



**\$1 million+**

**Mariah Carey gets paid to sing "Happy Birthday"!**

Mariah Carey took a break from her European tour and reportedly received a seven-figure paycheck just to perform at the birthday party of a wealthy businessman in Russia.

# What it

Celebrities are making millions of dollars just by showing up at parties



**\$50,000+**

# costs to hire a star

In his movie *Wedding Crashers*, Owen Wilson showed up to parties uninvited, but if you want Owen to crash your bash in real life, it will set you back \$100,000! That's what he was reportedly paid by Mercedes-Benz to hang out at a couple of polo matches the car company sponsored in the Hamptons last summer.

Owen is one of a number of A-list celebrities who accept exorbitant fees to make an appearance or perform a song or two at events. In May, Destiny's Child charged a reported seven figures to sing at billionaire Philip Green's son's bar mitzvah. And British financier Peter Shalson spent an estimated \$3.5 million to have Elton John perform at his 2001 wedding. "It's a raging trend; having a celeb at your event gives it the awe factor. All my clients are asking about it," says party planner Steve Kemble, who adds that it can cost \$50,000 just to get a star to and from the party. "But if you want a story that guests will be telling for the rest of their lives, it's worth it."

*In Touch* explores how much it costs to hire a star and which celebrities command the highest prices.

**◀ Lindsay plays poker — for a price!**

In Miami for the MTV Video Music Awards, Lindsay Lohan reportedly accepted a \$50,000 fee just to attend a Yahoo! Music party and play a few hands of poker.



**\$13 million+**

**▲ The Rolling Stones gather lots of cash!**

The band got as much as \$11.5 million to play for 400 guests at a 60th birthday bash in Las Vegas. That's a bargain — they were paid a reported \$13 million for a mere 40-minute gig at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in London!



**\$500,000+**

**▲ Halle shakes her butt for Wal-Mart!**

Halle Berry denies she was paid \$500,000 to bare her breasts in *Swordfish* — but the *Revlon* rep is believed to have received a figure close to that amount to lead the Wal-Mart cheer at a shareholders meeting!



**\$2 million+**

**▲ Christina turns wedding singer!**

For an estimated \$2 million, Christina Aguilera was flown to the south of France by private plane to sing for an hour at the wedding of billionaire Andrei Melnichenko. "There wasn't a dry eye in the house when she sang 'Beautiful,'" says a witness.



**\$200,000+**

**▲ Paris rents out her fame and sells out her name!**

It reportedly costs \$200,000 to rent Paris Hilton for a 20-minute appearance. But payment doesn't guarantee that she'll show up on time: The diva was six hours late to the opening of her own Club Paris in Orlando, Fla.

## Who makes the most per hour?

Making a party appearance is easy money for any star, but some do better than others. Party planner Steve Kemble, who has booked stars like Paula Abdul for his events, estimates what you'd pay to have a star like one of these come to your party.

**Reality star**

**\$5,000 - \$10,000** for a reality TV *Survivor* star like Richard Hatch.

**Early '90s star**

**\$15,000** for a former big-time star like Vanilla Ice.

**Teen star**

**\$20,000 - \$35,000** for a teen queen like Raven-Symone.

**Soap star**

**\$50,000 - \$75,000** for a daytime TV diva like Susan Lucci.

**Music star**

**\$1 million** for a pop princess like Britney Spears.

**A-list star**

**More than \$1 million** for a huge superstar like Jennifer Aniston.