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***American in Paris* Star to Perform in *Breathless* Broadway Benefit**

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The June 6 Sardi's event will raise money to fight Pulmonar Hypertension.



Max von Essen

American in Paris star Max von Essen will perform at the second annual benefit concert *Breathless on Broadway*, to raise funds for research and awareness against the disease Pulmonary Hypertension (PH).

Taking place June 6 at Sardi's theatrical restaurant in New York, *Breathless on Broadway* will also include performances by Tony Award-winning actor Tony Danza (*Cats*, *Aladdin*, *Newsies*, *Billy Elliot*), Michael Lanning (*Bonnie & Clyde*, *Civil War*), Zachary Sayle (*Newsies*), and Zachary Rand. The benefit evening includes a red carpet, dinner and the show and will be co-hosted by Zach Rand (*Les Mis*) and TV and radio personality Jeffrey Hayzlett.

The evening will include a performance by the a cappella group *Switch*. Additional performers will be announced soon.

The benefit will include a silent auction featuring prizes, including dinner for two, tickets to a Broadway show and more.

Event organizers described PH as "a rare, chronic illness of the lungs that affects the functioning of the heart and can lead to heart failure. PH patients experience symptoms such as shortness of breath, dizziness and fatigue. While there's currently no cure, early diagnosis and treatment can help manage the disease."

14 FDA-approved therapies available to help patients live better lives. Without treatment, the survival rate is only 2

“Broadway (and Sardi’s) are normally dark on Mondays, but not on June 6. That Monday night will be all about raising awareness for this incurable disease, to honor those who live with Pulmonary Hypertension and remember those who have died from the disease. I am honored to co-host the evening’s festivities with Zach Rand so that others affected by the disease can live a better life.”

Breathless on Broadway will include red carpet arrivals beginning at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$150. The event is open to the public, but seating is limited. For additional information, visit [**Breathlessonbroadway**](#)