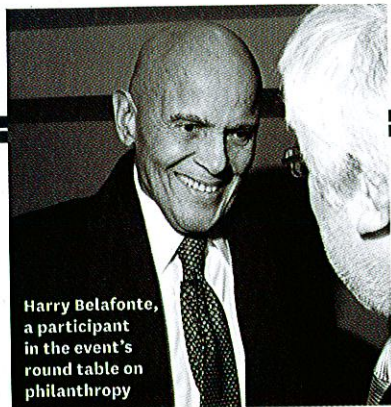


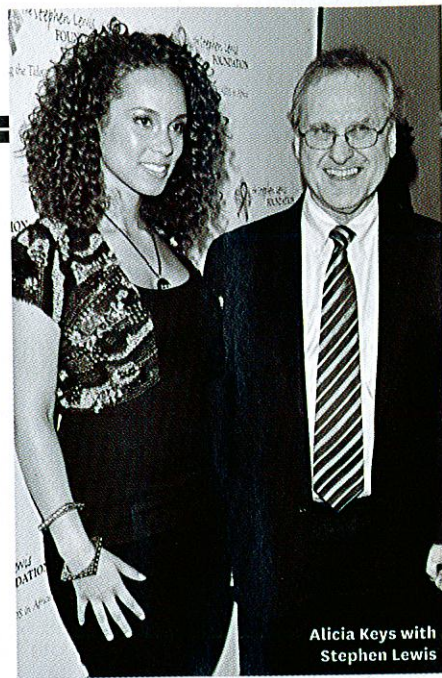
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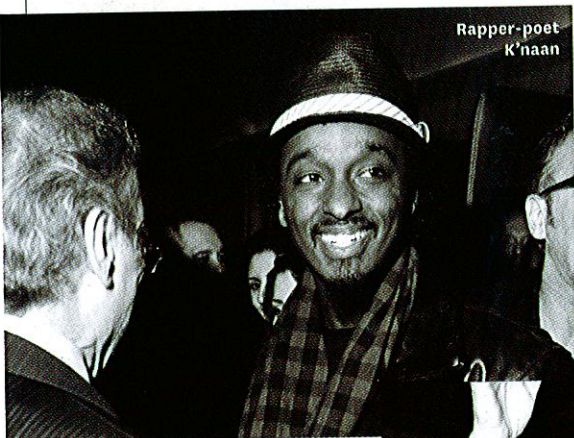
Harry Belafonte, a participant in the event's round table on philanthropy



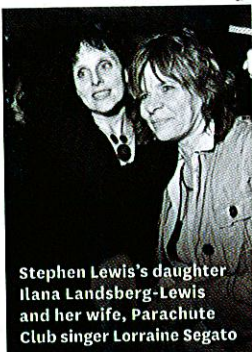
Afro-Cuban drum ensemble Iya Ire



Alicia Keys with Stephen Lewis



Rapper-poet K'naan

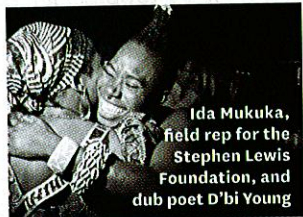


Stephen Lewis's daughter Ilana Landsberg-Lewis and her wife, Parachute Club singer Lorraine Segato

Hope Rising

May 3, Rosewater Supper Club. After-hours at the Rosewater usually means loose-tied Bay Street types swirling grand cru and planning their next hostile takeover—not the conga-beating, boogying and boisterous boozing that broke out at the after-party for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Hope Rising concert. Supporters poured into the decadent downtown resto following a fundraising show at the Sony Centre, which featured Alicia Keys, Rufus Wainwright, K'naan and July Black. The party peaked when a corps of conga drummers started playing along to the back-beat of the DJ set, enticing even the suits to shake a tail feather. Up on the mezzanine, K'naan was too preoccupied with fending off a throng of female fans to hit the dance floor. At the concert he'd brought fans onstage to sing his anthem "Wavin' Flag"; mercifully, no sloppy renditions were attempted in his honour at the after-party.

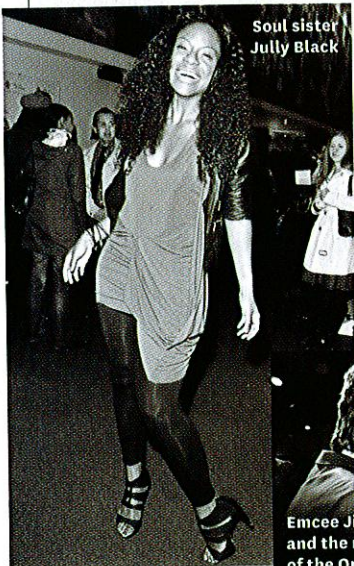
—Fraser Abe



Ida Mukuka, field rep for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, and dub poet D'bi Young



Queen of fashion week Robin Kay



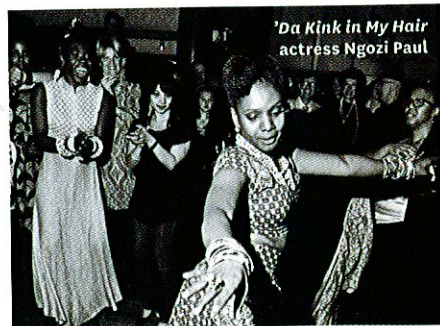
Soul sister July Black



Emcee Jian Ghomeshi and the new first lady of the Opposition, Olivia Chow



Chanteuse Holly Cole



'Da Kink in My Hair' actress Ngozi Paul