



Dial *M* for Merrymaking

Roll out the decorations, dress yourself in style, and follow these steps for the hottest celebration yet.

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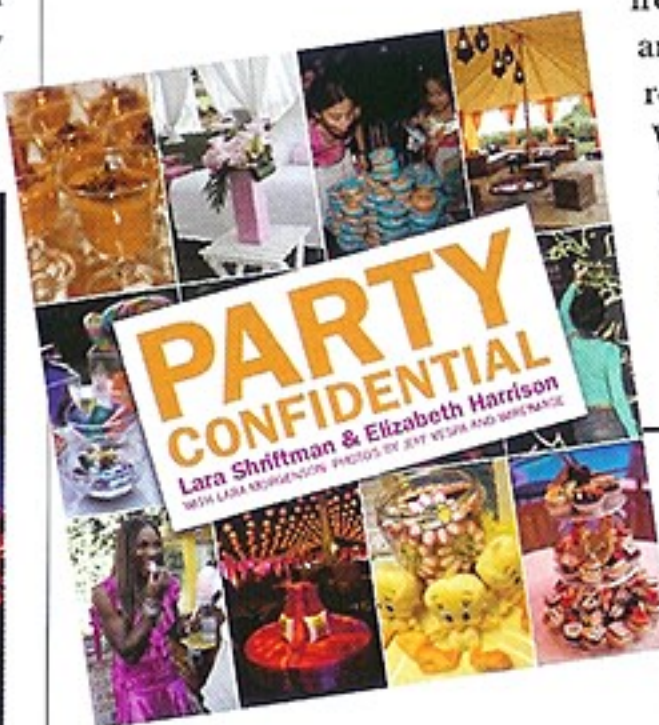
THE BEST PLACE TO THROW A HOLIDAY PARTY

The **Buffalo Club**'s outside courtyard—with its twinkle lights and sumptuous tent—makes the Gatsby era come to life. The food is outstanding, the staff is the best in LA, and manager Patrick Doherty will help make any holiday wishes come true. Knowing that Tom Cruise, David Spade, Michael Mann, and Oliver Stone have all thrown parties here only adds to the wow factor. *The Buffalo Club, 1520 Olympic Boulevard, Santa Monica, 310-450-8992.*



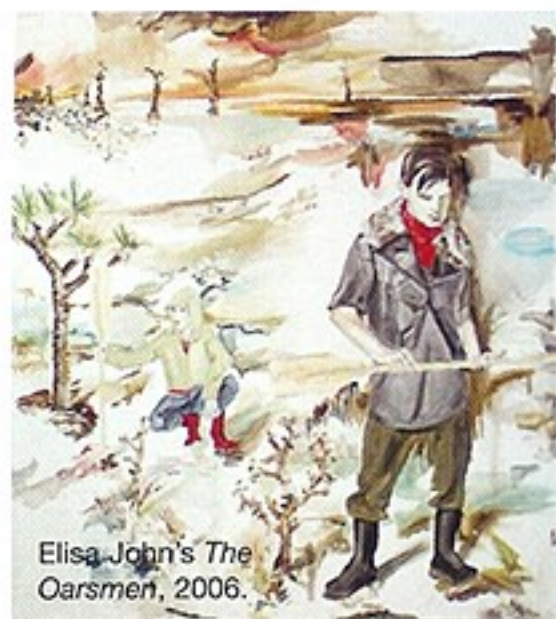
MOST HELPFUL HOLIDAY PARTY GUIDE

Special event and marketing gurus Lara Shriftman and Elizabeth Harrison's highly anticipated book *Party Confidential* (Bulfinch Press, \$29.99) is out just in time for the holidays. This comprehensive book gives you fabulous ideas for hosting an original and exciting party, including everything you need to know from invitations to gift bags. With food and drink recipes from well-known restaurants like Nobu, Mr. Chow, and Whiskey Blue, and celebrity clients like Serena Williams, Warner Bros., Paris Hilton, Cartier, Calvin Klein, and Diddy, you're in good hands. Available at *Book Soup, 8818 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, 310-659-3110.*



BEST PRESENT FOR HIM

Johnnie-O is a versatile new line of men's clothing that is fun yet classy. Good for a cocktail party or on the beach, the golf course or nightclub, from grandfather to grandson, Johnnie-O offers a wardrobe option that you can both agree on. Plus, Luke Wilson, Pete Sampras, Peter Gallagher, and Chris O'Donnell have all been known to don these threads. Visit johnnie-o.com.



Elisa John's *The Oarsmen*, 2006.

MOST SOPHISTICATED GIFT

For a present that adds a splash of culture, contact art consultant **Cardiff Dugan Loy** to help you build an art collection or just to find a few special, individual pieces. Boldfacers Beth Swafford, Dean Valentine, John Hamburg, and Courtney Love have already tapped him for their art anthologies. *Cardiff Dugan Loy, 9707 Beverlywood Street, Los Angeles, 310-559-6880; cardiffloy@mac.com. ★*



BEST WAY TO FEEL GLAMOROUS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

For an at-home "Christmas Makeover," contact celebrity makeup artist **Julie Bettridge** (from \$200) and hairstylist **Hilda Plecas** (from \$100). The dynamic duo will transform you from standard to stunning for the holiday festivities. Contact *Hilda Plecas* at 323-656-8977 and *Julie Bettridge* at 818-568-3568.