The Michael J. Fox Foundation Gala
AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA
HOTEL, N.Y.C.

Minute-by-Minute Recap

7:00 P.M. Cocktail hour kicks off, and it’s packed with stars mingling at this fund-raiser for Parkinson’s research. Looking at more than 1,000 guests, Michael J. Fox is touched. “It’s like getting a warm hug from everybody.”

8:19 P.M. Host Denis Leary introduces comedians Tina Fey and Amy Schumer. “I asked my sister if the jokes about my online X-rated adventure were inappropriate for tonight,” Schumer says. “She told me they weren’t.” (The audience loves them.)

9:06 P.M. Dinner is served: balsamic-glazed chicken and hand-shaved brussels sprouts. For dessert? More laughs, with stand-up by Jim Gaffigan and Seth Meyers.

10:14 P.M. Time for music! Chris Martin launches into his set with a cover of Cole Porter’s “Night and Day.” “I’ll start mellow and give you a minute to digest,” says Martin, “because you’ll all be standing up soon.”

10:29 P.M. Right he is: When Fox, electric guitar in hand, joins Martin onstage, the crowd gets up.

10:42 P.M. After rocking the six-song concert, folks start heading out... knowing the night has raised $5.5 million. “It’s exciting that so many people support this,” says Savannah Guthrie. “And I got to see Ryan Reynolds!” —MARIANNE MYCHASKiw

Fox’s Fan Club

“I am so inspired by Michael and this organization,” says RYAN REYNOLDS, in Gucci, with his wife, BLAKE LIVELY, in Oscar de la Renta. “And oh, yes, everyone worships at the altar of Back to the Future.”

WHO’S THE REAL MARTY McFLY?

“This is what I look like now,” jokes Tina Fey, dressed as Fox’s unforgettable Back to the Future character. “I don’t have a TV show anymore—I have to do my own hair,” she says before presenting the beloved actor. “We can’t all be Blake Lively!”

“I wore this top for literally 10 seconds on set, so that made it OK to wear again, guys!” —TINA FEY, in Jason Wu, with SETH MEYERS

“...was so obsessed with Michael that basically, I can sing the whole theme song but not now!” —SAVANNAH GUTHRIE in Marc Jacobs