



ENTERTAINING

HOW TO THROW A  
RED CARPET-WORTHY  
OSCAR PARTY  
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# Film Fun

Kelley and private chef Seis Kamimura busy with their Oscar-party prep that includes tasty appetizers of Thai chicken “lollipops” on lemongrass skewers and Mongolian lamb chops with a cilantro-mint vinaigrette. For these recipes and more, visit [nwhomegarden.com](http://nwhomegarden.com) (Chandelier-draped Magnolia kitchen courtesy of Kristin, Bill and Hailey Budigan.)

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OSCAR NIGHT IS PRACTICALLY A holiday in the film-savvy Northwest. So why not create your own star-studded production for this year's March 5 Academy Awards ceremony? ✨ Every Oscar gala requires a **red carpet**. Line your entrance with red and your "A-listers" will arrive like stars (red-carpet rental, \$45 per 3-by-25-foot roll; Pedersen's Event Rentals, 4604 Fourth Ave. S; 206.749.5400; pedersens.com). People your space with Hilary Swank, George Clooney and other **celeb cardboard cutouts** (\$24.99 per celeb; Champion Party Supply, 124 Denny Way; 206.284.1980), and offer plenty of disposable cameras, so guests can act out their own paparazzi fantasies. (Hiring a private chef guarantees you will have posing time too.) Additional staging touches should include plenty of gold hardware. Line the mantel, buffet, bar and bathroom with **mini Oscar statuettes**. Strategically scatter top-contender props—a pair of *Brokeback Mountain* Wranglers here, a *Capote* volume over there—and books on film trivia and Oscar history on sofas and chairs. (One of my favorite page-turners is *Oscar Night: 75 Years of Hollywood Parties*, from the editors of *Vanity Fair*; \$47.25 at amazon.com). ✨ A night at the Oscars is not complete without some friendly wagering. Preprint award-category checklists (listings available at oscars.org) for guests, and present the winning prognosticator with a fun item, such as a "vintage" movie poster. ✨ Happily, unlike the Hollywood version, you can ensure everyone goes home a winner with parting gifts featuring a mini Oscar stashed inside a retro popcorn box, a video-rental gift card and a split of bubbly. ✚

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**the goods** ✨ Clockwise from top left: Create an Oscar-worthy buzz with goodie bags full of film-themed items stashed in a retro popcorn box. ✨ Movie clapperboards make for creative culinary displays—use a silver or white paint pen to credit your chef and menu items. ✨ Food presentation *must* be fabulous. Private chef Seis Kamimura, formerly an executive sous chef for that cook to the stars Wolfgang Puck, has created many culinary masterpieces for the official Oscar party. He suggests serving glazed Fanny Bay oysters with caviar on a bed of black sea salt to start your evening in style. ✨ The envelope, please? Impress guests with invites that have panache, such as these backed in red-flocked brocade vellum with envelopes sealed in red wax. ✨ Rolls of movie tickets stacked at different heights also make a novel nest for an Oscar statuette.

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