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The Library of American Broadcasting Foundation Unveils the 2023 Giants of Broadcasting & Electronic Arts Award Recipients

New York -- September 19, 2023 -- The Library of American Broadcasting Foundation (LABF) will recognize distinguished industry leaders for lifetime achievements during the 2023 Giants of Broadcasting & Electronic Arts luncheon and awards ceremony. The annual event will take place at 11:30am - 2pm on Tuesday, November 14th at Gotham Hall in New York City.

The *ceremony, produced for LABF by the International Radio & Television Society Foundation* (IRTS), was created by LABF, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the past, reflecting the present, and informing the future. The awards presentation celebrates the remarkable creators, innovators, leaders, performers, and journalists who have blazed trails in the radio and television broadcasting industry.

To date, LABF has honored more than 200 leaders in broadcasting since the event's inception back in 2003. Net proceeds from the luncheon will support the preservation and expansion of the Library of American Broadcasting collection, which is curated at the University of Maryland. Considered among the largest of its kind, the Library of American Broadcasting plays a vital role in growing, preserving, and providing access to archives that highlight broadcasting's profound influence on culture and history throughout the world.

"This event celebrates the 'best of the very best'," said LABF Co-Chairs Heidi Raphael and Jack Goodman. "We are absolutely thrilled to pay tribute to and recognize these outstanding individuals for their many trailblazing contributions on behalf of the media industry and American culture."

The 2023 Giants of Broadcasting & Electronic Arts honorees are:

CAROLINE BEASLEY

CEO

Beasley Media Group

WOLF BLITZER

Anchor, *The Situation Room*

CNN

JUJU CHANG

Co-Anchor, *Nightline*

ABC News

DAVID E. KENNEDY

Co-Founder & Managing Director

Aspire Ventures LLC

ERIC SHANKS

CEO & Executive Producer

FOX Sports

VALARI DOBSON STAAB

Chairman

NBCUniversal Local

NINA TOTENBERG

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Additional honorees will be announced in the very near future.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will also support IRTS' student training and diversity initiatives. Sponsorship opportunities, tables and individual tickets may be purchased by contacting Joyce Tudryn at joyce@giantsofbroadcasting.com.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING FOUNDATION (LABF):

The **Library of American Broadcasting Foundation (LABF)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization **dedicated to preserving the past, reflecting the present and informing the future.** The LABF was created to honor the remarkable creators, innovators, leaders, performers, and journalists who have brought the electronic arts to the prominence they occupy in the United States and the world today, and who have set the stage for the future. In addition, the organization serves the philanthropic purpose of supporting the Library of American Broadcasting, the nation's most extensive collection of broadcast history, policy, and tradition, including historical documents, professional papers, oral and video histories, books, scripts, and photographs preserved at the University of Maryland. For more information, please visit www.tvradiolibrary.org.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION SOCIETY FOUNDATION, INC. (IRTS FOUNDATION):

The **International Radio and Television Society Foundation, Inc. (IRTS FOUNDATION)** is a 501(c)(3) charity, which brings together the wisdom and power of today's leaders to train and educate the next generation of media and communication professionals through its many educational programs and diversity initiatives. **JOIN US IN OUR MISSION TO BUILD FUTURE LEADERS AND INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE MEDIA INDUSTRY.**

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