

NASHVILLE HONORS GALA

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THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY LAUREN ALAINA, NATALIE GRANT AND JEFF FOXWORTHY AT THE 10TH ANNUAL NASHVILLE HONORS GALA

CHARLES ESTEN WILL RETURN AS HOST

Event set for March 26 at the Omni Nashville Hotel with proceeds benefiting cancer research



Clockwise from top left: Natalie Grant, Charles Esten, Lauren Alaina, Jeff Foxworthy.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (January 29, 2018) - The T.J. Martell Foundation has confirmed that Natalie Grant, Lauren Alaina and Jeff Foxworthy will join the 10th Annual Nashville Honors Gala on March 26, 2018, at the Omni Hotel. "Nashville" star Charles Esten will return to host the event, that honors outstanding community leaders and benefits cancer research.

This year's honorees are:

Janet Ayers - Lifetime Humanitarian Award

David Poile - Spirit of Nashville Award

Frank Bumstead - Frances Preston Outstanding Music Industry Achievement Award

Mike Smardak - Tony Martell Outstanding Entertainment Achievement Award

Dr. James Netterville - Medical Research Advancement Award

The Nashville Honors Gala is the T.J. Martell **Foundation's** premier event that pays tribute to outstanding community leaders. The Gala features special musical performances and heartwarming presentations that celebrate the **evening's** honorees. The 10th Annual T.J. Martell Nashville Honors Gala is chaired by Danielle Bouharoun and David Kells, along with Honorary Co-Chairs Sondra and Doug Cruickshanks. Sponsors of this year's event are Lipman Brothers and Morris Light & Sound. The Nashville Honors Gala has netted more than \$3 million since its inception in 2009.

"The 2018 T.J. Martell Nashville Honors Gala solidifies the common bridge between **Nashville's** business, medical, sports and entertainment communities," Bouharoun said. "Our honorees are so deserving and continue to grow and change the landscape of Middle Tennessee. This is the Foundation's signature event for the Southern Region and it will be a memorable night."

Table sponsorships and tickets are available by contacting (615) 256-2002 or emailing tmoffat@tjmartell.org. Visit www.tjmartell.org for more information.

About the T.J. Martell Foundation:

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music **industry's** leading foundation that funds 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 eight flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information, please visit www.tjmartell.org.

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