

## PHOTO ALERT

# PHOTOS & HIGHLIGHTS FROM T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE DINNER

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L to R: Richie Sambora and Orianthi Attend & Perform at T.J. Martell's Spirit of Excellence Dinner



Multi-platinum selling artist Andy Grammer reminded attendees why we can celebrate life on this dark day (referring to the Las Vegas tragedy).



4 hand painted guitars signed by various celebrities were auctioned off to raise money for cancer research

**LOS ANGELES (Oct. 3, 2017)** – In the midst of tragedy, last night platinum selling duo **RSO** (featuring platinum selling **Richie Sambora and Orianthi**) and multi-platinum selling pop artist and songwriter **Andy Grammer** joined the T.J. Martell Foundation and over 300 attendees to honor leaders in the medical and music communities while raising awareness and funds for cancer research.

Those recognized at the **Live Nation** event included **Greg Thompson, President of Maverick, Amy Howe, COO of Ticketmaster** and her family and **Dr. Robert Seeger, Principle Investigator, Cancer Research Program Director, Cancer Research Program 1989-2017, at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.**

The sold out banquet was hosted by iHeart Radio personalities Lisa Foxx and Clarence Barnes and the crowd enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by the Luxe Hotel and participated in a live silent auction. Items auctioned off included a Tuscan vacation for 4, Bordeaux Wine package for 2, AMA & ESPY Award Show tickets. Other auction items included concert packages, music memorabilia and golf and luxury travel packages.

But the highlight of the evening that brought people to their feet, was when the big reveal was made featuring **four T.J Martell Foundation GuitarTown Kids guitars: one signed by the judges on NBC's The Voice- Adam Levine, Blake Shelton, Jennifer Hudson and Miley Cyrus and the other autographed by award-winning artist Pink.** The uniquely painted guitars will be auctioned off on Charitybuzz later this month to fund pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Additional memorable and colorful moments throughout the event included:

- **“It’s hard to celebrate in times like these, but we need to stand together, hold hands and walk together,”** shares a solemn Richie Sambora from the stage alongside Orianthi.
- RSO performed some legendary classics and brand new songs from their **EP Rise**, out now.
- Honoree Greg Thompson, President of Maverick, received sweet words from **Noah Cyrus** and **Katy Perry** via video feed sharing their love for their friend and all he has done for them and their career.
- **Andy Grammer** opened up about losing his mother to breast cancer back in 2009 as to why he feels personally touched by the work of the T.J Martell Foundation.

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**About T.J. Martell Foundation:**

*The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's leading foundation dedicated to funding innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The Foundation 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 \$280 million for research at seven flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information on the T.J. Martell Foundation visit [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org).*

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