

Sharon Stone hosts Cannes AIDS benefit

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AP Photo: American actress Sharon Stone, left, and Australian singer Kylie Minogue perform on stage at amfAR's...

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MOUGINS, France - [Sharon Stone](#) played auctioneer, [Kylie Minogue](#) and [Julian Lennon](#) sang, and burlesque dancer Dita Von Teese did a saucy strip routine — all to raise money for [AIDS](#) research.

An annual benefit soiree on the sidelines of the [Cannes Film Festival](#) on Wednesday raised \$7 million for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR).

Stone, wearing a clingy silver dress, played hostess and fast-talking auctioneer throughout the night. When [George Clooney](#) and other cast members of "Ocean's Thirteen" came onstage to auction off a yacht vacation, Stone promised a bidder: "If you put up \$350,000, George will kiss you."

Clooney went through with it, and he and Stone sold two yacht vacations instead of one for a total of \$700,000.

Ivana Trump won a Francesco Vezzoli portrait of a teary-eyed Bette Davis for \$200,000. Claudia Schiffer and Naomi Campbell joined Stone onstage to auction off a package of fashion show tickets, for \$175,000.

Harvey Weinstein spotted Minogue at dinner and pulled her onstage to sing "The Loco-Motion" and "Can't Get You Out of My Head," which raised \$300,000.

Von Teese came onstage in cowgirl suit, complete with pink glittering hat, then stripped down to underwear, pink cowboy boots and strategically placed tassels. Instead of a bucking bronco, she rode atop a giant spinning lipstick.

The MAC Aids Fund, The Weinstein Co. and Bold Films were sponsors of the event.

Lennon closed the party with "Stand by Me."

The previous evening, a Cannes benefit dinner hosted by the "Ocean's Thirteen" cast raised \$9.2 million to help refugees from the Sudanese province of Darfur.

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