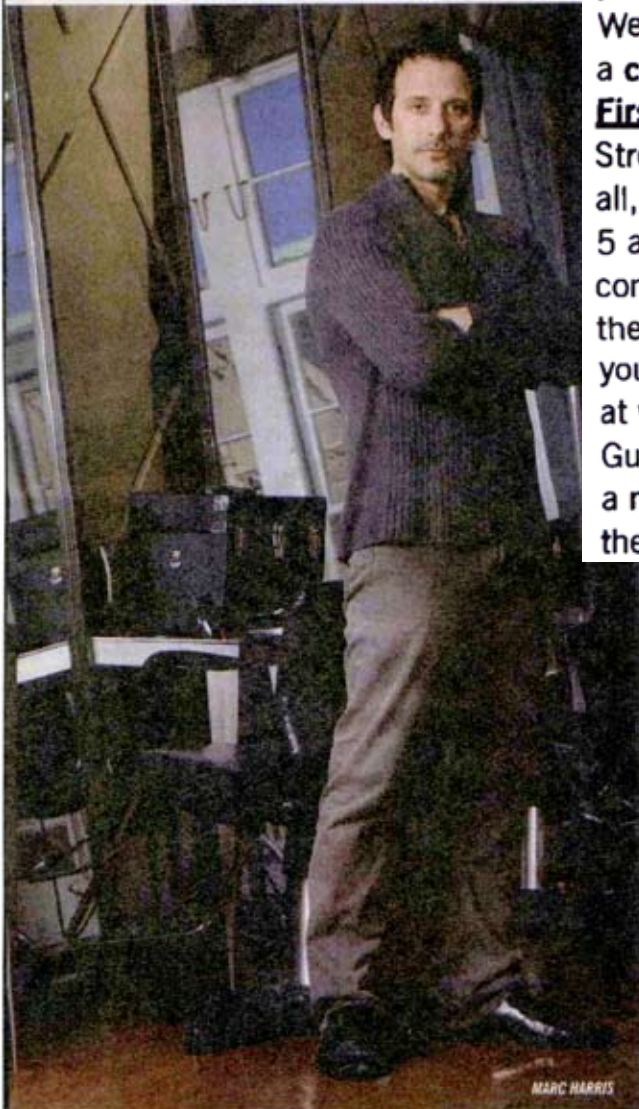


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BUY and BUY

a guide to splurging for all types of people BY HEATHER BOUZAN | ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY SARAH SHANFIELD | PHOTOS BY JOEL VEAK



We can't think of a better way than with a **custom guitar** (\$950 and up) from **First Act Guitar Studio** (745 Boylston Street, Boston, 617.226.7899). After all, pros like Adam Levine from Maroon 5 and Brad Whitford of Aerosmith have commissioned custom instruments from the store. If you're not ready to commit, you can investigate your potential splurge at www.firstact.com, where the First Act Guitar Builder allows users to select from a number of options to create the guitar of their choice.

LETTERS

Dear *Stuff@night*,

Thanks for all of the great splurge ideas in your "Buy and Buy" article (3.25.08). I can't run out and get a lot of this stuff today, but I'm keeping the magazine around for when I have some extra cash and need inspiration. My first purchase from your list? A custom guitar from **First Act** for my boyfriend. Or maybe it'll be the Ultimate Emerge Experience for me. And someday, if we're really lucky, the Ultimate Monster Package at Fenway for both of us. A girl can dream, right?

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