

George Michael portrait by Damien Hirst sells for \$580,000

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A portrait of the late George Michael by artist Damien Hirst has sold for just under half a million pounds at a charity auction.

The money raised from the sale of Beautiful Beautiful George Michael Love Painting will go to HIV/Aids charity The Goss-Michael Foundation.

The charity was founded by Michael and his former partner Kenny Goss.

Goss <u>posted an image of the artwork on Instagram</u>, writing: "Amazing result of \$580,000 (around £461,011)."

He described Damien Hirst as a "superstar", adding: "Thank you Damien!"

The canvas went under the hammer in Dallas, Texas, at the MTV Re:define charity gala.

Michael, who enjoyed a lucrative pop career as one half of duo Wham before embarking on a successful solo career, <u>died on Christmas Day</u> last year at the age of 53.