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## FOREIGNER ADDED TO THE ALL ROCK-STAR LINE UP AT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION NEW YORK HONORS GALA

*TRAIN'S PAT MONAHAN JOINS THE ORIGINAL MTV VJ'S NINA BLACKWOOD, MARK  
GOODMAN AND ALAN HUNTER FOR THE "TOP 40" THEMED ANNUAL EVENT*

***CELEBRATING THE FOUNDATION'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY***

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015 – CIPRIANI WALL STREET**

**New York, New York – (September 23, 2015) – The T.J. Martell Foundation,** “Music’s Promise for



A Cure,” has announced a night of Top 40 performances for this year’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T.J. Martell Foundation **New York Honors Gala** to be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Cipriani Wall Street. The theme of the highly anticipated star-studded event is “Top 40” and will be hosted by

original MTV VJ’s Nina Blackwood, Mark Goodman and Alan Hunter. Legendary rock band **Foreigner** has been added to all rock-star performance line-up along with REO Speedwagon and Train’s Pat Monahan.

With ten multi-platinum albums and sixteen Top 30 hits, Foreigner continues to propel sold-out tours and album sales exceeding 75 million. Responsible for some of rock n’ roll’s most enduring anthems including “Juke Box Hero,” “Feels Like the First Time,” “Urgent,” “Head Games,” “Hot Blooded,” “Cold As Ice,” “Dirty White Boy,” “Waiting for a Girl Like You” and the worldwide #1 hit “I Want to Know What Love Is” and the worldwide hit “I Want to Know What Love Is” Foreigner continues to rock the charts.



At Foreigner's core is founder and lead guitarist Mick Jones along with lead vocalist Kelly Hansen, bass guitarist Jeff Pilson and multi-instrumentalist Tom Gimbel. The band was founded in 1976 and hasn't stopped recording or touring ever since. Their debut album and every album to follow gave Foreigner hits and impressive Billboard chart runs including record-breaking song sales and a legion of loyal fans worldwide.

Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter Pat Monahan, recently named the National Spokesperson of the Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will also perform. Monahan is best known as the lead vocalist for the band Train.



The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honors Gala will honor John Amato, Co-President of Guggenheim Media's Entertainment Group, Bruce Bozzi Sr., Co-Founder and Co-Owner of the Palm Restaurants and Palm Restaurant Group, Wally Ganzi, Co-Founder and Co-Owner of the Palm Restaurants and Palm Restaurant Group, Janice Min, Co-President and Chief Creative Officer of Guggenheim Media's Entertainment Group, Dinesh Paliwal, Chairman, President and CEO of HARMAN International and John Varvatos, Chairman of John Varvatos and President and CEO of John Varvatos Records. In recognition of further research and medical treatments the Foundation will also announce the newly created Clive Davis Research Fellow Award, an annual grant bestowed upon a young investigator whose dedication has made innovative strides and extensive research in cancer and AIDS.

**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 \$270 million dollars for research that supports top hospitals in the United States. For more information click on the T.J. Martell Foundation go to [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org). Visit [www.facebook.com/tjmartellfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/tjmartellfoundation), [www.twitter.com/tjmartell](https://www.twitter.com/tjmartell), [www.pinterest.com/tjmartellfndn](https://www.pinterest.com/tjmartellfndn), <https://instagram.com/tjmartellfoundation/>

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