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take your daughter to work day really had an effect on leyla marchetto. and she proves it with the recent opening of **scuderia**.

the resto biz is in leyla's blood (dad is legendary silvano marchetto of da silvano fame), so it was only a matter of time before she entered the family business. partnering with leyla and pops are longtime da sil GM, alessandro bandini, and jazz guitarist/record exec/resto owner fabrizio sotti. in charge of the menu is claudio cristofoli (formerly of cipriani downtown).

together, they are a scuderia (it's the ital slang word for team) to be reckoned with.

instead of opting for a da silvano part two, the foursome created scuderia to be the legendary eatery's cool little sister. you know the type. the one who doesn't mind standing out from the crowd courtesy of bright orange lighting fixtures and dining stools, and who loves her record collection so much that album covers hang like portraits on the exposed brick walls. graffiti in various languages (and slang incarnations) indicates where the bathroom is, and was painted by new yorker artist and famed graphic novel author marisa acocela marchetto (who happens to also be married to silvano).

a giant chalkboard wall directs servers to the kitchen, but diners can get a peek-a-boo look at all the action, courtesy of a horizontal cutout in the dining room wall. spy the chefs putting the final touches on roasted brick flattened comish hen, marinated grilled rabbit and handmade gnocchi with butter and sage. and be sure to order one of the italian margaritas, fruity mojitos or a pour from the lengthy, single grape italian wine list.

now that's something to put you in the scude. **scuderia**. 10 downing street. at sixth. 212.206.9111. now open.

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