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GUERRILLA DINING

The boys behind dining club Bistrottheque and guerrilla-dining success Reindeer are back. Flash, a 'room within a room' with a menu by Tom Collins, is at the Royal Academy of Arts (6 Burlington Gardens, W1, enq [020] 8880 6111) from 1 November.

BEST OF BRITISH

Go patriotic with Alexander McQueen's Union Jack boots and clutch (left) or tailored pieces from London Fashion Week's finest, Todd Lynn (right).

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From FASHION finds to credit-crunch CLUBS and hot BRIT labels, here's our insider's guide to CAPITAL COOL



THE MACBETH

FIT TO DROP

The Macbeth (70 Hoxton St), a less-than-salubrious Shoreditch boozier, hosts Collapsing New People, a monthly-ish night of electro-chic shenanigans taking up the baton from Boombox. Enq myspace.com/rythmythm.

Credit-crunch chic, aboy! The new trend in bar design is sourcing interiors from eBay. Jonathan Downey started it with Trailer Happiness, his super-cool bar in Notting Hill (enq trailerhappiness.com), which was kitted out entirely from eBay, and he did the same with East Room (enq thstrm.com). Satmoko Ball, the team behind Soho's Bureau (enq [020] 7494 4386), bid on eBay for retro treasures for their sexy basement interior. Regulars Mark Ronson and Agyness Deyn love the revolving chandelier and 1930s drinks trolleys.

The long-awaited London outpost of Buddha Bar (enq [020] 3371 7777) offers orient-via-Paris style, while Vendome (enq [020] 7495 2595) brings shameless disco kitsch back to the West End. Think feel-good, hair-down fine times, with an interactive dance floor and 'cellar' booths designed by Jade Jagger. With the chill wind of recession blowing, London's club scene is dancing the financial blues away.



AESOP

DOWN UNDER UP HERE

Loved by Madonna for its all-natural products, Aussie beauty brand Aesop now has a northern hemisphere store (91 Mount St, enq [020] 7409 2358). Stock up on its cult Marrakech perfume (£82.50).



LOVE HATE

Henry Hate is well known for tattooing the rock'n'roll set, including Pete and Amy, at Prick Tattoos & Piercing in Hoxton (336 Old St, enq [020] 7729 9545). He's also causing a stir with his art, pop-art-style posters of fantasy gigs with his favourite bands.



UNCONDITIONAL

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Unconditional, designed by Philip Stephens, now has a flagship store. Unconditional (16 Manmouth St, enq [020] 7836 6931) offers the label's signature chic cashmere, plus Rick Owens and Robert Cary-Williams one-offs, too.



BAG IT

For the best of British accessories, think Mulberry (enq [020] 7491 3900). The Maggie bag (above left) is perfect for a/w, and Jonathan Keisey's new footwear for the label (above right) is a must.



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