



Oscar Night With Elton John and Friends [VIDEO]

The Elton John AIDS Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary with a star-studded Academy Awards Viewing Party.

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Sunday marked 25 years of the Elton John AIDS Foundation's Academy Awards Viewing Party, and with this milestone, came another feat.

The annual event hosted by Sir Elton John and his partner, David Furnish, "raised a record-breaking \$7 million for the global effort to end AIDs," according to an EJAF press release.

Guests came together to dine and watch the 89th Academy Awards at West Hollywood Park in Los Angeles. The evening's attendees included: Adam Lambert, Laverne Cox, Gabby Douglas, Sharon Stone, Ricky Martin, David Alan Grier, Jane Seymour, Gordon Ramsay, Heidi Klum, Quincy Jones, Judith Light, Jeffrey Tambor and many more.

Among the evening's festivities were an introduction by John and Furnish of the new film *The Promise*, whose production company Survival Pictures matched each guests' pledge to the foundation, a live auction and a performance by St. Paul & The Broken Bones with host John as special guest.

John, of course, reflected on the work of EJAF and looked forward to the future:

"As we look back on our efforts over the past 25 years to prevent HIV infections, help people living with the disease, and speak up for their rights, we have a lot to be proud of and a lot of valuable experiences to inform our work going forward. This party and our work have always been about love, inclusion, fairness, and good health for everyone. We believe these remedies can cure anything—most especially AIDS."



From left: Frances Gladney, singer-songwriter Smokey Robinson and actress Sharon Stone Courtesy of EJAF/Getty Images/Jamie McCarthy

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