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**'KARAOKE WITH THE STARS'  
IN AID OF  
HOPING  
Hope and Optimism for Palestinians in the Next Generation  
AT RONNIE SCOTT'S  
21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2007**

Tonight a benefit auction and dinner was held at Ronnie Scott's to raise funds to support the work of the Hoping Foundation for Palestinian refugee children. The event has been organised by Hoping Foundation trustees **Bella Freud** and **Karma Nabulsi** with help from committee members including **Bryan Adams**, **Laura Bailey**, **Sheherazade Goldsmith**, **Jemima Khan**, **Dan Macmillan**, **Hannah Rothschild** and **Trisha Simonon**.

**KARAOKE TO THE STARS**

Russell Brand guest presented a 'money can't buy' auction, run under the auspices of Harry Delmeny of Sotheby's. Guests were able to bid for once in a lifetime renditions of songs performed by some of the world's leading musical artists. **Bryan Adams** kicked off proceedings with a rousing 'Rocking All Over The World', swiftly followed by **Shane McGowan's** somewhat unique interpretation of Billy Joel's 'We Didn't Start the Fire'. **Mick Jones** brought the house down with 'Should I Stay Or Should I Go', whilst **Lulu** led a trio of **Sharleen Spiteri**, **Chrissie Hynde** and **Sam Taylor Wood** on backing vocals with an incredible 'Shout'. **Nick Cave** commanded a staggering £70,000 to perform Destiny's Child 'Bootilicious' whilst **James Blunt** volunteered at the last minute to sing 'Summertime' to **Jools Holland's** brilliant piano accompaniment. All that was left was for **Elton John** to wrap up what must have been the world's most unlikely karaoke session with a powerful rendition of 'Are You Lonesome Tonight'.

The full programme ran as follows:

ARTIST	SONG	BID PRICE
Bryan Adams	Rocking All Over The World	£30,000
Shane McGowan	We Didn't Start The Fire	£30,000
Mick Jones	Should I Stay or Should I Go	£20,000
Lulu and Jools Holland, with Sharleen Spiteri, Chrissie Hynde and Sam Taylor Wood on backing vocals	Shout	£35,000
Sharleen Spiteri and winning bidder	It Takes Two	£20,000
Nick Cave and winning bidder	Bootilicious	£70,000
Chrissie Hynde	Born To Be Wild	£20,000
Jools Holland and James Blunt	Summertime	£50,000
Elton John	Are You Lonesome Tonight	£110,000

With the audience baying for more, the Karaoke continued with an impromptu stampeding of the stage by **Jeff Beck**, **Chrissie Hynde** and **Bryan Adams** with their inimitable version of 'Wild Thing'. **Trinny Woodall** and **Laura Bailey** went for a Karaoke classic with 'Angels' whilst Issa's **Daniella Helayel** and her exotic sidekicks sexed things up with 'Rio'. **Theo Fennel** tapped into his inner Elvis, crooning his way through 'Can't Help Falling In Love' whilst **Siobhan Fahey** and **Pam Hogg** sung their hearts out to 'Sweet Child of Mine'.

Next came a sight many Londoners never thought they would see. Photographers to the stars **Richard Young** and **Dave Bennet** were summoned to the stage by **Chrissie Hynde** to perform 'It Takes Two' - a performance that whipped the crowd into state of pure frenzy.

Meanwhile **Tracey Emin** arrived to find her boyfriend **Scott Douglas** and her gallerist **Jay Jopling** singing backing vocals to **Pam Hogg's** 'Passenger'. Not one to be upstaged, Tracey jostled through the crowd and took her place at the microphone to belt out Blondie's 'Sunday Girl', wowing the crowd in a moment of sheer musical ebullience.

## HOPING FOUNDATION

Hoping stands for Hope and Optimism for Palestinians in the Next Generation. This next generation will be the key to peace. Hoping shows Palestinian children that their struggle to transform their lives is encouraged and supported by people in Britain and throughout the rest of the world. Hoping's grant application procedure seeks out projects and initiatives by community groups already working with children in the refugee camps and supports them, aiming to encourage and improve all aspects of the children's lives through art, music, social and sporting activities; and to help with their education and health.

## WHO

**300 guests attended, including:**

BELLA FREUD	ELTON JOHN & DAVID FURNISH
KATE MOSS	SHARLEEN SPITERI
JOOLS HOLLAND	MARIO TESTINO
TRACEY EMIN	NICK & SUSIE CAVE
BRYAN ADAMS	ROBERTO CAVALLI
DAN MACMILLAN & ASTRID MUNOZ	LULU
SAM TAYLOR-WOOD & JAY JOPLING	ELLE MACPHERSON
SHEHERZADE GOLDSMITH	MARY MCCARTNEY
MICK JONES	GILLIAN ANDERSON
LAURA BAILEY	JEMIMA KHAN
RHYS IFANS	CHRISSIE HYNDE
PAM HOGG	ESTHER FREUD & DAVID MORRISEY
DAVID & LUCY TANG	DINOS & TIPHAINE CHAPMAN
SALLY GREENE	JAMES BLUNT
TAMARA MELLON	MARLON RICHARDS
CAMILLA AL-FAYED	DAVID WALLIAMS
DAME SHIRLEY BASSEY	RACHEL ZOE
SHANE MCGOWAN	SADIE FROST

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