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## TONY



It's been a long hot summer, the hottest in New York City. But like magic, September has swept in with cooling breezes and cleared away the humid detritus of the summer doldrums and opened the windows onto a new exciting fall season. Fall Fashion week is now uptown at Lincoln Center, soon followed by the glitterati opening night of The Metropolitan Opera. The theatres are readying new shows, TV celebrity chefs are unveiling restaurants and the Jets and Giants are playing at their new palace of a stadium in New Jersey. Here's a peek at what's new in this ever changing city.

## FASHION WEEK AT LINCOLN CENTER



## THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL



## EATALY



Well the times they are changin' when the NY Times is no longer near Times Square and a new Intercontinental Hotel opens on what was once seedy stretch of Eighth Avenue in Clinton aka Hell's Kitchen. The name Hell's Kitchen has never truly been replaced, among New Yorkers, with the sanitized sobriquet, Clinton. Throughout its history, Hell's Kitchen has figured prominently in the New York City underworld, especially in the Irish American Mob hence its name for being a bad place to be. The Intercon sits on a corner housing the trendy Shake Shack hamburger joint, perhaps as a nod to Eighth Avenue's déclassé roots. It is a stylish business hotel situated right next to the Theatre District and some left over porn shops!

Down by Madison Square Park, mega chefs, Mario Batali and Lidia Bastianich are opening their gazillion dollar 50,000 square foot culinary Mecca, Eataly. Eataly (get the bad pun on It-aly) is based on the famous food halls of Europe: Pecks of Milan, Harrods of London and Printemps & Fauchon of Paris. Situated in the historic Toy Building are pasta, fish, olive oil, meat, and vegetable food stations. There are several restaurants, cafes and even a roof top beer garden. It's been jammed since its opening, inspiring – as one shopper quipped - “Eataly, the Italian Whole Foods!”

## WOMEN ON THE VERGE



All the buzz on the Rialto is about the dynamic casting of Patti LaPone in “Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown”! Based on the hysterically funny movie by Spanish Director, Pedro Almodóvar, “Women on the Verge...” is set in late-20th century Madrid and tells the story of the intertwining lives of a group of women whose relationships with men lead to a tumultuous 48 hours of love, confusion and passion. The musical opens on Broadway at the new, beautifully renovated Belasco Theatre. The musical will also star Sherie Rene Scott, Brian Stokes Mitchell, and Laura Benanti, with direction by Tony Award winner, Bartlett Sher.

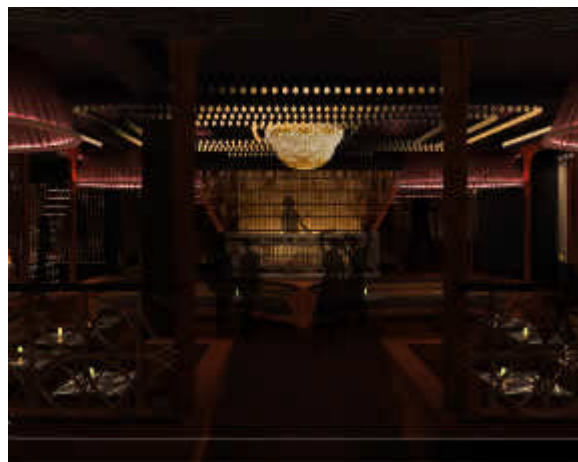
### Opening:

Driving Ms. Daisy  
Merchant of Venice  
Pee Wee Herman Show

### Closing:

Lend Me A Tenor  
Come Fly Away  
South Pacific

## LAVO



The big news in event space openings is Lavo (and by big we mean as 6,000 square feet of Italian dining upstairs and an equally massive nightclub downstairs). Lavo's ground-floor dining bistro is an exposed brick and white-tiled ode to family-style largesse. Think one-pound meatballs, lobster pizzas or a tri-level platter of oysters, clams and lobsters known affectionately as the Seafood Plateau. After you've reached the upper limits of indulgence, it will be time to head downstairs into the kind of mega-club with disco balls spinning over a sunken dance floor. Ah, subtlety.

### Opening:

Osteria Morini  
The Highliner  
Lincoln

### Closing:

Bar Artisanal  
West Branch  
Brasserie 44



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