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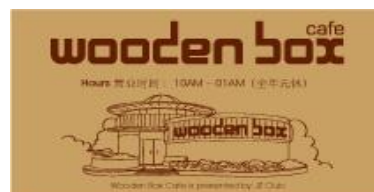
### *Two Decades on the Bund: Shanghai's Changing Restaurant, Nightlife, and Cultural Scene*

## Michelle Garnaut

Founder and CEO  
M on the Bund  
M Restaurant Group  
Founding Organizer  
Shanghai Literary Festival

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

19:15pm –20:30 pm



9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)  
青海路 9 号, 近南京西路, 地铁二号线南京西路站

19:00 – Doors Open  
19:15 – Lecture  
20:00 – Q&A  
20:30 – Mixer/Live Jazz

Please RSVP to Frank Tsai of [Hopkins China Forum](http://Hopkins China Forum) by writing to [editor@shanghai-review.org](mailto:editor@shanghai-review.org).

How has the high-end restaurant, nightlife, and cultural scene changed in Shanghai in the last two decades? Tonight's speaker, CEO & Founder of the M Restaurant Group (M on the Bund & Glam in Shanghai and Capital M in Beijing), Michelle Garnaut, is uniquely placed to provide insights into the constantly evolving cultural scene. Her restaurants have naturally become home to a series of dining and nightlife events, but have also contributed significantly to the cultural and literary landscape of Shanghai in the last two decades. How did Michelle, as a foreigner, start her business, and what obstacles did she overcome? How have customers and their tastes changed? How did the Shanghai Literary Festival begin and how has it changed over the years? Has it put Shanghai on the map, and what are the prospects of international cultural life in Shanghai?

[Michelle Garnaut](#) began her career as one of China's most celebrated restaurateurs in 1989, when she opened M at the Fringe in Hong Kong. It swiftly grew into a city institution, and in 1999, M on the Bund opened, the first independent restaurant on the historic Shanghai waterfront. Like its predecessor, it soon became a beloved oasis for locals, visitors and lovers of good food and warm service. Today, Michelle's M Restaurant Group includes [M on the Bund](#), [Capital M in Beijing](#), and [Glam](#), a chic Shanghai dining lounge. Over the years, in tandem with the restaurants' exuberant growth, an empire of [cultural events](#) has grown up. Michelle founded the [Shanghai and Capital Literary Festivals](#), the [Shanghai Chamber Music Festival and Competition](#) and the [M Literary Residency](#). She's also the co-founder of the [Village People Project](#), which aims to improve the lives and health of villagers in rural China and a supporter of [Educating Girls of Rural China](#). In Beijing and Shanghai, she spearheads [Mentor Walks](#), where up-and-coming professional women can seek advice from experienced mentors. Michelle is the recipient of many international honors, including, in September 2015, the inaugural award in Food at the Advance Global Australian Awards.

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