

# About Town

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Legend and Teigen

**John Legend's Dream Girl**  
The Grammys' Feb. 8 MusiCares Person of the Year tribute to **Bruce Springsteen** — featuring **Mumford & Sons**, **Jackson Browne** and **Elton John** — while heartfelt, also was pretty sleepy since it

leaned heavily on such mellower fare as “Atlantic City,” “I’m on Fire” and “My Hometown.” To wit: By 11 p.m., **John Legend’s** girlfriend, model **Christine Teigen**, was seen sound asleep on her boyfriend’s lap.

**Seth’s Bling-Bling Fling**  
Oscar-nominated women wouldn’t dream of revealing their designers or color choices before the big night — but the attending men aren’t so buttoned up. **Seth MacFarlane’s** getting fitted for two Gucci tuxes, and *THR* hears jewelers have been marching in and out of his house with bags of diamond clips, cuff links and the like. **Chris Tucker**, on the other hand, might not get fitted at all. “I like to shop,” the *Silver Linings Playbook* co-star says. “I wear a lot of **Donna Karan**, and I don’t mind

paying for what I want. I spend a lot of time in stores! And I enjoy all of it. I’m a visual guy!”

**Alia Shawkat’s Art Show**  
Move over, **James Franco**: *Arrested Development’s* **Alia Shawkat** is getting serious about art. Already a painter on the side with gallery shows to her credit, she reveals exclusively that she’s hosting a web series on MOCA’s YouTube channel, debuting Feb. 15. For each segment, she hangs out with a different big-name artist in his or her studio. Shawkat, who was inspired to create the show after spending time with **Francesco Clemente** at his New York City workspace a few years ago, was most excited to meet pop-culture-inspired artist **Raymond Pettibon** — whose career began with album covers for

seminal punk band **Black Flag** — in Venice. “We got tipsy and started drawing at 10 in the morning,” she says. “The art world can be small and insular. I want to make it not so intimidating.” **VIVA**



Shawkat, host of MOCA’s new web show Artists Talk.

LEGEND & TEIGEN: IRENE LARRY/REUTERS; SHAWKAT: ALEXANDRA WAIN/GETTY IMAGES

## Power Lunch



Belvedere

**L.A. Reid** ducked in to Belvedere at the Peninsula on Feb. 8, the day before he was feted at **Clive Davis’** pre-Grammy party across the street at the Beverly Hilton. ... Film and music executive **Clarence Avant** chowed down at Mr Chow. ... **Brian Grazer** and **Robert De Niro** visited Bouchon separately on the same day. ... **James Franco** dined with **Andy Serkis** at Asia de Cuba. **Mark Wahlberg** had been in a few days earlier. ... **Lena Dunham** sat at a table back-to-back with **Tom Hooper** in Chateau Marmont’s garden. ... **Bette Midler** ordered veal schnitzel at BierBeisl. ... **Russell Simmons** hit Soho House.

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## HITCHED, HATCHED, HIRED

Inside the industry’s celebrations and news



Aronson and Elliott

### WEDDINGS

**Chris Aronson**, president of domestic distribution at 20th Century Fox, wed **Melissa Elliott**,

executive director of exhibitor services at Warner Bros., at the Beverly Hills courthouse in a family-only ceremony Jan. 17. The couple became engaged in August 2011.

### BIRTHS

**Chris Hewish**, head of global interactive at DreamWorks Animation, and his wife, Staci, welcomed daughter Rowan Jolie

Hewish on Jan. 29 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

### CONGRATS

**Mimi Gramatky** was elected president of the Art Directors Guild on Feb. 6.

**Dana Archer** was appointed president and partner of DDA PR on Feb. 8.

**Amy Chiaro** was promoted to executive

producer of ABC’s *The Dr. Oz Show* on Feb. 8.

The board of directors of the Writers Guild of America, West announced Feb. 8 it has extended the contract of executive director **David Young** for five years.

NBCUniversal appointed **Laura Molen** executive vp cable advertising sales, hired **Peter Lazarus** as senior vp cable ad sales, named **Lou Koskopolis** senior vp sales & sales marketing for NBC

Sports Groups’ Golf Media and tapped **Katie Larkin** as senior vp ad sales strategy Feb. 11.

### DEATHS

**Robin Sachs**, who played evil sorcerer Ethan Rayne on TV’s *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, died Feb. 1 from unknown causes. He was 61.

**John Kerr**, a star in the stage and film versions of *Tea and Sympathy* and the movie musical *South Pacific*, died Feb. 2 after a short illness. He was 81.

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