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T.J. Martell Foundation Announces Spirit of Excellence Awards Los Angeles

Arthur Fogel, Doc McGhee and Ben Silverman to be Honored and a Special Memorial Tribute to Gary Haber

Tuesday - September 23rd, 2014 – Hyatt Regency Century Plaza

Los Angeles, California – (August 27, 2014) - The T.J. Martell Foundation for Leukemia, Cancer, and AIDS Research announced the **Spirit of Excellence Awards** to be held Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at The Hyatt Regency Century Plaza. The honorees include **Arthur Fogel**, Chairman of Global Music & President of Global Touring Live Nation, **Doc McGhee**, Founder & CEO of McGhee Entertainment and **Ben Silverman**, Founder & Chairman of Electus. The late veteran entertainment business manager, **Gary Haber** will be honored with a very special memorial tribute.



Arthur Fogel will receive the **Entertainment Visionary Award**, Doc McGhee will receive the **Music Industry Achievement Award** and Ben Silverman will receive the **Entertainment Achievement Award**. A special memorial tribute will take place for **Gary Haber**. The Spirit of Excellence Awards will bring together music and entertainment leaders, top business executives and celebrities. It is a important fundraising event for the T.J. Martell Foundation, allowing the organization to continue its vital work of funding cutting edge research hospitals at top national hospitals.

As Chairman of Global Music and President of Global Touring at Live Nation, Arthur Fogel oversees the company's music division in its acquisition of live musical events around the world. Fogel personally oversees many of the company's largest tours. He has produced numerous successful tours for artists such as U2, Madonna, Lady Gaga, The Police, Sting, David Bowie, Neil Young, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Rihanna, Justin Timberlake, Beyonce, Sting & Paul Simon and many others. Fogel began his career in 1981 with the Toronto-based company, Concert Productions International (CPI). In 1996 he was appointed President of the Concert Division, a position he held until 1995. He joined SFX in 1986 which was acquired by Clear Channel Entertainment in 2002 and subsequently, Live Nation which was spun off from that in 2005.

Ben Silverman is an Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning show creator and media executive. He is the Founder and Chairman of Electus, a next generation studio. Electus was launched in 2009 in partnership with IAC, a leading internet and media company chaired by Barry Diller. Since the company's inception Silverman has executive produced major network and cable and he is currently in production on several new series. He is also producing the feature film "Hands of Stone," the biopic of Robert Duran starring Robert DeNiro, Usher and Edgar Ramirez. Silverman recently received the 2014 Award of Excellence in Digital Innovation at the Banff World Media Festival. Prior to launching Electus, Silverman served as Co-Chairman of NBC Entertainment and Universal Media Studios from 2007 to 2009.





Legendary manager Doc McGhee has spent over three decades in the music industry brilliantly overseeing the careers of bands and artists including KISS, Bon Jovi, Mink DeVille, Night Ranger, James Brown, Diana Ross, Hootie & The Blowfish, the Scorpions, Skid Row, Guns N' Roses and Motley Crue. McGhee produced the now infamous Moscow Music Peace Festival in 1989 and he was cast in the 2006 VH1 reality series "SuperGroup" which also starred band members Sebastian Bach, Jason Bonham, Scott Ian, Ted Nugent and Evan Seinfeld. McGhee's company opened an office in Nashville in 2006 and currently manages KISS, Guns N' Roses, Ted Nugent, Night Ranger, Darius Rucker, Chris Cagle, Jypsi, Drew Davis, Meghan Kabir, Jeremy Lister, the Carter Twins and others.

In April of 2014, the entertainment industry lost one of their most respected business managers, Gary Haber. As a special memorial tribute during the Spirit of Excellence Awards will honor his life and service. His clients included Carrie Underwood, Peter Frampton, Julianne Hough, Joe Cocker, Lynyrd Skynyrd and screenwriter Les Bohem. Haber was one of Hollywood Reporter's 2013 Power Business Managers. Haber established the Haber Corp. in 1977 and then opened a branch in Nashville as his client roster of country music artists grew. In 2000, he joined forces with Mark Robertson to open Haber & Robertson International LLC, based outside of Paris. Throughout his career Haber supported many charitable endeavors, including serving on the West Coast Board of Directors of the T.J. Martell Foundation.



The T.J. Martell Foundation Spirit of Excellence Awards will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 beginning at 6pm with an exclusive cocktail reception and silent auction and dinner, awards and entertainment at 7:30pm. The event takes place at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza located at 2025 Avenue of the Stars in Los Angeles. Tables and tickets are limited and can be purchased by calling 818-905-7785. More information on the Spirit of Excellence Awards is at www.tjmartell.org. The event is sponsored by Billboard Magazine and Hollywood Reporter.

ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION:

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's largest foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding cures for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. The Foundation, headquartered in New York, is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$260 million dollars for research that supports top hospitals in the United States. For more information log on to www.tjmartell.org, www.facebook.com/tjmartellfoundation, www.twitter.com/tjmartell, www.pinterest.com/tjmartellfndn <http://instagram.com/tjmartellfoundation/>

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