



## Art at the Table

### The Lotos Club State Dinner Tradition

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- Honorees include Enrico Caruso, Amelia Earhart, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Robert Moses, Harry S. Truman, Leonard Bernstein, Robert Frost, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Beverly Sills, Margaret Mead, Saul Bellow, Joe DiMaggio, Roy Lichtenstein, Arthur Miller, Dave Brubeck, Angela Lansbury and many other men and women of achievement
- The Lotos Club has over 800 current members, and has reciprocal arrangements with more than 50 private clubs around the world
- Only book about this historic club's fascinating history available to the book trade

Founded in New York City in 1870, The Lotos Club is one of the oldest literary and arts clubs in the United States. Lotos became known for its tradition of honouring outstanding men and women from all walks of life with testimonial 'State Dinners', especially after it began to commemorate these occasions with unique souvenir menus designed by artists and illustrators of the day. **Art at the Table** is a lavishly illustrated retrospective of the Club's 150-year-old-tradition, featuring the art of the menus and the stories behind them. American culture and history are chronicled in these fêtes, from Gilbert and Sullivan and Mark Twain to aviator Amelia Earhart and author Tom Wolfe.

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