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MILLION-DOLLAR FUNDRAISER MATCHED THE VIEWS Rocker **Gene Simmons** and his wife, **Shannon**, along with their children, **Sophie** and **Nick**, were the special guests at **Jacqui Cohen's** 22nd annual Face the World Gala — a.k.a., Vanhattan's biggest house party. This year's lavish affair moved from Cohen's Point Grey Road home to her newly renovated NW Marine Drive mansion. A real sparkler, the 8,500-square-foot home built in the 1940s has gone through quite the facelift — like many of the 275 guests that attended the \$1,500-ticket charity dinner and auction.

Clad in a gorgeous Feizal Virani designed white gown, the Army and Navy heiress, along with her daughter **Kasondra** and mother **Marlene**, rolled out the welcome mat for the foundation's biggest fundraiser. The well-heeled and breast-dressed sipped on champagne, mixed and mingled before sitting down to a royal repast catered by **Harry Kambolis** and his C Restaurant crew.

Among the heavyweights in attendance were Canucks owner **Paolo Aquilini** and his wife, **Clara**; Seaspan Marine Corporation executive chairman **Kyle Washington** and his wife, **Janelle**; Brightlight Pictures president **Shawn Williamson** and his girlfriend, **Jessica Taylor**; The Futura Corporation CEO **Amar Doman** and his wife, **Natalie**; DDB Canada CEO and chairman **Frank Palmer** and his wife, **Marika**; Le Vieux Pin Winery principals **Sean** and **Saeedeh Salem**; Granville Entertainment Group owner **Blaine Culling**; Okanagan Land Development president and CEO **Derek Trethewey**; Lundin Mining chairman **Lukas Lundin**; and leading philanthropist **Leslie Diamond**.

A night with **Whoopi Goldberg**, a luxury weekend in New York and a Bentley one-year lease were but a handful of the lux packages up for auction that contributed to the million dollars raised that night.



Big Kiss

Jacqui Cohen welcomed musician and reality superstar Gene Simmons to her annual Face the World house party.



Jacqui's daughter, Kasondra Cohen, and her mother, Marlene, greeted guests at the charity event.



Social Credit matriarch Grace McCarthy and her husband, Ray, were among the gaggle of politicians who gathered at the Cohen home.



Grande dame of philanthropy Leslie Diamond raises a glass to Cohen's continuing efforts to help those in need in the Lower Mainland.



Sophie Simmons arrived at the Face the World fete in Elie Tahari. Sophie, along with her brother Nick, performed at the Cohen home.



Society darling Christie King rocked out in a safety pin Balmain black dress.



Clara Aquilini's Lanvin dress was a winner.

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