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How Neal Fraser Cooks 675 Pounds of Steak for 600 Guests at L.A.'s Beefiest Blowout

Beefsteak VII is a crazy, celebrity-studded night, but it's also no big deal for the team behind Vibiana and Redbird.

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L.A. chef Neal Fraser is in front of the stage at [Vibiana](#), slicing and salting beef as party band The Shrines covers "Killing Me Softly." Trays of sliced filet mignon are already on communal tables, and gluttonous guests are using their hands to gorge on the medium-rare steak with fingerling potatoes, broccolini, red wine jus and horseradish cream. There are no utensils, plates or napkins.

The crowd at Vibiana on this Saturday night is simultaneously wearing black-tie attire and aprons. Servers briskly walk the floor and deliver bones to some lucky revelers. Co-host Eric Wareheim and his buddy John C. Reilly pour [Sweet Berry Wine](#) at their table. Movie and T.V. stars like Oscar Isaac, Connie Britton and Natasha Rothwell are getting their fingers dirty as they eat, as are seemingly every comedy writer who used to live in Brooklyn and has relocated to Los Angeles.