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Plenty of Diversions at the Angel Ball

Sofia Vergara, Ryan Reynolds with Blake Lively and Kris Jenner Attend the Angel Ball

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It was a Monday night, but no one at the Angel Ball was in a hurry. Dinner wouldn't arrive until 10 p.m. and dancing would stretch until midnight at Cipriani on Wall Street. Angel Ball veterans knew the drill.

"I don't have anything until 11 tomorrow morning," said David Paterson, the former New York governor, gulping down a Bellini at the cocktail reception early on. "I should have sobered up by then."

He was most excited about Alicia Keys's performance (singing "No One" and "We Are Here"), but there were plenty of diversions before then. A pregnant Blake Lively showed up with her husband, Ryan Reynolds, and mingled alongside Kris Jenner, Star Jones and Tommy Hilfiger.

Kyle MacLachlan wasn't confident that he would make it the whole night. "If you see someone slumped over drooling on the table, that would be me," he said.

Mr. MacLachlan's old TV show, "Twin Peaks," is making a return after a 25-year absence. Would his character, Dale Cooper, come back on the Showtime reboot?

"According to what I've been hearing, next year we'll start filming at some point," he said. Well, he's thinks he'll be filming it. "I'm hopeful I'll be involved. It's not definite, definite, definite yet."

A few minutes later, Mr. MacLachlan joined about 780 other guests at their dinner tables, where they were served a plate of baked tagliolini (it would be another two hours before the steak arrived). The Angel Ball, which raised \$3.7 million for cancer research, is an auction and concert hosted by the socialite and musician [Denise Rich](#). As in previous years, she called upon numerous friends to provide entertainment.

Ludacris, Jamie Foxx and Nile Rodgers performed. Dozens, including Bethenny Frankel, danced wildly onstage alongside Mr. Foxx around midnight. "Ridiculous," Ms. Frankel screamed as she came down and went scrounging for dessert. Her favorite was Mr. Foxx's "Blame It."

"I mean, that's my life: Blame it on the alcohol," she said. "My whole career!" Ms. Frankel is returning to the "Real Housewives of New York" after four years away from the show. "It's fresh, new and exciting," she said of her return.

And has Ms. Frankel made up with Jill Zarin, a former cast mate and friend-turned-foe? She groaned and took a big bite of the vanilla meringue cake sitting in front of her.

"I'm not doing interviews tonight," she sniffed.

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