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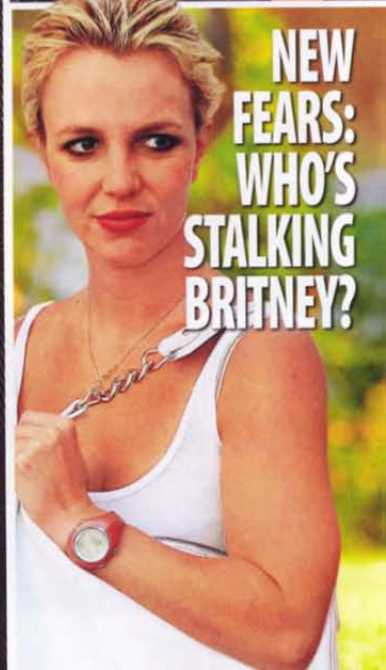


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# Blake Lively's

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*soirée*

*At the City of the Palace Hotel  
for a Birthday Soirée in honor of*


*Blake Lively*

*Saturday, September 28th  
8:00pm*

*The New York Palace Hotel  
885 Madison Avenue • New York City*

*Reservations: 212.908.2000  
or [livelybirthday@relevent.com](http://livelybirthday@relevent.com)*

*Price: \$100 to attend / Seating: \$65 / Minimum  
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THE OFFICIAL INVITATION!

About 175 people received this invite, which was rolled and sent with a cigarette holder in an extra-long cigarette box.

## BLAKE'S PARTY CREW

Event producer H. Tony Berger of New York-based company Relevent worked with Blake to plan the details. But he wasn't the only one who made the bash special.



The birthday girl's dad, Ernie, and Blake



Blake's mom, Elaine, flew in from Burbank, Calif., to help her daughter ring in her birthday.

Dripping in Van Cleef & Arpels jewels, Blake (here with her sister Lori) marveled at her chocolate cake, created by Ron Ben-Israel and flavored with Grand Marnier.

# glamorous 21<sup>st</sup> Soiree

The *Gossip Girl* star lets *Life & Style* in on her 1920s-themed birthday bash



A stormy night held up some out-of-towners (like America Ferrera), but the *Gossip Girl* crew was there to help Blake celebrate.



Blake kept this Swarovski crystal-adorned Moët bottle.

The Roaring '20s took on a whole new meaning for *Gossip Girl* star Blake Lively — who celebrated her 21st birthday with a flapper-themed party at the New York Palace Hotel in NYC on Sept. 6. And while Blake often films scenes from her series at the hotel, this time the actress played the role of director. “I love to plan parties,” Blake tells *Life & Style*. “That would be my career if I weren’t an actress.”

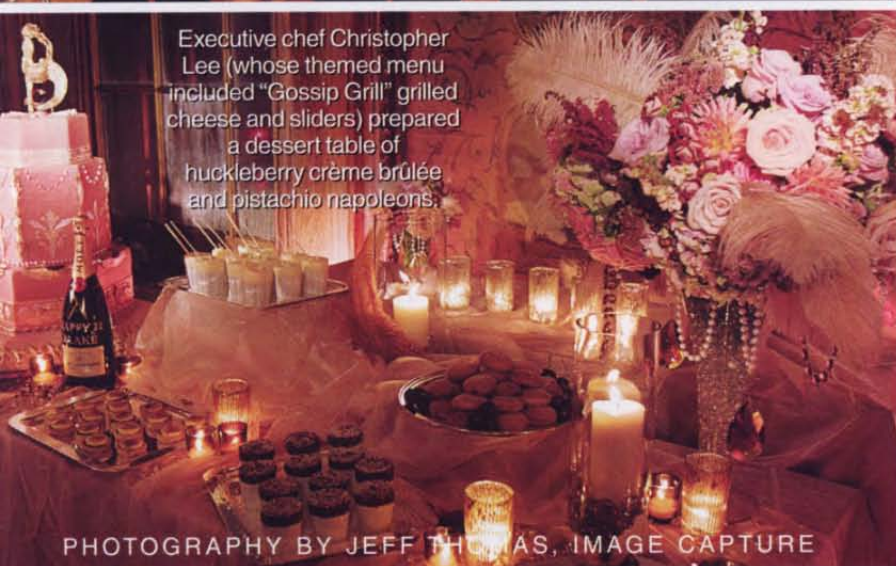
In fact, the Ralph Lauren-clad star executed the perfect 1920s fete. “The Palace lends itself to the era,” Blake says about the opulent surroundings. “With everyone dressing up, it really felt like 1920. Everyone got into it.”

## Intimate details

But amid the black-tie glamour, there was still an intimate feel to the night. Blake’s parents put together a video montage of their daughter growing up — including a younger Blake lip-synching “I Will Survive” and starring in a homemade video to Melissa Etheridge’s “Come to My Window.”

And Blake’s high school friends and family were among the crowd, which also included *Gossip Girl* co-stars, A-list pals and crooner Michael Bublé, who sang “Happy Birthday” to Blake. (She toasted with Coca-Cola instead of the night’s signature Moët peach mimosas.)

But the birthday girl had someone else to melt her heart — boyfriend (and co-star) Penn Badgley. “They were very cozy,” says an insider who attended the party. “They seem as if they’ve known each other forever.” What more could Blake wish for!



Executive chef Christopher Lee (whose themed menu included “Gossip Grill” grilled cheese and sliders) prepared a dessert table of huckleberry crème brûlée and pistachio napoleons.

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Sis Robyn and her hubby, Bart Johnson, who starred in *High School Musical*



Executive chef Christopher Lee of the Palace’s Gilt restaurant



The Palace’s director of communications, Pete Holmberg



Niklaus Leuenberger, managing director of the Palace



“The icing on the cake was Michael Bublé’s incredible performance,” says Blake. “It was amazing.”