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Our round-up of all that's going on this month

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## HELPING HAND

*Michelin-starred Indian restaurant Benares held a special fundraising dinner in support of Unicef's Pakistan Floods Appeal and the Pakistan Environment Trust.*

*Hosted by Ben Goldsmith and his sister, Unicef ambassador Jemima Khan, more than 100 guests – including mayor of London Sadiq Khan, record producer Naughty Boy and Pakistani writer Fatima Bhutto – attended the dinner in Mayfair's Berkeley Square with over £150,000 raised for both charities.*

*Vikas Nath, owner of Benares Mayfair, said: "The effect of the floods on Pakistan has been devastating to its population and environment. It was our pleasure to provide dinner to help support this fundraiser."*

## COLE CHECKS IN

Lloyd Cole has been appointed general manager of The Cavendish London. Lloyd joins the Jermyn Street hotel from St Ermin's Hotel in Westminster, where he was hotel manager. The Cavendish London has been a hotel on its present site since 1966 and was formerly owned by Rosa Lewis, better known as the Duchess of Duke Street.



## STARS IN YOUR EYES

Last month saw the fourth edition of Cure<sup>3</sup> at Bonhams, an initiative devised to raise cash and awareness for curative research into Parkinson's.

The preview was co-hosted at Bonhams by Tim Marlow, director of the Design Museum and Bonhams charity ambassador for 2023.

New additions for this year included 2D works and a specially-curated section of NFTs by generative artists, shown alongside the traditional Cure<sup>3</sup> format of original artworks created in or on 20cm<sup>3</sup> perspex boxes.

The opening event fetched £470,000 in sales – of which just over £200,000 came from NFTs. Sales included *And You Kissed Me* by Tracey Emin, which sold for £80,000.

Guests included artists Chris Levine and Ron Arad, who were among 96 major artists who featured in the exhibition.