

What's hot

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» www.pimpmycloakroom.com

Cloak and actor Pimping. Not something we're keen to promote at *Event*, unless you're applying the word to your 'ride' or, now, your 'cloakroom'. Pimp my Cloakroom, who theme the whole coat-hanging experience, showcased at The Saatchi Gallery with whirly bird washing lines and characters from Atmosphere Entertainment. Novel yet practical we say.

In full swing Described by two-time BBC Jazz Singer of the Year Ian Shaw as "the real deal", singer-pianist Anthony Strong has improvised his way to a cult following in *The Big Smoke*. From classic jazz to mainstream pop, he performs as anything from solo pianist to fronting his nine-piece band – a world away from those smoke-filled basement clubs of yore.

» www.anthonystrong.com



Thinking inside the box

Newcomer Fabulous Event Catering doesn't want to be put in the same box as other canapé providers, which is why it has created 'Foodies', a specially designed food packaging case. The waxed container allows venues to provide hot grub at corporate events without the need for on-site catering.

» www.fabulouseventcatering.co.uk

Look good on paper In our text-messaging, emailing, Twittering times, the printed invitation may seem as if it will go the way of the carrier pigeon. After seeing Rani Deshpande's bespoke invites, however, we are convinced the medium still has some mileage. Flourishes such as peacock feathers, seashells and hand-made papers have convinced blue-chip companies including Microsoft to use Rani's work. A range of Christmas designs is also available.



» www.ranideshpande.com



Singing the booze The Japanese get a lot of things right: sushi, thin TVs, origami. The nation also has a love of karaoke, which seems to be gaining popularity in Blighty. London venue Karaoke Box puts the vocal pastime in a contemporary bar setting, so don't pretend you're above it, bring out your office crooners now.

» www.karaokebox.co.uk/smithfield

Digging this

In a 13th-century edition of *Event*, landscaping company Indoor Garden Design would most likely have faced accusations of witchcraft. But in these enlightened times we're able to accept the notion of a garden inside a building, just. After crafting works of genius – both indoors and out – for organisations such as the Barbican and Sir Elton John's Aids Foundation, this green-fingered pioneer gets our seal of approval.

» www.indoorgardendesign.com



Graphic detail What does this 3D animated alien have to do with events, we hear you ask. Well, our computer-coded chum is part of audio-visual group The Sancho Plan's live film, *The Black Page*. The group's performances, which consist of 'interactive and immersive musical adventures', would be ideal for a brand's showcase event.

» www.thesanchoplan.com



Beauty secret People often ask us *Event* bods how we manage to stay looking so youthful, despite living lifestyles akin to Keith Richards at his peak. Well, we're unashamed to say that we know the intricacies of good skin care. For us, then, beauty expert Lucy Roses' gift-wrapped boxes would make ideal post-event goodie bag fodder. Now if you'll excuse us, we're all off to exfoliate.

» www.lucyrose.biz