

Dana Carvey, Tony Robbins, Lady Antebellum and Colin Powell unite for good cause



They streamed into the green room as if it were the cruise-ship stateroom from a "Night at the Opera."

Country rock trio <u>Lady Antebellum</u> and UCSF Med Center chief exec Mark Laret; Salesforce.com CEO Marc Benioff and wife Lynne; late night TV infomercial fixture Tony "The Motivator" Robbins – and <u>Dana</u> Carvey.

It may sound like a "Saturday Night" skit, but it was live from San Francisco – not New York – at the Bill Graham Auditorium last Thursday evening (Sept. 20, 2012).

The room was even more crowded when you include the Church Lady, stoner Garth Algar, Hans (of the goofball body-builder team, Hans and Franz), Neil Young, Presidents Obama, George Bush I and II, all looking a lot like Dana Carvey.

The main event featured a hilarious hour or so of standup by Dana Carvey, followed by Lady Antebellum in concert.

To paraphrase Woody Allen, "Sex and music are the most fun you can have without laughing." Which is the reason why Dana Carvey and Lady Antebellum didn't attempt to perform on stage at the same time: It's too hard to laugh and make music at the same time.



Dave Haywood, Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley of Lady Antebellum at the Benioff Children's Hospital in SF Sept. 20, 2012.

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Video: <u>Celebrity benefit concert for the</u> Benioff Children's Hospital

It's also hard to laugh while briskly trotting over 2000-degree coals, which is an integral part of Tony Robbins' four-day seminars. The peak performance coach has guided over two million people on fire, including Oprah Winfrey, Arianna Huffington and Olympic gold medalist Clarissa Chun.

Reports of injuries and chaos at a San Jose, Calif. event this summer appear to have been poorly reported and highly exaggerated.

Tony is donating <u>100% of the proceeds of his latest book</u>, "Pathways to Growth," to the Benioff Children's Hospital project.

The unlikely assemblage would be joined on stage later with San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, Calif. Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom and Gen. <u>Colin Powell</u>.

MC Hammer and will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas presided over the after party at City Hall. Those hoping to see the whole gang walk over hot coals may have felt a tad disappointed.

Proceeds for the sold-out event all went to a good cause: The **Benioff Children's Hospital at Mission Bay**.