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Open-and-Shut Case

Clos-ette's Melanie Charlton Fascitelli approaches the custom closet from the angle of opulence—the sky's the limit. BY DI PETROFF



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AS A FORMER *Style.com* editor and consultant for such fashion brands as Giorgio Armani, Asprey, Celine, Luca Luca, Tory Burch and Ports 1961, Melanie Charlton Fascitelli has amassed quite a wardrobe over the years. Drawing on her experiences, the fashionista launched Clos-ette, an organizational design firm with clients ranging from Liv Tyler and Sting to

members of the business-world elite. After years of crafting celeb closets, Fascitelli penned a book divulging her top organizational

secrets titled *Shop Your Closet: The Ultimate Guide to Organizing Your Closet With Style* (HarperCollins; \$19.95), which was *Sted* at Ports 1961 in LA this summer in an event hosted by LA's Lake Bell, Anna Getty, Sam Phipps Alvarez, and Ali Wise. We sat down with the blonde bon vivant for an inside look at what makes her fashion sense tick.

LOS ANGELES CONFIDENTIAL: What are some closet amenities you've designed?

MELANIE CHARLTON FASCITELLI: Beautiful crystal bars, mirrored vanities safe rooms recreated into jewelry showrooms made to look like jewelry houses.

LAC: Clos-ette covers more than closet design, right?

MCF: We also do edits, inventories, and styling,

and we have our own line of organizational products, which for now can only be found on our website, Clos-ette.com.

LAC: What's the most outrageous request ever made by a client?

MCF: Well, one rock star asked to have his entire closet made out of sheet metal with nailhead-stud detailing. We also are currently working on plans for closets over 10,000 square feet... These closets are not in the US, however.

LAC: You had a stellar party for your book, *Shop Your Closet*, at Ports 1961... What inspired you to write it?

MCF: People who can't necessarily afford Clos-ette inspired me. I think of it as a textbook, a holistic closet organizational design 101.