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Stars turn out for Venice Arts



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Actress Ellen Burstyn and Venice artist Michael Linarte, 11, look at photos taken by Burstyn in South Africa. Linarte, as well as other artists, were on hand at Bergamot Station in Santa Monica this past weekend for a photographic art exhibit. It was part of a fundraiser for Venice Arts and Nkosi' Haven, a South African-based charity that provides care and education to HIV/AIDS afflicted mothers and children. There was a live auction featuring photographs taken by actress Alyssa Milano in the summer of 2000 while she was there shooting a film. Venice Arts raised money from the photographs several of their youth had taken while attending the United Nations World Conference Against Racism last year. The weekend's event, which drew more than 1,000 people, raised tens of thousands of dollars.