

Grapes Under Pressure

THE GOOD BOYS FROM RUSH DO THEIR PART FOR HUMANITARIAN CAUSES



Working for a Cause: Alex Lifeson, Kevin McKenna, Michael Potters and Geddy Lee.

Rush fan or not, anyone who's

seen the documentary *Rush: Beyond the Lighted Stage* knows that these boys are sincere. Good Canadian boys, solid family men. Kind, intelligent, empathetic. They kick ass and rock hard, too. Naturally. When *CityBites* launched its first issue almost seven years ago, Geddy Lee kindly let us into his wine cellar for a tour. We posted the article and photos online, and Rush fans around the world crashed the server. Such is the band's reach and influence. So when they get behind a humanitarian cause such as Grapes for Humanity — Lee sits on the board — it's a significant vote of confidence. As our own Konrad Ejbich pointed out in our previous issue, Lee and Alex Lifeson hosted some Grapes for Humanity supporters during a tour of Prince Edward County earlier this fall where — at \$1,000 a ticket — they raised more than \$50,000. The group took a Via Rail train from Toronto to PEC, where Huff Estates and chefs Michael Potters and Kevin McKenna handled the hospitality. In previous years, the band has raised money via eBay auctions of memorabilia, special dinners and wine auctions. Such good boys, leading by example. Making their mamas proud.

For more on Alex and Geddy's Excellent County Adventure, please visit grapesforhumanity.com. Give generously, and watch for upcoming events.

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