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Celebrity Award to Elton John

OSLO: The Norwegian Gay and Lesbian Community presented "The Gay Celebrity Award 1995" to Elton John while he was here on tour early June.

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The Award, a lithograph by the Norwegian gay artist **Øyvind Rauset**, was presented to Elton John during a ten minute séance just prior to entering the stage for his second performance at the Oslo Spektrum concert hall. Delighted and honoured, Elton John said he would display the lithograph in his gym, together with all his erotic art.

Siri Kvalheim from the local gay organisation LLH said that because of his openness and commitment, Elton John has made an important contribution to a number of gays and lesbians world wide. "He is a role model for many young homosexuals, and as such is helping many young people come to terms with their own sexuality," Kvalheim said. She also mentioned Elton John's involvement in Aids awareness, where, as she said, "he through his commitment brings to the world a message of love and compassion."