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Flash in the Pan A Posh London Design Restaurant — For a Limited Time Only

Some places live up to their names, and London's Royal Academy of Arts is one. It's posh, scholarly and populated by artists whose work is, well, let's just say conservative. But that's what's going on in the front. Camping out in the back are GSK Contemporary, a temporary gallery, and, as of Nov. 1, the pop-up restaurant Flash. Ignited by Pablo Flack, David Waddington and Tom Collins, the owners of Bistrot h que in East London — where Marc Jacobs and Agyness Deyn are regulars — Flash follows their Reindeer restaurant, which briefly surfaced two years ago in a less salubrious location, above a parking lot. Flash will look and feel "more refined," as Waddington put it, with a California-influenced menu and an all-star team: the rising architecture star David Kohn built the set from art-storage crates, the fashion designer Giles Deacon created a "psychedelic Death Star" chandelier, and the Wedgwood china has been customized by the illustrator Will Broome. Most everything will be auctioned on eBay when Flash closes on Jan. 19, and a chunk of the proceeds will be donated to the Royal Academy. For information, go to bookflashnow.com. ALICE RAWSTHORN