

# About Town

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## Baz + Leo: To Be or Not to Be

**Baz Luhrmann** and **Leo DiCaprio** already have teamed on two literary classics: *Romeo + Juliet* and now *The Great Gatsby*. So which text will the Aussie helmer likely tackle next with his go-to leading man? “*Hamlet*,” Luhrmann told *THR* at the New York premiere of *Gatsby* on May 1. “To me, *Gatsby* is the American *Hamlet*. What else could we possibly do as a follow-up?” The first thing Luhrmann needs to do, though, is convince DiCaprio to take on another Shakespeare work to complete their bookish trifecta: “It’s just a dream at this point,” he says. Also discovered at the New York premiere: *Gatsby* executive producer **Jay-Z**, who also provided tracks for the film, has been obsessed with **F. Scott Fitzgerald’s** self-made mogul for years. He nearly starred in the 2005 movie *G*, a hip-hop spin on the novel that was written and produced by **Andrew Lauren** (son of **Ralph**), according to sources. Jay-Z and **Sean Combs** pursued roles that would have had them playing rap rivals.

## Reese’s Bad Advice Giver

When should a star ignore her producer? Turns out FedEx heiress **Molly Smith** — a producer on *The Good Lie*, the film **Reese Witherspoon** is still shooting in Atlanta — was the one who helped steer the A-list



From left: DiCaprio, Jay-Z and Luhrmann at *Gatsby’s* NYC premiere.

toward her April 19 arrest. As can be heard on the recording from the cop’s dash cam, Witherspoon’s husband, CAA partner **Jim Toth**, admonishes her for mouthing off to the point of getting cuffed. Witherspoon responds with the justification: “Molly Smith said, ‘Get out of the car and say what you want to say.’” It’s not clear if Witherspoon and the producer communicated by text or a quick phone call during the incident. Smith, whose other projects include *The Blind Side* and *Beautiful Creatures*, could not be reached for comment.

## Diane Keaton: No Dummy

After a friend gave **Diane Keaton** a new photo book of ventriloquist dummies, the actress and collector of Americana kitsch flipped out. “The pictures are astonishing and spooky,” she says of photographer/director **Matthew Rolston’s**

*Talking Heads: The Vent Haven Portraits* (Pointed Leaf Press). So she called him up pronto, and before she knew it Keaton had agreed to play host to his book party. “Diane was so excited that I bribed her with a print,” admits



Keaton likes the little wooden people.

Rolston, who’ll be feted May 10 at L.A.’s JF Chen gallery, which is mounting a pop-up exhibition of the works. The book is Rolston’s first fine-art project: The celebrity photog shot the dummies in close-up at the Vent Haven Museum of ventriloquism in Fort Mitchell, Ky., making them appear like horror movie characters. Host Keaton thinks she got the better end of the deal. “All I have to do now is show up,” she says. “My kids were a little afraid of ‘Uncle Eddie’ when I first hung him, but they’re getting used to him.”

## Larry David Has a Ball

In a setup so ripe for satire it probably wouldn’t fly on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *THR* has learned that famously socially awkward fussy budget **Larry David** will escort his 17-year-old daughter **Romy** to the super-posh, protocol-intensive Crillon debutante ball in Paris on Nov. 30. Taking place at the five-star Hotel de Crillon, the two-decades-old charity event sees 25 mademoiselles from prominent international families presented in couture gowns each year. **Lily Collins** and **Scout** and **Tallulah Willis** have taken part in the haute hullabaloo during the past few years, along with the daughters of **Rosanna Arquette**, **Sylvester Stallone**, **Andie MacDowell**, and **Carrie Fisher** and CAA’s **Bryan Lourd**. *THR*



## Power Lunch



Doma

**Bob Daly** and **Psy** shared the room at Mr Chow one day, and art consultant **Barbara Guggenheim** joined **Lyn Lear** there on another. ... Doma, the several-months-old Italian offering in Beverly Hills from the owner of Dan Tana’s, has seen a steady slew of names lately, including **Sherry Lansing**, **Hank Azaria**, producer **Mace Neufeld** and directors **Michael Mann** and **William Friedkin**, plus **Pat Boone** and **Frankie Avalon**. ... CAA’s **Adam Berkowitz**, a Bouchon investor, surveyed its main dining room one day, and **Vanessa Hudgens**

dropped by with **Patrick Schwarzenegger** the next. ... **Jennifer Lawrence** visited The Little Door with ex-boyfriend **Nicholas Hoult**. ... **Martin Short**, **Larry David** and TV director **Bryan Gordon** checked out the new Il Piccolo Ritrovo in Pacific Palisades. ... **Tom Freston** and **will.i.am** together visited the Kogi taco truck parked at Terranea Resort in Palos Verdes during the PTTOW! Summit. ... Meanwhile, **Nicole Kidman** and **Keith Urban** checked out Kogi chef **Roy Choi’s** transplanted Chego in Chinatown.



Lawrence