George Michael portrait by Damien Hirst sells for $580

000 "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 posted an image of the artwork on Instagram 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 died on Christmas Day last year at the age of 53.