

VEGAS BUZZ

Hip Happenings Not to Miss

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LUSH LIBATIONS

As the torrid summer heats up, there's nary a better escape than the lush patio at Rhumbar. Lounge with a Spanish Trampoline in hand and savor this hand-muddled cocktail, which flawlessly blends lime, mint, tangerine juice, guarapa and Sagatiba cachaça. After a few of these stunners, we're sure the heat will be much more bearable. Top it off with a cigar from the grandly stocked humidor, and you'll never want to leave. *Rhumbar, The Mirage, 3400 Las Vegas Boulevard South, 702-792-7615.*

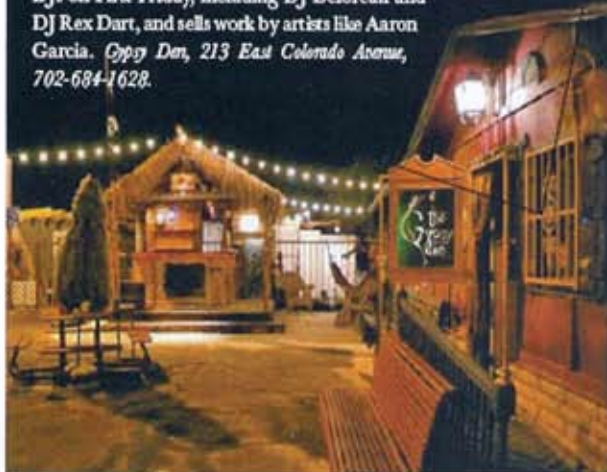
PICTURE SHOW

With the art world precariously in flux, go-getter Jennifer Harrington decided to do something about it. The owner of Henri & Odette, Downtown's boutique-cum-gallery, sent out a call to arms for artists to submit their work. The resulting group exhibition, "Salon de Independence," opens on July 17. In August, the gallery hosts Jerry Misko's eponymous show. Misko's work, including *Poor Savage* (pictured), reflects the narrative of lights in Las Vegas, from abandonment to showmanship. *Henri & Odette, 124 South Sixth Street, Suite 130, 702-538-7320.*



LOVE SHACK

In true bohemian style, The Gypsy Den makes an unlikely match of fashion and fantastical. Visitors to the vintage boutique and art gallery are greeted by four tons of sand imported from a Florida beach and an original Gypsy bandwagon that doubles as a stage for local bands. Inside the cottage, shoppers will find treasures like Michael Bolton tees, Stuart Weitzman for Mr. Seymour pumps and Brenda Lee 45s. Gypsy queen and owner Katie Cewe also hosts rotating DJs on First Friday, including DJ Delorean and DJ Rex Dart, and sells work by artists like Aaron Garcia. *Gypsy Den, 213 East Colorado Avenue, 702-684-1628.*



BAND OF BEAUTIES

Glamazons and beauty insiders will be in town July 19 through 21 for Cosmoprof, the famed beauty convention. This year's exclusive "Discover Beauty" lounge features a collection of visionary independent brands. Savvy attendees will want to check out BeautySoClean, a revolutionary line of cosmetics-sanitizing products; and Hissyfit, a line heavy on antiaging botanicals and UVA/UVB protection created by gold-medal Olympian Louise Dobson and former magazine editor Sue Smethurst. Another standout brand is Gamila Secret, a line of all-natural soaps created by Savta Gamila, a Druze woman from Galilee. *Cosmoprof, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, visit cosmoprofnorthamerica.com.*



MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Great jazz periodically pops up in Las Vegas, much to local delight. This summer, Montelago Village is providing the tunes to the perfect hot-weather soundtrack. Every Saturday night, the resort will host the Jazz on the Lake series, featuring acts like Everett B. Walters and Jeff Medina. On two special evenings, July 18 and August 15, the series coincides with Vino di Lago, the monthly wine tasting benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southern Nevada. With excellent wines from around the world coupled with great tunes, this season is sure to hit a high note. *Montelago Village, 30 Strada di Villaggio, Henderson, 702-564-4700.*

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