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Hugh Jackman honors mother-in-law



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Denise Rich may have recently given up her US citizenship, but she was embraced with open arms by New York society for her Gabrielle's Angel Foundation 2013 Angel Ball on Wednesday. Her annual soiree to raise money for cancer research was attended by a host of stars and socialites, including Hugh Jackman and wife Deborra-Lee Furness, Pharrell Williams, Usher and Martha Stewart. After Chaka Khan got the well-dressed crowd dancing, Jackman honored his mother-in-law Fay Duncan, president of the Fight Cancer

Foundation in Australia. The “X-Men” star said that when he asked Duncan for her blessing to marry Deborra-Lee, she told him that him supporting the fight against cancer was one of her requirements.

He added, “If you’re expecting an actor to start sucking up to his mother-in-law . . . you’re absolutely right.”

Other guests included Gabe Saporta and Erin Fetherston, Karolina Kurkova (who dressed in Simon de Pury’s suit and tie to honor him and still managed to look great), Star Jones, Salman Rushdie and Sal Strazzullo.

While many cooed over Rita Ora’s shimmering Donna Karan dress, also in their finery at Cipriani Wall Street were models Selita Ebanks, Jessica White, Angela Martini, designers Eva Cavalli, Nicole Miller, Dennis Basso, Tommy Hilfiger, socialites Inga Rubenstein, Dori Cooperman, Camilla Olsson and Cantor Fitzgerald’s Howard Lutnick.