



lots to celebrate

A 20th anniversary, a fundraising auction and yet another industry first...

This is a doubly special edition of *How To Spend It*. Firstly, it marks our 20th anniversary. When we launched as a quarterly in November 1994, newspaper magazines were in their infancy. There were no luxury lifestyle supplements, nor any with such a sumptuously large format.

So we started life as an industry first and then we continued to innovate, becoming the first globally distributed newspaper magazine, creating a series of completely themed editions with their own titles, then ‘sister’ Friday editions for the *FT*’s weekday readers and, just three months ago, an Italian-language edition in collaboration with *Il Sole 24 Ore*.

Across the years, *How To Spend It* has picked up a record-breaking array of awards. We’ve been named Colour Supplement of the Year 13 times at The Newspaper Awards, and we are the only colour supplement to have won all three major industry awards in a single year: The British Press Awards 2004, the British Society of Magazine Editors 2004 and The 2004 Newspaper Awards.

And now for our latest industry first. Every single item and experience pictured in this special anniversary issue will be auctioned in an online sale by Christie’s between November 29 and December 11 for Save the Children, a charity that works in

areas of natural disaster, conflict and abject poverty across 120 countries. I’ve been overwhelmed by the generosity of the luxury brands who have donated one-of-a-kind, bespoke or other high-ticket items for auction. I am also very grateful to Christie’s, who have waived all commissions so that 100 per cent of funds raised will go directly to Save the Children.

There are 83 lots in total worth a staggering £531,846. Star lots include a £93,300 Chopard Tourbillon watch made of Fairmined 18ct rose gold worn by Colin Firth on our cover; a £32,000 holiday for two in the Seychelles where the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge honeymooned; specially created handbags by Gucci and Prada, each worth in excess of £20,000; and a champagne-paired dinner for six people hosted by Olivier Krug in his childhood home in Reims, worth £15,000. Or how about a Paul Smith bespoke suit with the first fitting by Sir Paul himself, worth £5,000? Bidding for lots starts from just £200.

You can learn more about the work of Save the Children on page 41. Last year alone, it responded to 88 emergencies in 43 countries, reaching 3.4m people, including 2.1m children. I hope our features and columns, interviews and beautiful photography will inspire you to visit Christies.com/htsi and bid for your favourite lots. The money we raise together will allow Save the Children to transform even more vulnerable young lives.

Gillian de Bona



the aesthete

During **Gillian de Bono's** tenure as editor, *How To Spend It* has won 16 major industry awards



My personal style signifier is my hair style, which is a graduated bob. It's a technically challenging cut and Bryn Wilkins at Easton Regal does it brilliantly. In winter I usually wear over-the-knee, almond-toed, flat boots, which I own in assorted colours. They appear to lengthen the leg but, unlike high heels, leave me nimble on my feet. 84 Clerkenwell Rd, London EC1 (020-7250 1441; www.eastonregal.com).

The last thing I bought and loved was a set of Murano-glass champagne flutes from Asprey. I love champagne and have become quite a connoisseur of glasses over the years. These are very fine and I like their tiny variations, which are a constant reminder that they are handmade. Each delicate stem is a different colour, which also makes them perfect for parties. £1,290 for a set of six; 167 New Bond St, London W1 (020-7493 6767; www.asprey.com).

And the thing I'm eyeing next is a fabulous pair of red jasper, tourmaline, andesine and diamond earrings, a new addition to Annoushka's One of a Kind collection. My taste in jewellery tends towards the unconventional and much of this range features unorthodox stones that Annoushka Ducas has collected over many years. Every piece is unique and the jasper has a mesmerising depth of colour. £10,500; 1 South Molton St, London W1 (020-7629 8233; www.annoushka.com).

An object I would never part with is a Victorian-style illustrated yearbook I was given by a friend 25 years ago with space to write a few lines every day of the year. I used it to record the daily musings of my then three-year-old daughter. Her personality and language skills were developing very fast and what I recorded was variously sweetly childlike, shockingly precocious or wise beyond her years.

The last meal that truly impressed me was at Mosisnanni's. It's a private dining club housed in a former church and has a lovely gallery overlooking the main restaurant, where drinks are served. The food is always intensely fresh and flavoursome. On my last visit I had piquant

marinated salmon and white crabmeat, followed by a swoon-worthy mushroom risotto – all the more special for including a splash of champagne, and whipped cream rather than butter towards the end of cooking. 11B West Halkin St, London SW1 (020-7838 6330; www.mosisnanni.com).

A recent "find" is a website that sells antique Georg Jensen silverware, now also available at the brand's Danish

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“The Fumoir bar is an oasis of calm and art-deco glamour”

flagship. I own a serenely sculptural Georg Jensen stainless-steel pitcher, made this century but based on a classic 1952 design by Henning Koppel.

I would love to own an original Georg Jensen pitcher. I have my eye on a sterling silver one with a very rare ebony handle, designed by Johan Rohde and made between 1925 and 1932. £8,600; www.georgjensenheritage.com.

The people I rely on for beauty and wellbeing include my tennis coach, Mel Manhine, who trains me biomechanically to prevent injury. We play year round at Waterlow Park. I also have a Power Plate

at home, which builds muscle mass and bone density, and I go to Dr Tracy Mountford for collagen-boosting Thermanage. Mel Manhine, 07956-562 252. Power Plate, www.powerplate.com. Thermanage, The Cosmetic Skin Clinic, www.cosmeticskinclinic.com.

An indulgence I would never forego is frequenting The Fumoir bar at Claridge's. It's tucked behind a discreet glass door off the right-hand side of the lobby and is an oasis of calm and sumptuous art-deco glamour with an extensive drinks menu with 1930s-inspired cocktails. It's the perfect place to start a special night out or to escape central London's crowds when shopping. Brook St, London W1 (020-7629 8860; www.claridges.co.uk).

From top: Georg Jensen Heritage sterling-silver and ebony pitcher, £8,600. Mosisnanni's private dining club, London. Asprey Murano-glass champagne flute, £1,290 for six. The Fumoir bar at Claridge's, London. Annoushka jasper, tourmaline, andesine and diamond earrings, £10,500

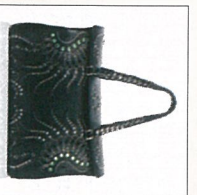


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My style icon is Lucia van der Post, the founding editor of *How To Spend It* and now our associate editor and columnist. Lucia has been a colleague and friend for 20 years and has the most amazing taste. And while most female style icons mentioned in this column are tall and willowy, Lucia is petite with feminine curves. Like me, so I am always fascinated by how she makes fashion work for her. And her approach to hi-lo dressing is seamless. **GILLIAN DE BONO**



Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo two-night stay with dinner at René Redzepi's Noma pop-up
For two. Includes lunch at Sushi Sora and a spa treatment.
Valid from January 15-17 2015.
Worth £5,007. Bids from £1,800



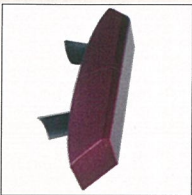
Roberto Cavalli one-of-a-kind Regina bag
Black calfskin with green, grey and fume crystal embellishment and leather lining.
Worth £2,945. Bids from £1,100



Vincenzo Migliaro's Street Scene in Naples
19th-century painting by Italian artist Migliaro (1858-1938), donated by Christie's.
Worth £2,500. Bids from £900



Michael Kors Miranda tote and matching one-of-a-kind scarf
Handpainted python with bonded kid-suede lining.
Matching python-print silk scarf.
Worth £1,991. Bids from £700



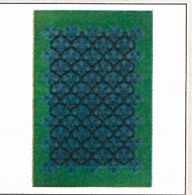
Roche Bobois limited-edition Papillon sideboard by René Bouchara
Resin-veneered wood, glass shelves and vertical-opening doors. Edition of 400 (80cm x 240cm x 48cm).
Worth £8,170. Bids from £2,800



Wellendorff Angel's Sheen ring
Yellow gold with diamonds and white enamel and internal engraving of a guardian angel.
Worth £3,450. Bids from £1,200



Mosimann cooking session for two with the chef and five-course dinner for four
At Mosimann's, London. Dinner includes champagne and canapés on arrival.
Worth £5,000. Bids from £1,800



The Rug Company rug by Jonathan Saunders
Teal and green hand-knotted Tibetan wool (2.33m x 1.54m).
Worth £3,355. Bids from £1,200



Wilderness Safaris, North Island, Seychelles seven-night stay for two
Full board in one of 11 luxury villas. Includes scuba-diving, sea-kayaking, half-day fishing charters.
Worth £32,180. Bids from £11,000



Mulberry envelope wallet
Cosmic-blue ostrich.
Worth £995. Bids from £350



Salvatore Ferragamo duffel bag
Dark-brown Saffiano calfskin with navy-blue and light-grey embossed-stripe detail.
Worth £1,199. Bids from £400



William & Son monogrammed backgammon set
Orange grained calfskin.
Worth £2,300. Bids from £800



NatuZZi Re-vive reclining chair and footrest
With swivel base. Choice of leather and base colours (114cm x 90cm x 82cm; 115cm reclined).
Worth £2,950. Bids from £1,100



Samsung Series 7 UHD LED Television
Ultra-high-definition LED. 55in curved screen. UK model (71.5cm x 123.3cm x 11.1cm).
Worth £1,900. Bids from £700

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