

STEPPING OUT

Toronto's boldface names to get their own brogues. *Govani, AL3*

DANGEROUS DANE

Mads Mikkelsen on how he came to be Bond's newest baddie. *AL4*

While Nov. 29 might offer more social events than you can fit in your schedule, keep things in perspective

The Bloor party lure



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Scene

Jack Black and **Jude Law** will be on hand for this year's social must-do Bloor Street Entertains on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Make that **Kate Winslet** and **Cameron Diaz** too!

Well, kinda.

In what is just the latest episode of our favourite, long-running series *When Parties Collide*, it appears now that *Canadian House & Home*'s **Lynda Reeves** is hosting a special sneak screening of *The Holiday* — starring Black-Law-Winslet-Diaz — on the very *same* night as that fine seasonal fix, Bloor Street Entertains. Or BSE, as some call it — an affair that routinely brings out a nice smattering of trustafarians, swankaholics and fairy god-people.

So, the TV-ready and *National Post*-contributing Ms. Reeves. Celebrating the 20th anniversary of her massively successful magazine, is she? Yup, you got it. (And why not? It's lasted longer than her multiple marriages — so that's reason enough to celebrate! Plus, her show just started airing on the Home & Garden channel in the U.S., which has her in a partying mood!)

Her invite-only event on the 29th — which, incidentally, is also close to Bloor and will be *entertaining* — includes not just the romantic romp *The Holiday* but a cocktail supper immediately before and “champagne and cake” directly after.

Talk about social gridlock! “I have already committed to dinner at BSE,” one distressed semi-socialite told me the other day, “but do I dare turn down Lynda Reeves?”

I was obligated to remind this particular worrybug that everything would work out. “Darling, it's not Kandahar,” were, I believe, my exact words.

Meanwhile, preparations for the bigger, annual event — a funder for CANFAR, the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research — are chugging along. The dine-in-store event, which always sees some of the best boutiques in the area paired with some of the very best chefs around town and, consequently, turned into exquisite black-tie dining room, has sold a record 800 dinner tickets. And, moreover, is expected to clear half a million dollars for charity.

Think: spots like Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany, Rolls-Royce, Hermes, etc. Think even Telus Mobility! (Where people will be able to both dial and dine at once!) Now also think: chefs like **Susur Lee**, **Jamie Kennedy**, **Marc Thuet**, **Ja-**

son Inniss, **Bruce Woods**, etc., etc., etc.

Presiding over the whole super-shindig is CANFAR president (and tireless AIDS advocate) **Andrew Pringle** and his not-unfamiliar wife, **Valerie**! When I ran into the latter at a sponsors' reception for BSE, held some weeks ago at the Four Seasons, she reminded me that I had once, in print, called her and her husband the “Posh and Becks” of CANFAR. Valerie said she quite liked that moniker, so, hey! I just used it again!

Tickets, by the way, are still remaining for The Party. The one that follows all the small dinners, and will bring everyone together at the ROM. Last word, then, to this year's BSE co-chair **David Vallee**, who has a pitch that would only be shameless if it wasn't for such a good cause. “It's the best ticket in town,” says the well-catering Vallee. “A \$100 ticket gets you open bar, food, dessert, silent auction, a performance by **Edwin** (formerly of I Mother Earth). And the way our event is structured, the biggest chunk of your ticket goes directly to CANFAR.”

And who knows? Maybe even Linda Reeves will show — for more champagne and cake!

AND ANOTHER THING ...

Goody-two-shoes-about-town **Ron White** — who has his own burgeoning foot empire care of The Foot Shoppe — is launching his latest men's collection tomorrow at The Spoke Club. And, if what my spy says is correct, it looks like his footwear will be very flattering to certain notable men in the city! That's because — check this out — he's named the various shoes after certain real-life gents and if I were a more suspicious lad, I might even suggest that he used this very column of mine as a research tool for his selection of boldfaces!

The “Orser,” for instance, is inspired by great Canadian skater **Brian Orser**. A pal of White's, he's been turned into a sleek “two-tone wingtip brogue.”

The “King,” named after local magazine mogul **Michael King**, is a “slip-on,” while the “Sabados” — a nod to designing guy **Steven Sabados** — is a “moccasin with cognac leather.” See, too, the “Latimer,” which is described as “classic and “versatile,” and is a tribute to theatre Zelig and all-around power-player **Jeffrey Latimer**. Yet others being flattered by the ambitious heel-man include socialable men such as **Geoffrey Dawe**, **Michael Burns** and **Marcus Doyle** — all three of whom will be no doubt be putting their best feet forward on Friday!

FINALLY ...

The iconclastic **Lorne Michaels**, in Ottawa recently to get the GG-treatment and be zapped with nationalistic pride, was overheard saying that there's one major celebrity of note who he's failed to get on *Saturday Night Live* over the years. **Tom Cruise**, that's who.

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