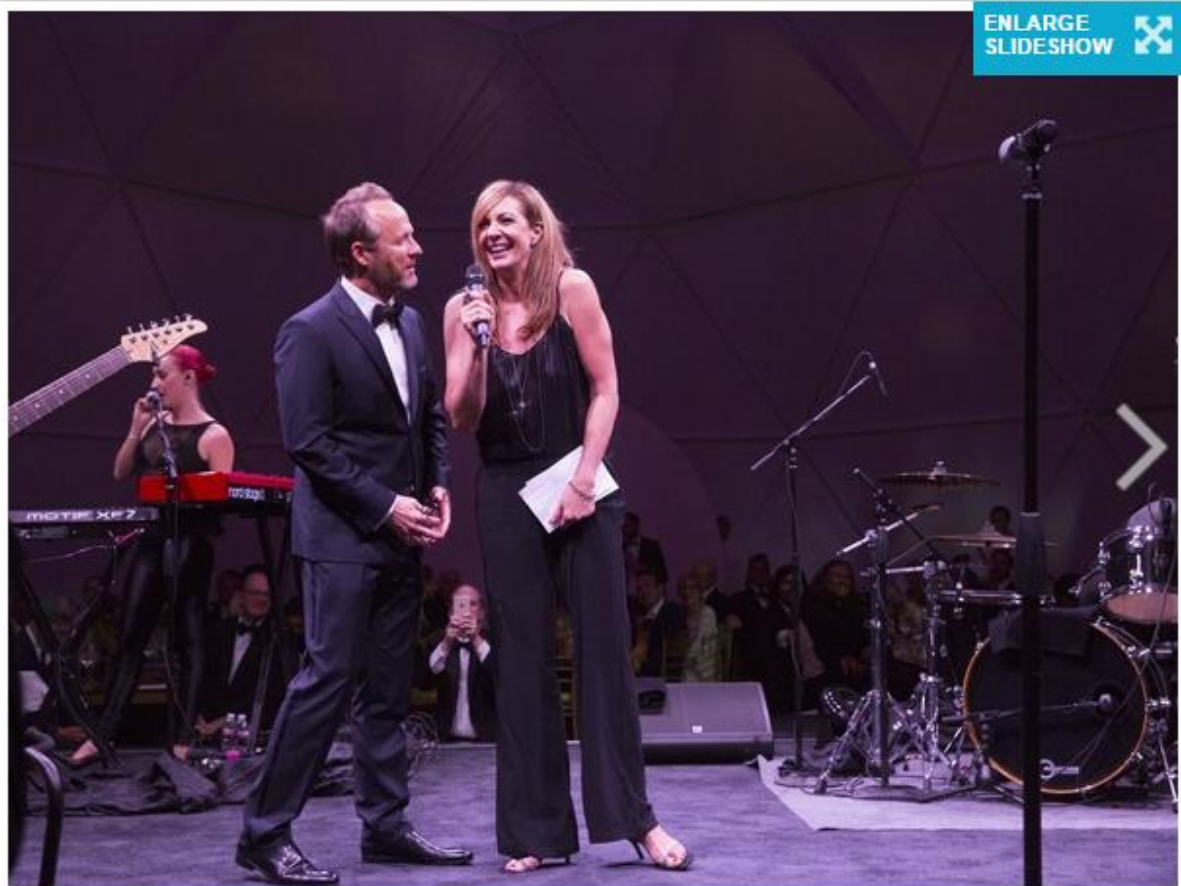


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Hollywood heavies weren't the only star attractions at Two x Two for AIDS and Art

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John Benjamin Hickey, Allison Janey Photo by Bruno



More than 450 elite arts patrons descended on the [Rachofsky House](#) for the 16th annual [Two x Two for AIDS and Art](#) benefit dinner and auction, which raised a record \$7 million for [amfAR](#), The Foundation for AIDS Research, and the [Dallas Museum of Art](#). This blockbuster black tie event, chaired this year by [Lisa and John Runyon](#), is hosted annually by [Cindy and Howard Rachofsky](#) at their Richard Meier-designed home.

For this rendition, [Todd Fiscus](#) of Todd Events executed a golden-hued theme within a 7,000-square-foot Freedom that seated all gala guests. Only Fiscus could pull off such a fantastic fête.

A work by [Wade Guyton](#), recipient of amfAR's 2014 Award of Excellence, fetched a record-breaking \$2.6 million at auction.

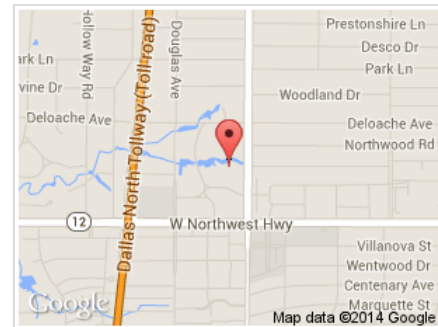
The evening began with a cocktail reception, where guests perused the silent auction of A-list works. That was followed by a seated dinner and the requisite thank yous by the Rachofskys, [Two x Two](#) director [Melissa Meeks Ireland](#), and award-winning actor and longtime [Two x Two](#) supporter [John Benjamin Hickey](#), who also served as gala emcee.

"Our heartfelt thanks go to the artists, gallerists and Two x Two supporters," Howard Rachofsky said. "Their generosity has allowed us to raise \$7 million, bringing our 16-year total to \$52 million. [Two x Two for AIDS and Art](#) continues to play a monumental role in fundraising for amfAR and the Dallas Museum of Art."

[Two x Two](#) is as known for the entertainment as it is for the fundraising, and this year did not disappoint. [CeeLo Green](#), Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and former *Voice* coach, won over guests with his funky, fresh and free-spirited performance — just as actor [Allison Janney](#) said he would when introducing him.

But perhaps the most memorable part of the evening came when Dallas Museum of Art curator of contemporary art [Gavin Delahunty](#) spoke about artist [Wade Guyton](#) and his work, which fetched a record-breaking \$2.6 million at auction. Delahunty was followed by [Eric Muscatell](#), vice president of development for amfAR, who presented Guyton with amfAR's 2014 Award of Excellence for Artistic Contributions to the Fight Against AIDS.

The annual black tie gala, part of a [week-long series of events](#), is the largest United States fundraiser for amfAR and the Dallas Museum of Art.



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