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Diamond jeans impress at auction

The Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) has thanked Kimberley Fine Diamonds and indigenous artist JuJu Wilson for helping to raise more than \$200,000 at the Jeans for Genes Celebrity Art Auction.

JuJu Wilson's *Turtle Dreaming* was hand painted on jeans donated by Miss World Australia Sabrina Houssami. The jeans were then scattered with diamonds by Kimberley Fine Diamonds based in Kununurra, Western Australia.

The wearable diamond jeans went under the hammer for \$5,000 after Aussie Home Loans won a spirited bidding war for the impressive artwork.

An elegant white gold diamond pendant donated by Kimberley Fine Diamonds to a silent auction on the evening went to a lucky private bidder for an undisclosed amount.

The Jeans for Genes Art Auction, themed 'Dare Devil Demins', was held on Thursday, July 13 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney with the glamorous MC Chris Bath and the fast talking radio host Ray Hadley whipping the crowd into a bidding frenzy.

The jeans went to auction among an esteemed selection of artworks featuring celebrities and their jeans.

The artworks included: Leonardo Di Caprio by Cherry Hood, Craig Parry by Bob Baird, Kurt Russell by Ben Brown, Diane Keaton by Kathryn Longhurst, Jennifer Hawkins by Elizabeth Barden, Michael Caton by Max Mannix, Sir Richard Branson by Andrew Mangelsdorf, Brigitte Bardot by Hugh Oliveiro, Eric Bana by Nicholas Huxley, Dame Edna by Robyn Caughlan, Eva Longoria by Wendy Arnold, Arnold Schwarzeneger by Gary Fleming, David Copperfield by Tony Priddle, Ashley Judd by Yvonne Sherring-Howard, Roy Slaven by Paul Dorin, HG Nelson by Robyn Ross.

The Art Auction is the largest of the events held by the CMRI in the lead-up to the annual nationwide Jeans for Genes Day, which this year will be held on Friday, August 3.

Funds raised assist scientists working to identify and prevent genetic diseases and other disorders in children including leukaemia, muscular dystrophy, and cystic fibrosis. Visit www.jeansforgenes.com.au to find out more.

Kimberley Fine Diamonds is the major sponsor of Miss World Australia Sabrina Houssami.

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