

# Team Gabby Giffords:

The remaking of  
a political superstar.  
*By Steve Fishman* p.46

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# Gifts '11

THE  
MUPPETS  
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MANHATTAN—  
SHOPPING!

PRESENTS  
FOR THE  
MEN,  
WOMEN,  
GRANDPARENTS,  
GARDENERS,  
TODDLERS,  
SIBLINGS,  
DRINKERS,  
CUBICLE MATES,  
&  
SPECIAL FROG  
IN YOUR LIFE.

PLUS:  
HUMAN-MUPPET  
SECRET SANTA





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		<div>PLUS</div> <div><h2>Holiday Gift Guide 2011</h2><p>Our annual guide to triumphing over gift anxiety with perfect presents for the happy-go-lucky and the hard-to-impress, with help from Secret Santa buddies Kermit, Miss Piggy, Jason Segel, Amy Adams, and the rest of <i>The Muppets</i> cast (64), and also including: the Sixteen Commandments of giving (66); double-ended makeup brushes, a scrimshaw penknife, and other stocking stuffers (84); treasures from 50 new stores for Mom, Dad, Sis, Bro, and even your toddler nephew (86); wallets for the cash-strapped and the loaded (90); the perfect cookbooks for gourmets, cocktail geeks, and meatball lovers (94); and nonmaterialistic offerings for nine high-minded types (96).</p></div>					
							
							
							
							
							
							
							
							



# STRATEGIST

THE NEW RULES OF HOLIDAY  
GIFT-CHAIN .....  
..... IN SEASON

..... THE MUPPET-HUMAN  
..... A WALL FULL OF WALLET  
..... PRESENTS FOR THE 90 PERCENT

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*Gift*  
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2011

THE  
BEST  
BET

NOBODY EMBODIES holiday cheer quite like **Kermit the Frog**, who'll be hopping onto the big screen on November 23 alongside Jason Segel, Amy Adams, and umpteen other 'celebrity-frog groupies. In the hope that his merriness might be contagious, we enlisted Kermit and the rest of *The Muppets* cast (people and puppets both) to kick off our annual holiday-gift guide with a rousing game of Secret Santa (page 64). Elsewhere you'll find swoonable stocking stuffers (page 84), brand-new shops worth raiding (page 86), charitable ideas for less material-minded giving (page 96), and dozens more presents for every gal, guy, and Gonzo in your gang.





START HERE

AMY ADAMS



KERMIT: "I'm getting Amy **waterproof over-the-knee boots** so she can come visit me in the swamp." (*Calvin Klein Ava rain boots, \$119 at Macy's, 151 W. 34th St., at Broadway; 212-695-4400.*)



PIGGY: "Moi has gotten Sarah a **subscription to Match.com**. Unfortunately, Sarah and moi go for the same kind of guy: short, green, and bug-eyed." (*\$59.97 for three months.*)



SARAH: "Now that marriage for everyone is finally legal in New York, I'm getting Statler and Waldorf **two nights in the honeymoon suite at the Waldorf-Astoria!** Get it?" (*from \$678; 301 Park Ave., nr. 49th St.; 212-355-3000.*)

SARAH SILVERMAN → STATLER AND WALDOF

AMY ADAMS → MISS PIGGY

MISS PIGGY



AMY: "I would give Miss Piggy a pair of **Tiffany shades**. Now that she's back in the limelight, she may need to hide." (*Tiffany & Co. sunglasses, \$220; 727 Fifth Ave., at 57th St.; 212-755-8000.*)



KERMIT → JASON SEGEL



JASON: "Kermit is a simple frog who asks for very little and is grateful for everything. I plan to give him a truly '**green**' **banjo** made of reclaimed or recycled materials." (*Banjo uke, from \$1,350 at myamoeukuleles.com.*)



JASON SEGEL → WALTER



WALTER: "An **autographed picture of the Muppets**. Jason keeps eyeing mine, so I know he wants one." (*Muppet poster, \$95 at Posteritati, 239 Centre St., nr. Grand St.; 212-226-2207.*)



WALTER → FEIST



FEIST: "Walter is a dreamer and a gambler who puts it all on the line, but since every penny counts, I'm getting him a **piggy bank**." (*Juliska charity piggy bank, \$48 at Bloomingdale's.*)

FEIST → ELECTRIC MAYHEM



ELECTRIC MAYHEM



RASHIDA: "I love Swedish Chef's quirky foreign mumble, but I'm getting him **Painless English for Speakers of Other Languages**. It's time for him to communicate with his Muppet friends." (*\$10 at Barnes & Noble, 555 Fifth Ave., nr. 46th St.; 212-697-3048.*)



RASHIDA JONES → SWEDISH CHEF

CHEF: "Snødeff derskee frimter un smacken dee looper floppen fur de hooop-hooop! Bork! Bork! Bork!" [*translation: Chef is getting John some cookware so he can cook some delicious hooop-hooop for his lovely wife, Emily.*] (*Le Creuset eight-quart stockpot, \$80 at Bloomingdale's.*)



JOHN: "Electric Mayhem knows better than anyone the priceless sound that can only come from vinyl, so I'm getting them a **Crosley travel turntable**." (*Portable turntable, \$140 at Urban Outfitters, 162 Second Ave., nr. 10th St.; 212-375-1277.*)



DR. TEETH: "This lady rocks our world, so we're getting her a **Pet Rock**." (*Angora-covered rock, \$65 at Project No. 8, 38 Orchard St., at Hester St.; 212-925-5599.*)



# The Muppet-Human Gift Chain

An inter-species game of Secret Santa starring 23 cast members of *The Muppets*.  
BY LAUREN MURROW



**STATLER:**  
"A suitcase and a trip to Tahiti."

**WALDORF:** "Neil is everywhere—TV, Broadway, movies. He needs a rest."

**STATLER:** "Yeah, and we need a rest too—from him! Go away, Neil!" (Longchamp Veau Foulonne suitcase, \$815 at Longchamp, 132 Spring St., at Greene St.; 212-343-7444.)

STATLER AND WALDORF

NEIL PATRICK HARRIS

**NEIL:** "A Yamaha Disklavier! It's the top-of-the-line player piano—I have one myself. Plus, since Rowlf doesn't have actual fingers, it only makes sense." (Yamaha Disklavier, from \$19,500 at Faust Harrison Pianos, 207 W. 58th St., nr. Seventh Ave.; 212-489-3600.)

NEIL PATRICK HARRIS

**ROWLF:** "I'm gettin' Ken what we canines always get folks—a newspaper and new slippers." (Ugg Ascot slippers, \$100 at Lord & Taylor, 424 Fifth Ave., at 38th St.; 212-391-3344.)

ROWLF

ROWLF



**KEN:** "Nothing says you're serious about show business like Dockers khaki pants." (D1 khakis, \$98 at Bloomingdale's, 1000 Third Ave., at 59th St.; 212-705-2000.)

KEN JEONG

FOZZIE



**FOZZIE:** "Kristen is already a very funny lady, but for real laughs, nothing tops a rubber chicken! Look what it's done for my career! Wocka! Wocka! (Rubber Chicken handbag, \$29 at Pylones, 842 Lexington Ave., at 64th St.; 212-317-9822.)

KRISTEN SCHAAL



**KRISTEN:** "I would give Sam the Eagle a toupee styled like Ronald Reagan's famously sleek pompadour."

If Sam is ever feeling frustrated with the country's morality, it should do the trick." (Leading Man wig, \$20 at Ricky's, 375 Broadway, nr. White St.; 212-925-5490.)

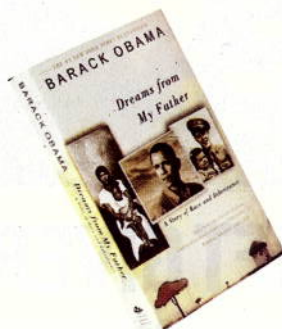


KRISTEN SCHAAL



**SAM:** "Whoopi is a proud American, so I am getting her a copy of every single presidential memoir ever written ... with my notes in the margins." (Memoirs, from \$8 at Barnes & Noble, 33 E. 17th St., nr. Broadway; 212-253-0810.)

SAM THE EAGLE



GONZO

WHOOPI GOLDBERG



**WHOOPI:** "This Gainster lamp will provide light for Gonzo when he's working on his art—and protect him on his outrageous adventures." (Lamp, \$185 at abjulylighting.com.)



RICO RODRIGUEZ

**RICO:** "I'd buy Animal a Let's Rock Elmo because both he and Elmo are into drumming. I want them to have a rock-off to see who rocks more." (\$55 at Target, 139 Flatbush Ave., nr. Fourth Ave., Ft. Greene; 718-290-1109.)



RICO RODRIGUEZ



RASHIDA JONES



**GONZO:** "Rico is getting a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles DVD set ... plus, twice a week, I'll come over to his house and show him how to use the kung fu grip." (\$65 at Barnes & Noble, 33 E. 17th St., nr. Broadway; 212-253-0810.)