

# New Bars



Goodby Senses,  
Hello Jwow

NIGHTLIFE

## Jwow Wowing the Senses

Say hello to **Jwow** (pronounced "ciao") which is filling Senses' former spot. With a sister bar in Melbourne, the accent is very much on wine. The most obvious changes are the glass wine library (which doubles up as a Red Wine Village sales outlet) along with the glass wine cases in the bar. The East-meets-West design also lends a classy feel. Faux white sofas create a comfortable seating area under oriental-style lampshades

in the brick and wooden beam finished room. A 200 plus selection of wine is available by the bottle along with a large, ever-changing list by the glass (mainly ¥50-100). A new food and cocktail menu will soon be launched. With a secluded garden patio area the bar should prove

to be a weekend hit, but a Saturday night visit shows it's yet to make its mark on the map.

—Mark Andrews

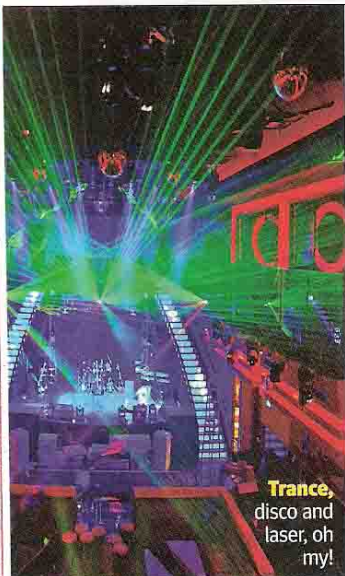
### THE DETAILS

Perfect For: reminiscing about the Barossa Valley  
Add: 515 Jianguo Xi Lu 建国西路 515号  
Tel: 5492-1655 www.jwowbar.com  
The Verdict: ●●●●

## Paramount Party Room New Disco Fever

The first thought that comes to mind when you enter the historical Paramount building's latest creation is Studio 54 and BabyFace rolled into one. The Paramount Party Room's decor juxtaposes a 70s era disco, characterized by several glistening disco balls hanging from the ceiling, with the strobe lights and trance music of one of Shanghai's trendy nightclubs. The most poignant visual in the establishment is the neon blue dual staircase that descends from the second floor and surrounds the DJ's booth. The ginger mojito (¥48) was refreshing, but not strong enough to get us on the dance floor. A dimly lit lounge area adjacent to the bar was filled with a mostly older local crowd, punctuated with a few expats, relaxing on beige sofas and sipping cocktails. While the Room's style and feel was unique in its own right, it has a long way to go to become Shanghai's next hot spot.

—Ryan Fiorese



Trance,  
disco and  
laser, oh  
my!

### THE DETAILS

Perfect For: swaying to trance beats under a disco ball  
Add: 2-3/F, 218 Yuyuan Lu 愚园路 218号百乐门2-3楼  
Tel: 6249-8866  
The Verdict: ●●●●

## Saturday, Aug. 4

### > NOI Shanghai X

#### Live Bar

With music as crazy as the bands' names, this show is sure to be a hit among live music fans. Come check out this collection of some of Shanghai's hottest emerging talent as Patel Pretal, Lolita Vibrator Torture, Istituzioni Ambienti Naturalismo, Muscle Snog and Torturing Nurse hit the stage. ¥30, 8:30pm

### > Ghod / Shanghai Town / Underground

#### Zhijiang Dream Factory

¥30 (¥25 for members) gains you access to this trio of bands. Ghod is an underground J-Pop rock band from Osaka, heading back to Shanghai after an earlier trip here. Shanghai Town is a new band formed in 2006 that loves Brit pop yet isn't afraid to experiment with any style of music. Underground is a young band formed in 2006 that specializes in new metal and post-hardcore. 8:30pm

### > Salsa Shakedown

#### Mural

Women can sip on free cosmopolitans and blue skies all night long. For all those not receiving free drinks (men, that means you), buy any bottle of Absolut at ¥400 and receive a free souvenir. To get those hips shaking, a live band playing salsa and cumbia will be heating up the dance floor all night long. 9pm, 6433-5023, www.muralbar.com

## Friday, Aug. 10

### > Sad Wormwood

#### Zhijiang Dream Factory

The northwest invades Shanghai with an experimental style that combines modern and historical music. Formed in 1999 in Lanzhou, Sad Wormwood's special kind of psychedelic rock is influenced by Chinese traditional music from the northwest. A sure bet for those that love old and new together. ¥30 (¥25 for members), 9pm

### > Carsick Cars, Muscle Snog and Snapline

#### 4 Live

These Shanghai favorites climb onto the big stage in a three-in-one concert. Popular favorites with the crowd, this is sure to be an entertaining evening. Tickets are ¥50

## Saturday, Aug. 11

### > Sad Wormwood

#### Live Bar

The northwest invades Shanghai with an experimental style that combines modern and historical music, again. If you missed it the first time, Sad Wormwood's special kind of psychedelic rock will mesmerize anew at a different venue. A sure bet for those that love old and new together. ¥35 (¥30 for members) includes one beer. 9:30pm

### > enoise: Carsick Cars and Snapline

#### eno

This rock concert series features two indie rock bands from Beijing. Carsick Cars was founded in 2005 and influenced by many New York punk and noise bands, while Snapline's music focuses more on electronics. Free entrance and free beer, 4pm, 6386-0120, www.eno.cn

## Wednesday, Aug. 15

### > Avril Lavigne

#### Shanghai Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center

Following in Xtina's footsteps, this pop princess heads to Shanghai for a one-night only show of world-famous pop and world-famous attitude. Tickets prices are ¥400-1,200 and will undoubtedly sell out quickly. 7:30pm, 6374-4968, http://sh.piao.com.cn

## Every Tuesday

### > Live Reggae + Free drinks

#### Piccone

Gabin's Reggae troupe will perform with their characteristic Caribbean sounds while the girls sip cocktails for free. 8:30pm, www.piccone-sh.com

## Every Wednesday

### > Ladies Night with Jimmy Graham

#### Piccone

Asahi draft beer, red and white wine, gin and vodka are free for the ladies until 10:30pm while the "Blues Man" himself plays for the relaxed crowd all the way to midnight. www.piccone-sh.com

## Every Thursday

### > Gypsy Jazz and Happy Hour

#### HFZ Gourmet & Lounge

Embark on a caravan as you listen to the "Jazz Manouche" reminiscent of Paris in the 1930s. Sophisticated and delicate, these rhythms played at breakneck speed harken back to a more Bohemian time. Happy Hour on cocktails and house wines is extended all night long for ladies. 8pm, 6255-3338, www.hfz.sh.com

## Every Saturday

### > Choco Chic China

#### Moonsha Lounge

Enjoy the music of this Brazilian trio while drinking ¥50 Caipirinhas all night long. 9:30pm, 6323-1117, www.moonsha.net

## Listings

### Bars

**789 Nanjing Lu Bar & Lounge** 789南京路酒吧 An upscale hotel bar with 360 degree floor-to-ceiling windows and a live DJ spinning beats 'til 2am on weekends. Wi-Fi internet, 5:30pm-1:30am. 64, 65 and 66/F, 789 Nanjing Dong Lu (near Jiuliang Lu and Guizhou Lu) 南京东路789号64-66楼 (近九江路贵州路) Tel: 3318-9999 reservations.shanghai@lemeridien.com starwoodhotels.com/lemeridien/royalshanghai