As the Oscars Approach, So Do Star-Studded AIDS Fundraisers

Elton John hosts his annual viewing party, and The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation teams up with The Standard, Hollywood. [VIDEO]

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It's that time of year when culture vultures fill out Oscar ballots and fashionistas feast on red-carpet glamour. Sunday, March 4, will mark the 90th Academy Awards.

For the past quarter century, Oscar night has included Elton John's viewing party to benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation. This year will be no different, with enough celebrities and glitz to rival the awards show itself. To date, the party has raised more than $62 million. For details about this year's event, click here.

This year will mark 25 years since Hollywood legend Elizabeth Taylor received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for her AIDS advocacy. Angela Lansbury presented her the award at the 1993 ceremony, and Taylor's acceptance speech is worth watching today (and you can view it—by clicking on the image atop this article).

In 2018, Taylor's AIDS activism continues. To honor the anniversary of her receiving the humanitarian award and to mark what on February 27 would have been her 86th birthday, The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF) has teamed up with The Standard, Hollywood hotel for a series of events and fundraisers. Starting this weekend, guests at The Standard can make a donation to ETAF. The partnership launches this weekend with a birthday celebration in Taylor's honor at Giorgio's, a weekly party at The Standard named after famed Oscar- and Grammy-winning producer Giorgio Moroder.

In related news, ETAF presents the annual AIDSWatch in Washington, DC, a time when advocates meet at our nation's capital to educate our lawmakers about HIV/AIDS issues. This year's AIDSWatch is slated for March 26 and 27. To register and for more information, click here.

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