

We the Peoples|

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Thank you to the United Nations Foundation and its board members — and thank you, Hans, for your introduction and partnership with TIME over the years.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize all of my colleagues at TIME — many who are here tonight — as well as our co-owners and co-chairs Marc and Lynne Benioff, our partners, our customers, and the audiences that we serve around the world. Thank you for trusting us, for reading us, and for supporting us.

And congratulations to all of tonight's honorees!

At TIME, we are dedicated to covering the leaders shaping our world. And we have the incredible honor to tell your stories.

- Jacinda...you first appeared on TIME's cover in 2020 for commanding the world's attention...you've written for TIME...and you were named to TIME's list of the 100 Most Influential [People] in the world TWICE.
- Amanda...you were first featured on the cover of TIME in 2021 as the youngest Inaugural poet in U.S. history and for captivating the world with your powerful poem, "The Hill We Climb."
- Angélique...TIME was proud to recognize you on the TIME100 Most Influential Person in 2021 for the impact you have made through music.

And these are just a few examples of so many who are here tonight that we have had the privilege to spotlight throughout the years.

It's an honor to stand beside you on behalf of TIME, accepting this award. This is what we do. These are the stories that drive us. TIME is defined by the people we write about and who we write for.

And, it's a reflection of the responsibilities we have as a trusted media brand today.

At TIME, we are committed to being part of the solution. We understand that trust isn't a given — it is earned through an unwavering dedication to accuracy, balance, and transparency.

I want to recognize our newsroom — and our Editor-in-Chief, Sam Jacobs — who work tirelessly on this effort. TIME continues to serve as a place where people find meaning, guidance, and community.

As the world can feel polarizing and divided, our trusted journalism isn't just important — it's essential. And it is accessible and available to anyone in the world for *free*.

Thank you for this incredible honor and for recognizing the power of TIME in building a better future.

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