

S4 DIARY



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**Bag of tricks gets
her birthday kicks**

NO CHALLENGE is too great for Sambag's founder, **Samantha Wagner**. A single mother, a decade ago she built a business on a ballet flat and now has four stores (she shifted 100 duffle coats this week at \$320 a pop). On Wednesday, Sam turned an unspecified age (37) upstairs at the smart set's clubhouse, the Woollahra Hotel. In the bag: **Jean-Marc Carriol**, **Sanchia Brahimi**, **Peter Kater** (the guy behind Murchison-Hume, the organic cleaning products chic compulsives mop up with), **Lisa Poulos** and, just in from Aspen, **Brooke O'Neill** and **Rebecca "Bec" Davies** (now devoted to dressage and an acute observer of **Joh Bailey's** form in the saddle).

One step ahead

NOEL STAUNTON is determined to regain Sydney Dance Company's "cool". A showbiz industry secret - **Baz Luhrmann's** right-hand man, salvaged the 2004 Adelaide Festival production of **Wagner's Ring Cycle**, organised Sydney Harbour Bridge's 75th anniversary et al. - he's the man to do it. Following a performance by the company of **Meryl Tankard's INUK2** at the Theatre Royal on April 1, there's a fund-raising knees-up with everyone from Governor **Marie Bashir** to Tankard's fans from *So You Think You Can Dance Australia* in attendance. Call

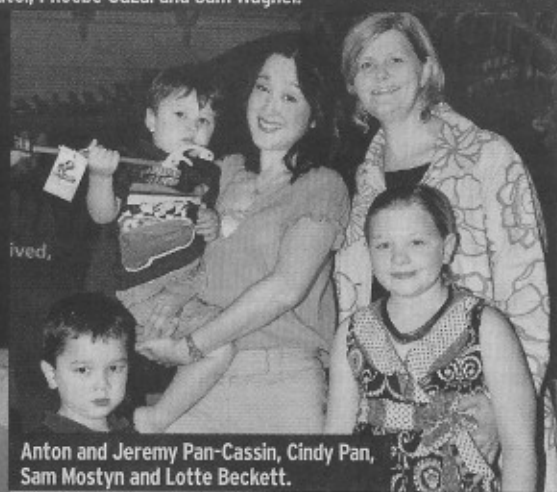


Susan Sheller, Max Kater, Peter Kater, Phoebe Gazal and Sam Wagner.

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Sarah Hue-Williams.



Anton and Jeremy Pan-Cassin, Cindy Pan, Sam Mostyn and Lotte Beckett.

> ON THE RISE

OVER lunch on Tuesday **Arlene Tansey**, ANZ's head of diversified industrials, said to lithe **Bonnie Boezeman**, a director of Perpetual Trustees, NSW Lotteries and Darling Harbour Foreshore Authority, mentoring is the business of now. Unsurprised, Bonnie listed some impressive talents she does just that with. Incidentally, British-born **Sarah Hue-Williams**, head of the Australia and New Zealand European Coaching Institute, is thrilled, having just become an Australian citizen.

Branching out

UNDER a canopy of leaf-embellished chandeliers, **Harry Trilouboff** welcomed his

one-woman show). As STC board member **Justin Miller** says: "I'm a huge fan of both Robyn Nevin and Joan Didion; two exceptional talents. I can't wait." Miller's bestie, the brimful-of-news **Amanda "Mandy" D'Abo** is in town from Hong Kong.

Frank Sartor launched the 2008 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes, bone-side, on Wednesday.

Quality merchandise