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**Cornellier Traiteur****Catering to your every whim**

Catherine Macpherson

*The delectable world of Cornellier Traiteur*

Stepping into the loft space of caterer Denise Cornellier, located above her prepared foods boutique on St-Laurent Blvd., you feel as if you've been invited over to a friend's Plateau apartment - a brilliantly renovated Plateau apartment. Complete with skylight, airy sitting room and a top-of-the-line kitchen (natch), the space is used to host hands-on cooking classes and demos, small-scale events, and food-and-drink-pairing workshops. The "loft" is just one of many new entertaining options offered from the full-service firm of Cornellier Traiteur. After 25 years in the business, Mme Cornellier really knows how to throw a party.

Want to host a simple but sumptuous cocktail hour? She suggests serving cava (Spain's answer to champagne) and a selection of make-ahead tapas such as slices of serrano, marinated olives, spiced shrimp, and squares of potato-chorizo frittata. Want to treat you full dinner? Extend the sparkling wine theme and pair other bubbles with easy-yet-elegant roast and seasonal veg. Get really adventurous (and/or broke) and go for a full-on foie gras or chocolate tart.

Just can't think outside of the cereal box? Maybe you should start dropping hints that a gift certificate for a cookery workshop is on your wish list for the holidays. Or heck, just pick up some ready-to-eat seasonal cassoulet, lamb tagine and whisky chocolate sauce from the shop and call it a day. The team at Cornellier Traiteur can fill all your feasting and fête-ing needs, in their kitchen or yours. Now if only they did home renovations...

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