



Oscars

Throw the Ultimate Oscar Party

Here's a wish list for the party thrower who takes hosting responsibilities seriously. —*Kristina Narizhnaya*

Red Carpet

Roll out the red carpet for your guests. Price depends on dimensions, but a sample price of \$55.22 for a 3-by-8 piece gives an idea. grandcarpets.com

Tiered Serving Tray

Serve your guests with 24-karat gold tiered trays. Sets are available for \$516. bocapartysupplies.com

Movie Theater Seat

Watch the Oscars in plush red theater seats available for \$773 to \$1,250. theaterseatstore.com

60" Kuro Flat Panel HDTV

This plasma TV features high contrast and high image definition at 1080 pixels. It's available at B&H Photo Video (420 Ninth Ave. 212-239-7500) for \$6,500.

Handcrafted Oscar Night Invitations

Mbula Design Studio handcrafts invitations with silk, Swarovski rhinestones and gold leaf. mbula.com

Chocolate Oscar Statue in a Gold Box

Reward your guests with chocolate Oscars, available for \$10 in a gold box. theobsessionboxco.com



Krug Jewel Encrusted Ice Bucket

Designed by James de Givenchy, this \$120,000 ice bucket of red lacquer with Cacholong, or mother-of-pearl opal, and silver lining is handmade in Europe. taffin.com

Oscar-Inspired Foods

The Academy Awards are upon us again, so why not trade the tired chips and dip for Oscar-inspired snacks? —*K.N.*

Empanadas

Nothing beats the "special" meat pies Mrs. Lovett bakes under Sweeney Todd's barber shop, but empanadas come close. You can find savory ones filled with spiced pork sausage, cheese or corn truffle, available for take-out at \$8 each, at the Mexican restaurant Café Frida (368 Columbus Ave., 212-712-2929). For a proper British meat pie — minus the human flesh — visit Myers of Keswick (634 Hudson St., 212-691-4194).

Roast Beef Sandwiches

The Edith Piaf character in "La Vie En Rose" turns down a roast beef sandwich upon arriving in New York from Paris, but maybe that's because she was put off by a greasy-spoon diner's take on the local classic. Balducci's (81 Eighth Ave.) has a classier \$9 version made with Kobe roast beef, Swiss cheese, arugula and horseradish mayonnaise.

Ribs

Channel the acclaimed Westerns "No Country for Old Men" and "There Will Be Blood" with Texas Salt and Pepper

Beef Ribs, available for take-out or delivery at Blue Smoke (116 E. 27th St., 212-447-7733). You can get 20 bones for \$59.

Mimosas

Juno MacGuff drinks Sunny Delight to fill her bladder before taking a pregnancy test, but if you're not expecting, you can spike your OJ with champagne. Fresh squeezed orange juice is available at Whole Foods, and you can pick up a \$150 bottle of Krug Grande Cuvée Champagne at Crush Wine & Spirits (153 E. 57th St., 212-980-WINE).

Popcorn

The Oscars deserve top-shelf kernels. Garrett Popcorn Shop (560 Fifth Ave.; 242 W. 34th St., 212-921-4454) makes fresh gourmet popcorn every day and delivers on weekdays. Flavors like CaramelCrisp, Buttery and CheeseCorn are available in different combinations and sizes; a 6.5-gallon tin of Macademia and Caramel-Crisp costs \$185.

Make Your Own Butter and White Truffle Popcorn

by Todd Mitgang, executive chef at the nouveau Latin American Crave Ceviche Bar (946 Second Ave., 212-355-6565).

- Dehydrated butter — 1 Tbsp
- White truffle oil — 1 Tbsp
- Fresh black pepper — to taste
- Maldon sea salt — to taste
- Unsalted or unseasoned popcorn

Pop the popcorn and set aside in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, mix all the ingredients together to make the seasoning. Toss seasoning together with popcorn and enjoy.

