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### Elton John's Oscar Bash Rocks Out With Florence + the Machine

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Elton John

First to arrive at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Elton John AIDS Foundation Academy Awards Viewing Party was the host himself, [Sir Elton John](#). Tanned and relaxed from a recent vacation to Hawaii with baby Zachary and husband [David Furnish](#), John was all smiles as he talked about the family. As for rumors of [Lady Gaga](#) being named godmother, that's still in debate. "We haven't actually decided who's going to be godmother or godfather yet," John told reporters. As for expanding the family, that's something he and Furnish haven't considered yet either, "We're just getting used to this one," he laughed.

After 19 years of throwing his Oscar viewing party, John was pretty clear on what the night ahead held, including good food and entertainment. "After the first half hour, the show plummets to the depths of the earth," he said. "Then it gets interesting again towards the end. In the middle of the broadcast, people get up and socialize." Getting the audience to their feet after the show was Florence And The Machine. "She's a real, original British talent," said John.

[Florence Welch](#) started her moves early in the evening, making an appearance on the red carpet at Elton John's party before jetting off to the Kodak Theatre for an Oscar performance. "There are two of me," she joked to reporters. When asked about her nerves, Welch answered candidly. "I'm a bit nervous, so right before I go in, I'll probably be shaking." She was all smiles later, however, when taking the stage at West Hollywood's Pacific Design Center. Joining her midway through her performance was Sir Elton John, drawing eager fans away from the Godiva chocolate counter when strains of "Tiny Dancer" began.

Amped up, Welch got the audience bouncing to "Dog Days Are Over." Grooving to the beat along with John were [Glee](#) stars [Chris Colfer](#) and [Ashley Fink](#). Afterwards, they were joined by [Anne Heche](#) and [James Tupper](#).

Other celebs were still recounting their favorite moments from the evening. "None of my picks have gone right, but somehow I'm still happy," [True Blood's Ryan Kwanten](#) told [TV Guide Magazine](#). His favorite speech — "Natalie's (Portman). It seemed the most sincere."

[Glee](#) actress [Jessalyn Gislig](#) had [Javier Bardem](#) on the brain, especially when it came to the possibility of her character, Terri, reuniting with Will Schuester. "I don't know if he's worth getting to [TV Guide Magazine](#)." "I've heard Javier Bardem is coming on the show and I'm

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Also rumored to be making an appearance on the Fox show was Oscar co-host [Anne Hathaway](#). Her singing during the awards got rave reviews from [Garcelle Beauvais](#): "Her singing felt so authentic, like she was performing on Broadway."

[The Good Wife's Anika Noni Rose](#) had her faves for the night. "I was blown away by [Christian Bale](#) and [Melissa Leo](#)," she said. "I just want to hug Melissa Leo." Praise was in store for all the nominees, though from the Tony Award-winning actress. "There was some great competition in the categories," she told *TV Guide Magazine*. "I hope everyone felt like they won because they were up against formidable competition."

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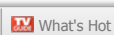
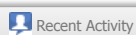
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