

Henrik Lundqvist Hosts An Evening Behind the Mask

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New York Rangers star Henrik Lundqvist is shining a light on his biggest protector: the goalie mask. (Although the mask wasn't able to protect him from the vascular injury that has sidelined him since last month.) On Friday night at the Helen Mills Theater, the dapper goalie, who was wearing a suit by Swedish brand Stephen F and shoes by Ferragamo, hosted an exhibition of "The Mask Collection." The exhibit showcased six goalie masks designed by celebrity friends on MSG Network's original series "The Mask With Henrik Lundqvist," along with the pièce de résistance: a Swarovski crystal-encrusted mask by artist Don Blanton. Each mask is being auctioned off for charity.

Henrik Lundqvist
Steve Eichner

"I've sold a couple of masks in the past when [Hurricane] Sandy hit," Lundqvist said. "We wanted to take that to the next level and involve other people to design a mask, and then we thought, 'Why not film this?'" Lundqvist added.

On the show, which started airing last month, the Olympic gold medalist sits down with Mario Batali, Michael J. Fox, Tiësto, Jeff Gordon and John McEnroe to discuss their careers and design a mask that's then realized by famed goalie mask painter David Gunnarsson.

Lundqvist, often called The King, held court with his expectant wife, Therese Andersson, and New York Rangers teammates Dominic Moore and Carl Hagelin. The event, which also included a screening of the series, kicked off the online auction, which will run through April. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Henrik Lundqvist Foundation and the Garden of Dreams Foundation.

No stranger to the fashion industry, Lundqvist recently starred in a Salvatore Ferragamo campaign, but he was mum about any other official brand partnerships.

"I have a lot of great friends in the fashion business. I've been working a lot with Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein over the last couple of years. We will see what happens," he said.

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