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## **Sardi's sing-a-long Annual benefit raises funds for good cause**

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Despite the night's serious mission of raising money for Alzheimer's, stars urged guests to "put on a happy face," at the 16th annual Night at Sardi's benefit March 5.

**Dick Van Dyke** brought the BevHilton crowd to its feet when he performed the "Bye Bye Birdie" classic with composer **Charles Strouse**. But it was Van Dyke who said he was impressed by the evening's other performers like **Jason Alexander, Kristen Bell, Vanessa Williams** and **Steven Weber**.

"They were as good as anything I've ever heard," he said. "They could take that one on the road -- it was that good."

On a more serious note, "Boston Legal" stars **Candice Bergen, John Larroquette** and **William Shatner** presented the Abe Burrows Entertainment Award to the show's producers **David E. Kelley** and **Bill D'Elia**.

"Tonight the ones we truly celebrate are the ones in the trenches who work every day to find a cure," Kelley said.

