

# VARIETY

## Big spaces set pace for season

Hollywood event [producers](#) are often creatures of habit when booking award season shindigs. West Hollywood's popular solid options — Soho House, Chateau Marmont and Cecconi's — often win out because of their proximity to other preferred venues, as event hopping is standard practice. Per A-List Communications' David Manning, like real estate, location is everything. "If it's not the right place, (that) can steer people away," the vet party planner says.

Ultimately, each awards season sees the debut of places while tried and true venues freshen up. Variety's list includes some sites that can host smaller events, talent dinners or meet-and-greet social hours. Most have advanced A/V options — digital screening technology is on the menu as surely as mixologist-made cocktails. This year's most significant trend in entertaining SoCal-style: super-sized and weather-proofed outdoor spaces.

### **Palm Springs**

#### **Workshop Kitchen + Bar**

800 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Suite G, Palm Springs

A stylish newcomer to Palm Springs' Uptown Design District, Workshop Kitchen + Bar is located in the landmark [El Paseo](#) building. The restaurant's look is industrial chic, with a private dining room that seats 20 that's glass-walled and set off the busy outdoor patio — also inviting for receptions. Chef/owner Michael Beckman changes up the eclectic menu to reflect the seasons; cocktails are inventive and mixologist-made.

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