

TOWN TALK

# Star-studded Face the World gala rakes in record \$1.25 million

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**FRESH FACE:** A reported \$1.25 million was raised when Face the World gala-goers dined on **Umberto Menghi's** lobster-sauced ravioli and beef medaglioni at **Jacqui Cohen's** Point Grey waterfront home recently. Some of that record revenue came when neighbour and former NDP finance minister **Joy MacPhail** asked who wanted to donate moolah without bidding for auction items. Hands shot up, and \$180,000 rolled in.

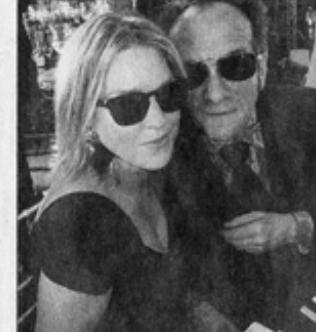
Nickelback singer **Chad Kroeger**, pianist-vocalist **Diana Krall** and singer-husband **Elvis Costello** attended but, unlike FTW co-founder and past attendee **Tom Jones**, did not perform. That was done by boogie-woogie pianist **Michael Kaeshammer** (on a Fazioli grand) and the city-based country-rock band of **Brook, Erica** and **Hayley McLean** and **Andrew Peebles**.



The setting sun blazed in as Aleisha Jones and Ania Piwko greeted guests at the Face the World gala.



Derek Frost and Jeremy Norman, who are yachting hosts of the Chasing Spring TV series, prepare for a cruise in Jacqui Cohen's Bentley.



Well-shaded Diana Krall and spouse Elvis Costello saw the 20th-annual Face the World gala raise a reported \$1.25 million.



Nickelback's Chad Kroeger escorted Kristen DeWitt to the Face the World gala, but did not sing there.