

## TAKE ME TO TOKYO

The US Equestrian Team Foundation gala raised \$1.5 million.

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**BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN** brought the crowd to its feet and helped the United States Equestrian Team (USET) Foundation during the "Take Me to Tokyo" fundraising gala held in January in Wellington, Florida.

● More than 500 guests attended the gala event, chaired by Springsteen and Patti Scialfa and hosted at Deeridge Farm by honorary chairmen Lou and Joan Jacobs, to raise funds to support the US Equestrian Teams headed to the **2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games**. ● Springsteen and Scialfa offered live auction donations of a Harley Davidson motorcycle and a Fender guitar, both personally autographed to the winning bidders by "The Boss" himself. Springsteen took the stage to help auction off the items, inciting higher bids by offering to start singing if the value reached a certain point. In the end, the two items raised more than \$300,000—enough for Springsteen and Scialfa to take over the stage and bring the sold-out crowd onto the dance floor.

**Clockwise from top left:** (Photos: Jump Media.) Chrystine and George Tauber; Bruce Springsteen; Lou and Joan Jacobs; McLain Ward; Carol Hoffman and Anne Kursinski; USET Foundation President Jim McNerney; Beezie Madden (center left); Sarah Davis Kessler and Murray Kessler; Springsteen's motorcycle; Dr. Stephen Norton and Martha Jolicoeur; Robin and Gerry Parsky and Jacqueline B. Mars.

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