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Reese Witherspoon's and Steve Harvey's daughters make their debut at Bal des Debutantes in Paris

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While New Orleans was aswirl with its own debutante scene - Bachelors' Club and Debutante Club presentations --- over Thanksgiving weekend, across the Atlantic Ocean in Paris, France, a group of young ladies made their debut on Saturday, Nov. 25 at the 25th annual Bal des Debutantes in Paris, a number of major news outlets reported.

This year's debutantes included: **Ava Phillippe**, daughter of Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe and **Lori Harvey**, daughter of Steve Harvey.

This isn't the first time Hollywood royalty as been presented at the ball: Scout and Tallulah Willis, the daughters of Bruce Willis and Demi

Moore and Ella Beatty, daughter of Annette Bening and Warren Beatty have made their debuts at the ball in previous years.

Founded in 1992 by French PR person Ophelie Renouard, le Bal has become one of the major social events worldwide. In addition to Ava Phillippe and Lori Harvey, the 2017 le Bal debutantes - who are also known for wearing couture gowns for the presentation--include: United States: **Paris McCaw, Lily Webster, Charlotte Bell,** and **Laila Blavatnik**; Brazil: **Maria Pia de Jong-d'Orleans et Bragance**; Spain: **Princess Amina Martinez de Irujo y Casanova**; Belgium: **Princess Natasha d'Arenberg**; Europe: **Alice de Sejournet de Rameignies**; Italy: **Princess Costanza Pallavicini Duchess Diaz della Vittoria** and **Marquesa Giacinta Brivio Sforza**; Japan and France: **Helena Alesi**; China (Hong Kong): **Alice Ho**; and India: **Ananya Panday**.

The ball isn't only about presenting young ladies, according to le Bal's website, it also raises funds to two charities that help young women: "the NYC-based **Seleni Institute**, a nonprofit organization providing care, information and research funding critical to

supporting the mental health of teenage mothers; and **Enfants d'Asie**, which promotes young girls' education in Southeast Asia. Every year, the donations received from le Bal have funded a year of schooling for 1,100 disadvantaged girls in Laos, Cambodia and the Philippines."

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