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The T.J. Martell Foundation Names John Esposito the 2017 Ambassador of the Year

(NASHVILLE, TN) — March 27, 2017 — The **Wild West Comedy Festival** presented by Bud Light, in association with Netflix, returns to Nashville from April 17th - 23rd for its fourth year. The annual event features some of the funniest comedians in the world who will perform in various venues throughout the city.

For the second year in a row, the **Wild West Comedy Festival** and the **T.J. Martell Foundation** will join forces to present the 4th Annual “**Ambassador of the Year**” **Roast & Toast**.

This year celebrates the career achievements of music executive **John Esposito**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Warner Music Nashville. The night of “roasting & toasting” for the **Ambassador of the Year**, a.k.a. Bad-A\$\$ of the Year, will again take place at **Zanies** on **Monday, April 17th**. Doors open at 4:45 pm while the fun begins at 5:30 pm. A few “roasters” who are rumored to take part in the special night are Troy Tomlinson, President & CEO, Sony/ATV Music Publishing; legendary artist manager Doc McGhee; Brian O’Connell, Live Nation’s President of Country Touring, and renowned artist John Oates with more to be announced soon. Also making a special guest appearance will be the 2016 Bad-A\$\$ of the Year, Mike Dungan, UMG Nashville’s Chairman & CEO.

The annual **T.J. Martell Foundation’s “Ambassador of the Year”** event celebrates the individual who has risen to the top of their field through commitment, dedication and perseverance. This recognition is presented to a skilled and gifted professional who is respected by seasoned industry veterans and serves as a mentor to the next generation of rising young executives who are following in their footsteps.

Sponsorships, Tables and individual Tickets are on sale [HERE](#). Seating is limited and guests are encouraged to secure their seats early. For more information please contact Tinti Moffat at The T.J. Martell Foundation at 615-256-2002 or tmoffat@tjmartell.org.

About the T.J. Martell Foundation

The T.J. Martell Foundation is a national organization founded by the music industry, whose mission is to fund innovative leukemia, cancer and AIDS research at flagship hospitals in the United States. To learn more about the T.J. Martell Foundation, please visit www.tjmartell.org.