



CLOSEUP

STAR HAVEN OSCAR WEEK PORTRAITS



Above: David Hyde Pierce at Haven in Los Angeles. **Above, from left:** Brian Smith's portraits of Paula Abdul, Alyssa Milano, Alfre Woodard, and Phillip Bloch. **Right:** Smith's portrait of Kim Kardashian. **Far right:** Smith shoots David Hyde Pierce in the Haven studio.



The stars came out in Hollywood during Oscar Week in February, and we were proud to be a part of the glamour. *American Photo* and the Creative Coalition, the premiere non-profit, non-partisan social and public advocacy organization of the arts and entertainment community, partnered to create a public service advertising campaign enlisting celebrities in support of funding for the arts. It all happened at Haven, an exclusive event produced and co-hosted by *American Photo* and co-sponsored by Sony and the Digital Days Workshops. There, celebrities were photographed by Brian Smith, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer who is part of the Sony Artisans of Imagery group. An additional shoot was also held in New York City in March. Smith was assisted by technicians from Splashlight Studios, and equipment was provided by Samy's Camera in Los Angeles and Splashlight in New York. Smith's portraits and quotes from each photographed celebrity will be part of a special-edition book edited by *American Photo* and published by Blurb that will be used in a presentation to Congress. —DAVID SCHONAUER

