

Open Mic Night, The Wanch, HK

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Wan Chai, an infamous district in Hong Kong, is home to The Wanch, a small bar hidden in a back street. I've never been there on any night apart from a Monday, because it's only on Monday that they hold the open mic night. For those unfamiliar to the term, on this night, you can come with your band or whoever you want and take the stage for half an hour.

Although the equipment isn't the best, the crowd is always lively and the night is usually busy (albeit only with other bands and their friends) and it's always a laugh to get up on stage and perform. Make sure you get there early-ish to get your name on the board, otherwise you'll be waiting around for other bands to finish before getting your own turn (I failed to take this advice last time and didn't start playing until midnight).

I'm sure that there are other places in HK with open mic nights but the Wanch definitely has a lot of character and you're sure to have a blast doing a mini-performance there.