



Elton John's Record-Breaking 2024 Oscar Party

The fundraiser raised nearly \$11 million to fight HIV.

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It's the star-studded tradition that keeps on giving. The Elton John AIDS Foundation's 32nd annual Academy Awards Viewing Party raised \$10.8 million to fight HIV, a record-breaking high for the event.

Elton John and husband David Furnish's Oscar party was cohosted this year by Tiffany Haddish, Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka. The evening featured an auction of fabulous collectibles (including a fully bedazzled piano!) and a performance of "Are You Ready for Love" by the R&B soul-pop trio Gabriels and the Rocket Man himself, according to a press release from the foundation.

Since 1992, the Academy Awards Viewing Party has raised over \$110 million for efforts to fight HIV, AIDS and stigma across the globe, including in the U.S. South.

"So far, this has been an extraordinary year beyond my wildest dreams, including the honor of achieving the EGOT, but it's tonight's gathering that is the ultimate highlight," John said in the press statement, referring to taking home his first Emmy Award in January, when his concert film *Elton John Live: Farewell From Dodger Stadium* won for Outstanding Variety Special. According to Smithsonian, John is now the 19th person ever to earn an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony (EGOT).

Regarding his latest Academy Awards party, John added: "We won't stop until we achieve our mission."

Among the celebrity revelers in attendance were Danny DeVito, Rhea Pearlman, Donatella Versace, Alicia Silverstone, Billy Eichner, Sharon Stone, Cara Jade Myers, Christian Siriano, Brandi Carlile, Benson Boone, Tim Allen, Dylan Arnold, Olivia Holt, LOONY, Heidi Klum, Michaela Jaé

Rodriguez, Ashlyn Harris, Patricia Arquette, Orville Peck, Sophia Bush, Julianne Hough, Zoe Lister-Jones, Daphne Guinness, Zooey Deschanel, Lucien Laviscount, Charlotte Tilbury, MUNA, Melanie Lynskey, Elizabeth Hurley, Joseph Lee, Alexis Bledel, Toni Braxton, Colton Haynes, Eric McCormack, Olivia Welch, Bailee Madison, Hunter Doohan, Kyle Richards, Avril Lavigne, Kesha, HotWax, Valerie Bertinelli, Ian Bohen and Smokey Robinson.

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