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**Take in...
the spectacle of
Madam Butterfly**

The critically-acclaimed production of *Madam Butterfly* returns to London's Royal Albert Hall in February with a performance "in the round" of Puccini's tragic opera. The spectacular staging will see the venue's floor flooded to recreate the traditional Japanese water-garden setting. The production, which is directed by David Freeman, will be sung in English using Amanda Holden's highly-respected translation. Oliver Gooch conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. *Madam Butterfly* runs from 24 February-13 March 2011. www.royalalberthall.com.

*Our pick of the best things
to try, do or buy this month*

This month you could...

**Watch Giselle...
at the Royal Opera House
in Covent Garden**

If you only see one ballet in your life, make sure it is this one. Performed by the Royal Ballet, Peter Wright's classical production exquisitely revives the haunting tale of betrayal and love beyond the grave. The title role, which demands much (both technically and dramatically) from its principal dancer, is one that many ballerinas aspire to. *Giselle* is at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden from 11 January-19 February 2011. www.roh.org.uk.



**Banish...
the winter blues
with a Bugatti Diva Espresso**

Getting out of bed when it is cold and dark can be a challenge in the winter months. With a couple of shots from the Bugatti Diva Espresso, however, you should at least arrive at that first meeting of the day fully awake. £530.00 at www.wheredidyoubuythat.com.



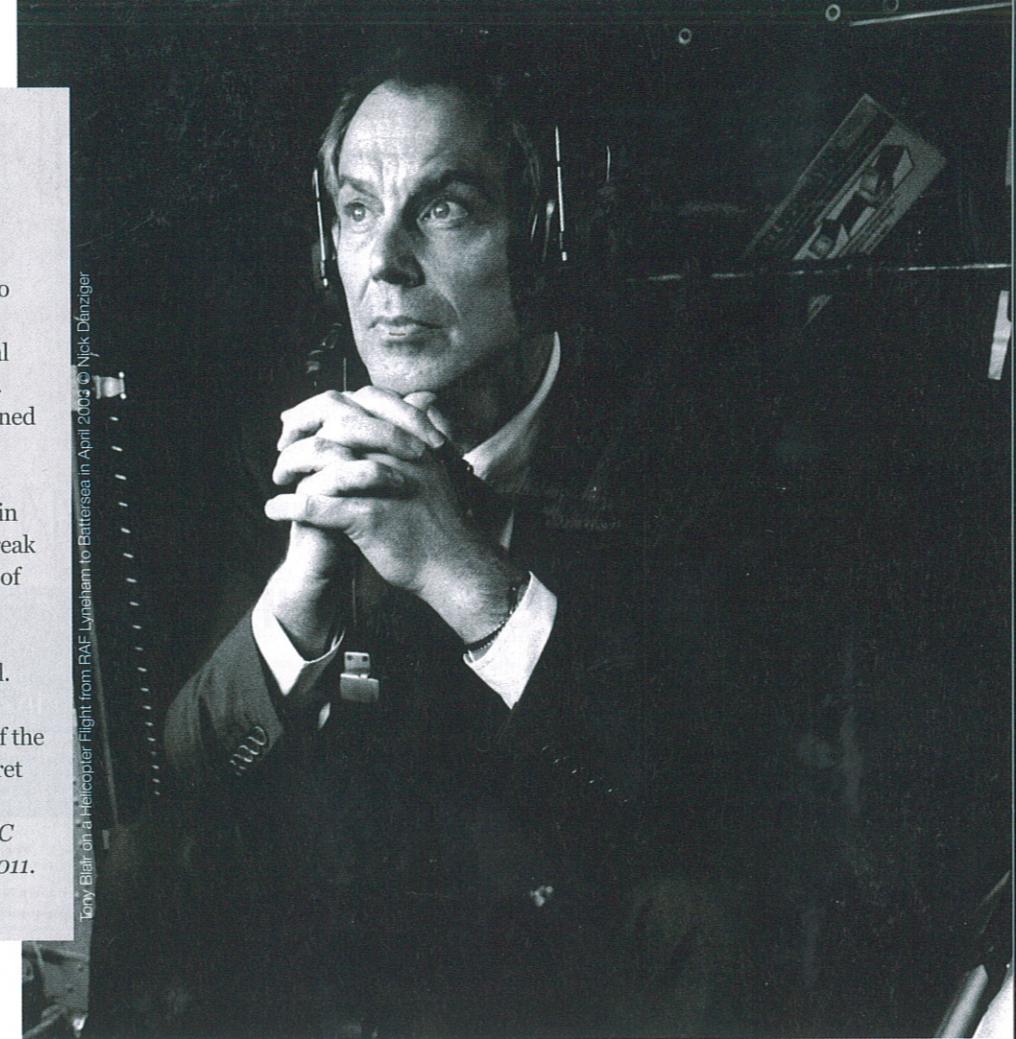
**Look out...
for the 'Hotel Inspector'
at Hospitality 2011**

Billed as the UK's largest and most important national exhibition for foodservice and hospitality businesses, Hospitality 2011 has been set up to offer everything operators need to build a better business. This year's show will see more than 300 companies and suppliers showcase products and services across food and drink, interiors, tableware, catering equipment and technology. Keep an eye out for Alex Polizzi (Channel Five's), who will be taking part in one of the event's many seminars. *Hospitality 2011* runs from 24-26 January 2011 at Birmingham's NEC. Register online at www.hospitalityshow.co.uk.

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**Examine...
the power of the image
at CCC Strozziina
in Florence**

We live in a world obsessed with image. So an exhibition that explores the influence of images on political, economic and social power is a must if you can afford the time. *Portraits and Power* sees a host of renowned international artists and photographers showcase their work, including Nick Danziger's compelling view of Tony Blair in the days immediately preceding the outbreak of war in Iraq. Annie Leibovitz's portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and Helmut Newton's portrait of Margaret Thatcher after her authority had waned are similarly forceful. Trevor Paglen, meanwhile, provides a fascinating insight into the covert world of the CIA with his work on the US agency's secret operations. *Portraits and Power: People, Politics and Structures* can be seen at CCC Strozziina in Florence until 23 January 2011. www.strozzina.org.



Tamara Rojo and Rupert Pennefather in *Giselle*. Photo by Johan Persson, courtesy of the Royal Opera House