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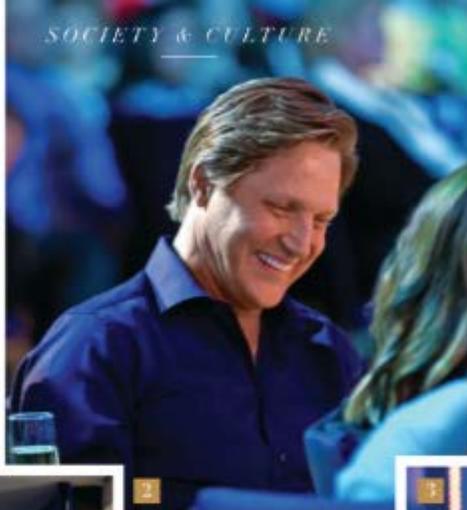
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ON BROADWAY

With a record \$378,770 fundraising total, the **Creating Hope** gala sets the stage for **Alzheimer's** Orange County's showstopping future.

1. Monique Ritchie jams with the band. **2.** Charles Antis is caught in the moment. **3.** Paul Short and Pamela Harper. **4.** Miranda Estrella takes in the silent-auction goodies. **5.** Actress and songstress Erin Mackey delivers tunes like "For Good." **6.** CEO Jim McAleer hugs his son, Joseph. **7.** Dave and Eydie MacInnis co-chair the eve with Jacqueline Dupont and Marc Carlson.



THE PARTY An audience of nearly 350 had the chance to see **Alzheimer's** Orange County's new name in lights when the nonprofit hosted its 18th annual **Creating Hope** fête at AV Irvine. Themed **Broadway Memories**, the event marked AOC's first gala since becoming an independent charity last year—and from the first act to the last, it got rave reviews. **THE GUESTS** Folks like **Lia** and **Victor Assad**, former *Woman of Style* **Charlotte Gadbois** (of *Sloane Street*) and CEO **Jim McAleer** began the evening by sipping cocktails and bidding on applauseworthy auction prizes (a \$2,000 Demi Lovato and Nick Jonas concert package was a hot ticket) before sitting down for the main event. And that set the scene with a musical revue straight from New York stages (*Wicked*, anyone?) and a ceremony honoring **Diane Mondini**, **Pat Soldano**, the **Sanchez family** and **Farmers & Merchants Trust Co.** for their dedication. **THE HIGHLIGHTS** By the time the curtain fell, a record \$378,770 had been raised—100 percent of which will stay in O.C. to support the organization's programs and services for the 84,000 locals affected by the disease. And that stole the show.