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ABOUT LAST NIGHT... FREE ARTS NYC'S ANNUAL ART AUCTION BENEFIT

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Free Arts NYC is always a highly spirited free-for-all in the charity auction genre. Phillips de Pury supplies enough drama at the podium to squeeze fabulous and shockingly enormous, generous bids from the guests. My head started spinning when the paddle rose to \$67,000 for one little item on the block, but nothing could have prepared me for the artistic statement one guest felt moved to make. Don't ask me what putting a plastic bag over one's head signifies. Guests in attendance included Michelle Monaghan, Erin Fetherston, Lindsay Price, Amy Sacco and Mary Alice Stephenson.



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