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**T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION HONORS MUSIC & MEDICAL INDUSTRY  
EXECUTIVES FOR THEIR FIGHT AGAINST CANCER AT ANNUAL  
SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE DINNER IN LOS ANGELES**

**HONOREES INCLUDED:**

**SCOTT RODGER, CEO OF QUEST MANAGEMENT & MAVERICK PARTNER**

**GARY SMITH, CO-FOUNDER OF POLLSTAR**

**DR. DEEPA BHOJWANI, DIRECTOR OF LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA PROGRAM AT  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES**

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**Oct. 23, 2019 (Los Angeles, Calif.)**-- Music and medicine came together last night at the T.J. Martell Foundation's sold out Spirit of Excellence Dinner held at the Sunset Luxe in Los Angeles to raise funds for the foundation's cancer research programs at flagship hospitals across the US, including Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The non-profit organization honored Scott Rodger, CEO of Quest Management & Partner of Maverick, Gary Smith, Co-Founder of Pollstar and Dr. Deepa Bhojwani, Director of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

The dinner was hosted by comedian Bill Bellamy for his second year in a row who delighted guests with a special comedy set and featured a special performance by Atlantic/ Gold Tooth Records singer / songwriter Charlotte Lawrence. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by the Sunset Luxe and had the opportunity to participate in live and silent auctions where they could bid on various items and experiences including Hollywood movie premieres and television tapings, award show tickets to the GRAMMYS, ACMS and TONYs, exclusive trips to Monte Carlo, Cabo and Hawaii, Superbowl tickets, and more.

The event was sponsored by **Universal Music Group, CBS Entertainment and No Expectations**, and the event Committee was co-chaired **Jack Sussman**, Executive Vice President, Specials, Music and Live Events, CBS Entertainment and former Warner executive and industry veteran, **Larry Mattera**.

Others in attendance included leaders from some of the biggest companies in the business, including Maverick, Universal Music Group, Columbia Records, Warner Records, Warner

Recorded Music, Academy of Country Music, CBS Entertainment and Billboard to name a few, all joining together to help make a difference in the fight to end cancer.

**Additional memorable and colorful moments throughout the event included:**

- Michelle Jubelirer, COO of Capitol Music Group presented Scott Rodger with the T.J. Martell Foundation Spirit of Music award.
- Dan Steinberg, Co-founder of Emporium Presents presented the Spirit of Excellence Legacy Award to Pollstar Co-founder, Gary Smith
- Guests learned about the transformational research of Dr. Deepa Bhojwani who was honored for her research aimed at developing more effective treatments for pediatric cancer, with fewer side effects.
- Breakout artist Charlotte Lawrence entertained the crowds by singing three of her hits including “Navy Blue.”

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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 nine 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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