the stage and there are thousands of people screaming. It’s crazy because you think “Wow, I’m one of the few people who can share this moment.” Beyonce is kind of a shy person off stage, but on stage there’s no radar! She goes nuts. You can see it and they go crazy at concerts!

You know, she is from Houston. Yes I do, and I remember performing there at the Kodeg. The stage was turning the whole time and we were dizzy towards the end. It was kind of weird, but I’ll be sitting somewhere and my head will begin to turn the whole time and we were dizzy towards the end. It was kind of weird, but I’ll be sitting somewhere and my head will begin to turn the whole time and we were dizzy towards the end.

What sports did you play? When I was in high school I did track and field and tennis. I didn’t play football or baseball because my mom didn’t let me. She said, “You will break in half if you play football.” I pole vaulted, sprinted, and ran relays.

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What did you enjoy being 28 years old and playing a high school student. When I was in my late teens and saw high school students, they really seemed like little kids.

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It’s so weird! I still don’t think I’m famous.

What do you think about shows such as So You Think You Can Dance and America’s Best Dance Crew? Do you have a theory as to why Asian Americans are so well represented in these shows and have won many of the competitions?

Those shows are different from Dancing with the Stars which is more ballroom. I remember before I started dancing, I went to these little in-the-loop, underground dance shows and was amazed. Half of the dancers were Asian. I think it’s partly because street dancing is a style that is open to all cultures. It is in the streets and it is something that you can learn without having to pay. You have a friend who has a friend and you learn from him and it all trickles down from there.

You have been blessed with a fairly quick success path in your career. In fact, your first professional performance was only in 2002 on BET’s ComicView. Since then, you have appeared in a number of episodes on various TV series and films and are known to the likes of President Obama, Oprah and Bill Gates (in addition to throngs of Glee fans everywhere). How do you process this and keep a level head?

I’ve seen people get to a successful place, get a big head, and fall. I saw this happen so many times and it allowed me to perceive it and promise myself, “I can’t be like that. I can’t be like that.” It’s all about building a sound foundation which I have been working on since I began in 2002. Of course, things will happen to me, but I’m pretty level-headed and am grateful for the things that have happened. I look up to Obama and Oprah. As for the show itself, I don’t lie to get to me. I’m still a regular person and I believe in things like everyone else.

What are the things you look for in a possible date?

I look for someone who is open-minded because that’s a big part of what a relationship is. And, you know, the regular things. I don’t think you’ll be impressed or find it funny if I say [sarcastically] I want to be with a person who’s sad and unhappy. No, I want someone who’s happy and funny who can be my best friend. And, obviously, being sexy is a big thing. I want someone who is sexy. It’s the simple things, I’m not too picky. I would not specify anything like, “She has to have beautiful feet.” No fetishes. Beautiful person, you’re good.

What do you think are your best features/attributes?

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How many friends do you have on Facebook? Do you tweet and what do you think of this social media?

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Do your friends treat you any differently than they did before you got so famous?

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Aside from dancing physically, I dance a lot in my head, too.
Looking for Something Special and Price is No Object?

**Big Ticket Luxury**

The holidays are coming, but it may already be too late to start saving for some of these rather pricey presents, unless you are a regular shopper from the fantasy gifts section of the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book (the $75,000 Chevy Camaro is already sold out). It doesn’t hurt to dream, though...

**Bedazzled Be Ringing**

Covered in over 1,500 Swarovski crystals, the new iPhone 4 cover from CrystalRoc takes bling to the extreme. Choices available include Amethyst, Aquamarine, Black Diamond, Emerald, Fuschia, and more. The glittery crystals sit atop a chrome base that clips easily to your iPhone.

CrystalRoc iPhone 4 cover, $200
[crystalroc.com](http://crystalroc.com)

**Digital Delight**

Limited to just 50, the Leica M9 Neiman Marcus Edition is the only camera that combines the classic Leica M shooting experience with the latest digital technology. The camera’s rugged body and matching Summicron-M 35mm f2.0 ASPH lens are finished in classic chrome, and the body is covered in luxurious brown ostrich leather trim with matching strap. The Neiman Marcus Christmas Book, 1.877.9NM.GIFT

Neiman Marcus Edition Leica M9-NM Camera, $17,500
[The Neiman Marcus Christmas Book, 1.877.9NM.GIFT](http://www.neimanmarcus.com)

**Ace of Bubbly**

Armand de Brignac is the luxury Champagne from the award-winning Champagne Cattier chateau of Chigny-lès-Roses, France, and has been rated the #1 Champagne in the world. Inspired by the famed French fashion designer André Courrèges, each metallic bottle is crafted entirely by hand, featuring two Ace of Spades insignias and four hand-applied pewter labels. The striking bottle is housed in a black wooden case embossed with the Champagne’s royal crest. Each box is lined in velvet and fitted with an engraved nameplate.

Armand de Brignac Champagne, $350
Available at fine liquor stores armanddebrignac.com

**Timeless Telling of Time**

Vacheron Constantin, manufacturer of Swiss luxury complicated timepieces since 1755, is the oldest watch manufacturer in the world in continuous operation. Previously sold only in rose gold, the Vacheron Constantin Patrimony Traditionnelle Perpetual Calendar Chronograph is now available in 950 platinum, allowing the watch to demonstrate the best of its elegantly shaped body and flawlessly designed dial.

Vacheron Constantin Patrimony Traditionnelle Perpetual Calendar Chronograph, $127,500
Zadok Jewelers, 1749 Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77056 713.960.8950, zadokjewelers.com

**Black is the New Black**

Just in time for the holidays, Tiffany announced the Blue Book Collection, featuring the best of the best from the luxury jeweler. You can’t go wrong with this gorgeous Tiffany hand-crafted black onyx bracelet with diamonds in platinum and flute black onyx and diamond earnings in platinum.

Tiffany Diamond and Black Onyx Bracelet and Earrings, $195,000, $20,000
Tiffany & Co., Galleria

goldtoothpick.com

Gold For Your Grill?

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A Symphony of Toy Pianos and Diverse Multimedia

Phyllis Chen

There is something special being cultivated in Houston’s fertile art community about which I have only recently learned. In 2004, Jade Simmons, a recent graduate of Rice University’s prestigious Shepherd School of Music, founded The Impulse Artist Series, a non-profit organization created to provide performance opportunities and career building assistance to up-and-coming emerging concert artists.

After two years of managing her own fledgling concert career, Jade developed a checklist of needs for aspiring concert pianists to attain successful careers. Impulse provides a framework by which artists who have come to the end of their academic endeavors and are in the midst of embarking on their professional concert careers can achieve their goals. Jade Simmons is recognized as one of the leading young artists in her field and uses her expertise to continually cultivate the artistic and educational experience of the featured Impulse artists.

The Impulse Artist Series is presenting the 2010 Alter Ego Season concert series in Houston from November 5th - 19th which will be featuring several artists at different venues around town. We are focusing on one of those artists, Phyllis Chen, who will entertain her audience with a performance of piano and toy piano selections on November 10, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Wade Wilson Art gallery on Montrose (Check impulseartistseries.org for other dates in which she will perform with other artists at other venues and for more information).

Praised by the New York Times for her “delightful quirkiness matched with interpretive sensitivity,” Phyllis is a pianist, toy pianist and multimedia artist who performs original compositions and works by contemporary composers. She attended Oberlin Conservatory as a recipient of the Dean’s Talent Award Scholarship and received a Masters Degree from Northwestern University as an Eckstein Merit Scholar. She is continuing to pursue her Doctorate in piano performance. Clearly, Phyllis is a serious classical musician. What sets her apart from the rest is that she is widely considered to be one of the world’s leading proponents of toy piano music.

You may wonder how in the world a formally trained and accomplished classical pianist focused her talents in the direction of toy pianos. As is so often the case, it was rather unexpected. “I started playing classical piano at the age of five and found the toy piano when I was 21. I was always interested in exploring new sounds and unconventional piano techniques, but my journey with the toy piano was plunged forth by an unexpected happening in my life.” In a word, tendinitis from continual performing, teaching and the stress associated with pursuit of her doctorate degree was the culprit. For two years, she was unable to play piano and had an opportunity to re-evaluate her musical destiny. What resulted was a truly unique and unconventional path.

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“Up until then, I knew that there were many other artistic and musical curiosities/interests of mine that were not being fulfilled by playing classical piano. It was really natural for me to play the toy piano at that time – it was my only connection to making music during my recovery and it gave me the great feeling of freedom to compose for the instrument. After my recovery, it became natural for me to pursue my interests and visions in creating multimedia works with the toy piano as my central voice. By further exploring the instrument through electronics, an entirely new palette of sounds has come to me that was never possible in the standard piano. With so much untapped potential and no set boundaries on how it should sound or be played, I think that there is still a lot of artistic exploration that can happen on the toy piano. Now that I am no longer injured and performing a lot on both piano and toy piano, I still find the toy piano to be my instrument of choice!”

When Phyllis refers to “palette of sounds”, she is not kidding. When I visited her website, I clicked on some performances in which she drummed on a set of six inverted steel bowls with one hand as she played a toy piano with the other. She is known to have introduced recordings of natural sounds as an underlay to performances using multiple toy pianos, bowls, chimes, music boxes and, in some cases, to the sound of egg she is scrambling on a skillet! Phyllis Chen is redefining and expanding the meaning of “multimedia” in a very provocative and experimental manner.

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Maylán focuses on the essence of beautiful skin

Get your natural beauty

Maylán is Chinese for "natural beauty". Maylán Skincare was co-founded by Winifred Chan and her husband, Henry. The company’s name best captures the essence of their approach to developing skincare products – one’s natural beauty may be optimally enhanced by promoting natural processes. There is no place for synthetic or chemical ingredients in any of the products offered by Maylán. It is a philosophy that originated at inception when Henry drew upon his decades of professional experience in pharmaceutical research and development to address Winifred’s personal skincare issues. Twenty years later, the success of Maylán leaves no doubt that his formulae for beautiful skin is a beautiful thing for legions of radiant faces.

What motivated you to create Maylán Skincare?

About 18 years ago, I realized that my youth was fading. I noticed that parts of my face were developing pockets and lines and I knew I needed to take care of my skin before it got worse. I bought several expensive products from major skin care companies in department stores that were supposed to help me recapture my youth. However, the pockets and lines became even more noticeable and I developed a rash from using some of the products! I also tried other major name brands that claimed to be suitable for sensitive skin, but I still broke out.

Since I could not use any of the major products on the market, I turned to my husband Henry for help, since he had 20 years of experience in pharmaceutical research and development. I asked him to develop a moisturizing cream that was gentle enough for my super sensitive skin and that would also restore its health and youthfulness. After extensive research and development, he created a cream with just the right balance. I applied it to my skin and it began to improve, immediately! Co-workers and people at my health club complimented me on my skin’s improved tone and texture.

Upon hearing about it, they wanted to try the cream, too. I gave them some, the word spread and more people wanted to try it. They encouraged my husband and me to develop the product for sale; we launched it under the name, Winifred Daily Moisture.

What products do you carry?

- Triple Acting System Eye Cream: a cutting-edge, triple-acting system that instantly works to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles around the eye.
- Face Firming and Moisturizing Daily Cream: quickly absorbed into skin and feels light, not greasy upon application. It contains essential vitamins, emollients and collagen necessary for skin renewal and repair. Collagen is the major substance that connects skin cells together and it is what makes skin firm and elastic.
- Face Firming and Moisturizing Daily Cream SPF 30: provides ultra protection against sun damage while nourishing your face. This emollient-rich cream penetrates and moisturizes the skin without leaving behind a greasy feeling.
- Silk and Honey Rejuvenating Overnight Cream: an extra rich yet fast absorbing treatment cream with healing properties. It was designed with a particular philosophy in mind: natural but slower processes will provide longer-term healthy results rather than immediate gratification through harsher means.
- Natural Herbal Cleanser: is soap free and alcohol free. Fruit and herbal extracts gently and thoroughly lift away make-up and impurities without stripping your skin of moisture, never leaving you with a dry tight feeling as many other cleansers do.
- Natural Botanical Toner: moisturizes and refreshes while calming and toning the skin. This unique formulation rejuvenates the skin, returning it to its natural brilliance and leaving it incredibly smooth and soft.

What is your Natural Beauty routine?

Younger women should think of skin care as a beauty regimen as well as a health and preservation regimen. Therefore, all women should look to products that nourish and preserve their skin and stay away from those that contain ingredients that will provide short-term results, but long-term damage. Our products may not show dramatic immediate results but they will keep your skin healthy in the long-term.

What is next for Maylán Skincare?

We have some very exciting developments. A Chicago newscaster, Nancy Loo, tried our products and loved them so much that she has agreed to become our spokesperson and to promote our products. In addition to our website, our customers can now purchase our products in Houston at Beaurity Cosmetics in the Ranch 99 Market. We will be expanding its online presence via Facebook and Twitter, and we’re excited about supporting the LeHoang Foundation and its upcoming gala. We hope that these developments will allow us more opportunities to tell our story to a larger audience and to engage in more partnerships with other entrepreneurs who will expand public recognition and availability of our products.
Operation Smile, a worldwide children’s medical charity, honored Harrison Ford, John Stamos and Susan Casden at its 9th Annual Smile Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Access Hollywood host Billy Bush served as Master of Ceremonies and Jenna Ushkowitz and Kevin McHale of Glee performed. A highlight of the evening included a performance by Philippine Smile Ambassador Chadleen Lacdo-o. More than $1.5 million was raised to benefit the organization. Operation Smile Co-founder and CEO Dr. William P. Magee presented the John Connor Humanitarian Service Award to Calista Flockhart on behalf of legendary actor and humanitarian Harrison Ford, who was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. The John Connor Humanitarian Service Award is presented to those individuals who have demonstrated their concern and love for their fellow man through their actions and deeds.
Both New and Familiar Faces
On Our TV Screens This Fall

Who Are You Watching?

TV seasons come and go, but we’ll never get tired of Margaret Cho! Our friend (and Yellow covergirl) Margaret may not have lasted too long on Dancing With The Stars, but her supporting role in the hit Lifetime series Drop Dead Diva continues. Our current cover hunk, Harry Shum, Jr., has exploded from his behind-the-body-outline iPod dancing stardom to become part of the Asian Fusion team on the super hot Fox series Glee. But Harry and Margaret aren’t the only hot properties on our television screens right now. We’ve put together a few others you should check out:

Glee (Fox)
Harry Shum, Jr. and Jenna Ushkowitz
After having Mike Chang (Harry Shum, Jr.) be mainly in the background for the first season of Glee, for the current season he’s been a little more visible – or at least “The Abs Scene” has. The scene where he steals Tina Cohen-Chang’s heart from Artie (and forms Asian Fusion) seems to get run somehow every week! Their Duets episode performance was a standout.

Amazing Race (CBS)
Michael and Kevin Wu
Sugarland natives Michael (dad) and Kevin (son) Wu have run a very amazing race so far – even going from being on the verge of elimination to winning the next leg of the race! Although dad Michael has had a little trouble keeping up with his son at times, the two teammates are strong, smart competitors with a good chance to go far. For additional entertainment, check out Kevin’s YouTube channel KevJumba.

Hawaii Five-0 (CBS)
Daniel Dae Kim and Grace Park
Currently the #1 DVR’d show on the air, the revamping of the hit 70’s television show Hawaii Five-0 is proving to be a big success, partially due to the starring turns by Daniel Dae Kim (pro) and former Yellow Magazine cover girl Grace Park (Battleship Galactica). The show has had excellent reviews, and featured guest starring turns by Michael Cepon, Mai Oka, and a who’s who of Hawaiian actors and entertainers.

Nikita (The CW)
Maggie Q
Based on the French film of the same name, Nikita is on The CW television network. The show stars the incredibly beautiful Maggie Q as Nikita, a spy and assassin who has, as they say in the spy game, “gone rogue”, which apparently has a lot of swimsuits involved. The show has been picked up for a full season of episodes, so hopefully it will be around long enough to see what female rogue spies wear in the winter.

The Mentalist (CBS)
Tim Kang
The Mentalist isn’t a new show, but we’ve included it to give some props to Tim Kang, one of the most ubiquitous Asian faces on our television screens and Shell gas stations. Whether he’s selling us ATT U-verse or cleaner gasoline, or helping hunky Simon Baker solve crimes as the straight-laced, by-the-books Kimball Cho, Tim is sure to be a familiar face on our screens for a very long time.

Project Runway (Lifetime)
Andy South
Young Hawaiian Andy South made it to the finals of this year’s Project Runway while staying true to his creative vision and without too much of the usual Project Runway drama (see: Ivy). Andy’s “Warrior Princess” designs didn’t always resonate with the show’s sometimes prickly judges. But he won both the “It’s a Party” and “A Look in the Line” challenges. For his final collection shown at New York Fashion Week, Andy incorporated fabrics from his Laos homeland. He’s young, he’s talented, he can rock a mohawk – and he could be the next Chloe Dao!
It’s November and that means one thing: “Thanksgiving”; my favorite holiday. It is a time when we put aside our daily routines and focus on all that we have for which to be grateful including our health, family and friends and, in these tough times, our jobs. The focus of this American celebration is uniquely centered on that one special meal. But before we discuss the type of wine you might want to consider for your Thanksgiving feast, allow me to point out some positive developments in our wine environment.

Firstly, wine prices are stable or declining. Values can be found everywhere, but especially so in the $15.00 to $30.00 retail price range.

Secondly, there is more wine variety from which to select, from areas as far flung as South Africa and Australia to right here in the state of Texas. Today, the American consumer has within range of their shopping carts a cornucopia of wine choices, and we all know that “variety is the spice of life”.

Finally, restaurant wine selection and service is gradually becoming more and more professional. Our better restaurateurs realize the importance of wine as a component of fine dining that contributes not only to their long term success but immediately impacts their bottom line. Additionally, there exists today an emphasis on better training for restaurant staff, enabling them to become more comfortable and knowledgeable regarding wine service. This is due, in part, to the institution and certification of a universal set of core wine skills implemented by the various entities that certify professional Sommeliers. This is indeed a welcome development because, until recently, the “wine person” on a restaurant’s staff was often the least experienced and whom had virtually no wine training; they were primarily charged with maintaining a certain fixed cost in order to generate a specific profit margin. Thus, the emphasis of the wine program was profit-driven and, while this is appropriate, today there is equal pressure to deliver quality as well.

If you are an oenophile, add the benefits described above to your basket of goodies for which you should give thanks. Now, let’s discuss the types of wine you might consider to serve with your Thanksgiving meal.

The traditional Thanksgiving fare is a gumbo of flavors that include game, fruit, peppers, spice, nuts and sweets, which make wine selection a little bit challenging. A profile of the type of wine I recommend is as follows: it should be medium-bodied with a high level of acidity (meaning that it is brisk and crisp) with fruit flavors of red or black berries and infused with notes of pepper and spice. Avoid wines that contain harsh tannins. On this day, we want to emphasize elegance and versatility, not muscle. Dry sparkling wines are fine and you can serve them throughout the entire feast. If you prefer a still, white wine then consider a nice Gewürztraminer, which has the body, spice and charm to please everyone. Like a “broken record” (a soon to be extinct expression), each year I repeat that the best match is a dry rose with its bright fruit and spicy undertones. If you are a red wine fanatic then you could seek out a Pinot Noir (I suggest those from California’s Central Coast or, better yet, Oregon); other red wines to consider include Dolcetto, Beaujolais and Syrah.


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Azuma on the Lake’s Grand Opening
Held at Azuma on the Lake, Sugarland

Hundreds of Houston and Ft. Bend County scenesters and friends gathered on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 for Azuma on the Lake’s Grand Opening Soiree. Azuma debuted its award-winning brand of sushi and Japanese cuisine in Sugarland, Texas. Eager revelers sampled a seemingly endless stream of sushi, rolls, and grilled specialties crafted by Azuma on the Lake’s Chef Michael Salzar. Guests couldn’t resist the free-flowing cocktails, including Saké and Michelada shots with quail egg.

VIP Reception for AR Rahman’s Jai Ho Tour
Held at Hyatt Regency

At a private VIP reception for AR Rahman prior to his Houston concert, Moid Khan recognized Houston Arts Alliance for its support of many arts and cultural organizations in the city. An award and a check were presented to HAA from Bollywood Shows 4U.

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Dining Guide
Yellow Magazine’s featured restaurants

JAPANESE
Shabu Shabu
8719 Bellaire Blvd., 713.995.5428
Only beef or seafood items are served and will be cooked with the classic shabu shabu style. Boiling broth is situated at the bar. When the food arrives, place everything in the broth and begin the unique experience.

Tokyo One
7465 W. Greens Rd., 713.785.8888
2808 W. Sam Houston Pkwy., 713.785.8888
Tokyo One is a sushi-buffet restaurant, situated in a fancy boat house with an outside deck. The food is fresh and is constantly replenished. Selections include sashimi such as seaweed, beef, squid, salmon and watercress. Sushi includes a variety of rolls and sashimi. A “must have” is the eel. There are also a variety of fresh oysters during dinner Great price and great atmosphere.

Zushi Japanese Cuisine
5900 Memorial Dr., 713.862.5588
Sushi serves extremely fresh and high quality sushi. Stand out items are the many sashimi appetizers, served with perfectly paired sauces or any one of the many house specialty rolls.

Uptown Sushi
1321 Uptown Park Blvd., 713.877.3200
Uptown Sushi personifies an upscale sushi restaurant located near the Galleria in the entire Uptown Park Plaza. The menu offers Japanese fusion dishes and a great selection of high-end sashimi and sushi. Side note: Uptown Sushi “all the menu” specialty rolls served daily.

CHINESE
Auntie Chang’s
2622 South Shepherd #290, 713.524.8410
Auntie Chang’s offers the most flavorful home-style Chinese cuisine around. Although known for their dumplings, any of your favorite classic Chinese dishes are done extremely well.

Hong Kong Food Street
9770 Bellaire Blvd., 713.962.8888
Peking duck and steamed port pond from China is a front window display giving a Hong Kong street market feel. In addition, the menu is divided into sections including breakfast, hot pot, speciality stir fry, suit, and chef specials. The Peking duck, beef and dry Felicity’s are recommended items.

San Dong Noodle House
9008 Butler Blvd., 713.725.3945
Authentic handpulled Chinese noodle dishes are served at a reasonable price. A few favorites include the Rialto Beef Noodle soup served in a beef broth accented by ginger and soy, the chh so as pan gom großen dumpling.

Sinh Sinh
9788 Bellaire Blvd., 713.542.0088
The seafood at Sinh Sinh is quite exciting because everything served comes from the bar. Popular dishes include the softshell crab, Coconut Leopard trout, Surf clams, Garoupa clams, young key limes, pan fried clams, etc... all featured as live seafood.

Arco Seafood
9886 Bellaire Blvd., 713.774.2888
A refreshing taste on Chinese seafood offering an upscale atmosphere. Sushi offers an authentic natural taste of the seafood to emerge. Dishes to try: Sea Cucumber, Crab Meat and Fish Milk Soup, Noodles with Minced Rice, Salted Snow Pea Leaf or the Steamy wholesale Tplates.

KOREAN
Airang Korean Restaurant
9715 Bellaire Blvd., 713.888.2098
From the door to the cuisine, everything about this place exemplifies tradition. The Mok Num Bulgogi is a classic family style dinner which includes hasseok, short ribs, squid, chicken and a vast assortment of side dishes such as soy sauce potato salad, kim chi and spicy cucumber salad.

Korea Garden Grille
14360 Bellaire Blvd. (Off 288), 281.568.0098
Clean with nice ambiance and quiet atmosphere all you can eat Korean BBQ style. Serving endless good quality Korean BBQ, steaks & seafood along with traditional side dishes, KBBQ.

ITALIAN
Da Marco Cucina E Vino
2420 W. 11th St., 713.987.8557
If you are looking for authentic Italian food, Da Marco is the place to find it. It has a charming atmosphere to go along with the excellent food. All of the entrees are subtle and perfectly prepared. Must try: Sweet Corn Tiramisú and lobster and the Sea Bass with Austin Tradewinds.

THAI
Thai Spice
8722 Bellaire Blvd. 713.777.4888
Thai food on Bellaire in a brochure dish. It’s a casual place that serves Thai dishes you won’t find anywhere else in Houston, with a huge selection of interesting, rare, tasty dishes at excellent price. Must try the whole food to live, Tapias with hot and sour dipping sauce and papa salad and Tom Yam soup.

Red Basil
2322 C. W. Wacker Dr., 281.293.0426
A gourmet take on traditional Thai cuisine. Red Basil offers fabulous food at a reasonable price. If you are a fan of Thai soup they try the Tom Yam with shrimp. It will evoke all of your senses of taste with its sweet, sour and spicy flavors. The papaya salad and the Massaman curry beef are a few others to try.

Tony Thai
2213 S. Bellfort Ave., 713.490.1712
A sophisticated approach to traditional Thai cuisine, Tony’s executes with perfect balance and poise. Tony’s Wongs are well done and dry and the Steamers Mussels are popular appetizers. For the main course try the Basil Lamb, Garlic Salmon or the Steamed Fish with Chili.

INDIAN
Kilian’s Restaurant
4119 W. 11th St. #101, 713.980.8472
This Northern Indian style restaurant embodies a fusion approach to its cuisine. With a focus on well balanced flavors rather than spice, the Tasty Halibut Swimming in Watermelon Curry sauce and the Tandoori Platter typify this perfectly.

VIETNAMESE
Kim Son Restaurants
2101 Jefferson (and other locations), 713.322.2482
The menu is the most important part of this casual, highly regarded and very Vietnamese restaurant. There are no price choices among the 100 or so options. Simply prepare dishes as you like the expected fare, such as the pork vermicelli and fried egg; what it is their black pepper sauce? Crab. Expansive banquet and special event facilities are also available.

Vietlopia
7411 Westheimer Rd., 713.664.7103
Trendy yet elegant. Vietlopia delivers top notch Vietnamese cuisine at reasonable lunch prices and a stellar dim sum menu. The lounge at Vietlopia works perfectly for those who want a classional dining experience but still want to enjoy quality food.

Van Loc Restaurant
3030 Alabami St., 713.526.6441
Great lunch! Same service, serving classic Vietnamese cuisine which, according to the establishment, has around “200 menu items that come straight from mama.” Dishes to try at this Vietnamese bbq restaurant are the Vietnamese egg rolls and the beef lubed steak with lettuce and tomato.

Mo Mong
52 Off Uptown Park Blvd., 713.526.5864
This trendy little establishment has a great lunch menu as well as a packed martini night on Wednesday. But the real draw is the traditional family style dishes mixed in with some steamed and sautéed fish dishes with the new interpretations of traditional world cuisine is the passion of co-owners Elizabeth Abraham. Must try include: cooked mussels served with a salty potato plate and topped with a mushroom ragu, also the short ribs.

WINE BARS
So Vino Bistro & Wine Bar
570 Westheimer Rd., 713.543.2001
So Vino highlights the unique tastes and styles of Southern Hemisphere wines. The pairing of stellar wines with the new interpretations of traditional world cuisine is the passion of co-owners Elizabeth Abraham. Must try include: cooked mussels served with a salty potato plate and topped with a mushroom ragu, also the short ribs.

The Tasting Room
2801 Westheimer Rd. #28, 713.933.9800
Each of The Tasting Room’s three Houston locations offers a unique food and wine experience. Uptown has a more sophisticated atmosphere and a vast assortment of side dishes such as Resto Grill, Volcano Chicken, and The Bac-Lac.

CONTINENTAL
Backstreet Café
1103 South Shepherd Dr., 713.521.2289
A well hidden restaurant with one of the most polished tents in town, boasts the top ten “Winged Sushi” in town. The tasty New York City style atmosphere is perfect for the sophisticated crowd. It is the “newest” in to up and see. Check out the Sunday Brunch Buffet for $24 or their delicious thin-crust pizza anytime.

Bistro Calais
2811 Bammel Lane, 713.529.1544
Perfectly located in between the Woodlands and downtown Houston. Bistro Calais serves up French and Continental fare with some Southern flair.

The Tasting Room
1101 Uptown Park Blvd. #18, 713.993.9800
One of the establishments at this Houston location offers a unique food and some experience. Uptown has a more sophisticated atmosphere and a vast assortment of side dishes such as Resto Grill, Volcano Chicken, and The Bac-Lac.

Voice Restaurant & Lounge
Hotel Icon, 200 Main, 713.989.4705
The impressive décor has thoughtfully transformed the space of an old bank lobby into a warm cozy and elegant dining area. Try the Mushroom Soup “Capuccino”, reduction of garlic, onion, crimini mushrooms topped with a reduction of Truffle Oil, Colombe d’Or Hotel is considered a Texas Historical Landmark. Featuring French and Continental fare with some Southern flair.

Colombo O’Reilly Restaurant and Hotel
3420 Montrose Blvd., 713.524.7999
Built in 2425 and originally the mansion of Walter Frick, one of the founders of Humble Oil. Colombo’s O’Reilly is considered a Texas Historical Landmark. Featuring French and Continental fare, we recommend the Carne Aignese, individual roll of baby lets grilled with natural herbs and red wine sauce.

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ALLNEW SOFA
Design by Francesco Rota
Modular seating system for intimate environments with fully removable cusions, composed of central and corner elements available
with two seat depths. The structure is made of wood, embossed polystyrene foam and the seat down cushions can be upholstered
with a wide range of fabrics chosen by the Paola Lenti collection. The legs are made with a natural finish.

GRIDOVE RUG
Design by Paola Lenti
Construction is 100% pure new wool. The hand-knotted rug is made with wool twines with relief lines created with bronzed stripes,
executed with a flat wool blend.

SUNSET LOW TABLE
Design by Francesco Rota
Table and side table for outdoor environments. The structure is made of steel treated against corrosion and varnished in white
and varnish color, and the tops are available in Slavshesia wood or in white or black marble with a natural finish.

PIKOT FOLIF
Design by Paola Lenti
The cushions are hand-stitched with a wood base for interior environments and with a base in linyes paper for the exterior. They are
available in different sizes and dimensions and can be produced in the multiple colors of the Paola Lenti collection.

NIMBA BASKET
Design by Paola Lenti
The baskets, inspired by the African tradition, are woven by hand with Rino beads and are available in several shapes and dimensions.

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