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## The Stars Come Out for the T.J. Martell Foundation Spirit of Excellence Awards Los Angeles

### Legendary Rock Icons Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons of KISS Named Presenters

*Live Nation President, CEO, and Director Michael Rapino Also Named Presenter*

*Performers include Sara and Sean Watkins of Nickel Creek and Actress/Comedian Kate Flannery - Actress Julianne Hough to Attend*

*Tuesday - September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 – Hyatt Regency Century Plaza*

Los Angeles, California – (September 19, 2014) - The T.J. Martell Foundation for Leukemia, Cancer, and AIDS Research announced legendary rock icons **Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons** of **KISS** will present longtime manager and business partner, **Doc McGhee** with the **Music Industry Achievement Award** at this year's **Spirit of Excellence Awards** to be held Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at The Hyatt Regency Century Plaza. McGhee joins other honorees **Arthur Fogel**, Chairman of Global Music & President of Global Touring Live Nation, and **Ben Silverman**, Founder & Chairman of Electus. The late veteran entertainment business manager, **Gary Haber** will also be honored with a very special memorial tribute.



Also announced to perform is **Kate Flannery**, best known as the actress who portrayed the alcoholic Meredith Palmer on NBC's hit show **The Office** and part of the comedy act **The Lampshades**. Joining Flannery as performers at the highly anticipated event is **Sara and Sean Watkins** of the platinum selling progressive bluegrass group, **Nickel Creek**. Nickel Creek originally released six albums between 1993 and 2006 breaking out in 2000 with the platinum selling self-titled album produced by Alison Krauss where they also earned a GRAMMY and Country Music Award. Actress **Julianne Hough** will be amongst the guests at the event.





The T.J. Martell Foundation Spirit of Excellence Awards will also honor Arthur Fogel who will receive the **Entertainment Visionary Award**. **Michael Rapino**, President, CEO, and Director of Live Nation and #4 on Billboard's 2014 Power 100 will present the award to **Fogel**. **Ben Silverman** will receive the **Entertainment Achievement Award**. A special memorial tribute will take place for **Gary Haber**.

The Spirit of Excellence Awards will bring together music and entertainment leaders, top business executives and celebrities. It is an important fundraising event for the T.J. Martell Foundation, allowing the organization to continue its vital work of funding cutting edge research hospitals at top national hospitals.

The T.J. Martell Foundation Spirit of Excellence Awards will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 beginning at 6pm with an exclusive cocktail reception and silent auction and dinner, awards and entertainment at 7:30pm. The event takes place at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza located at 2025 Avenue of the Stars in Los Angeles. Tables and tickets are limited and can be purchased by calling 818-905-7785. More information on the Spirit of Excellence Awards is at [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org). The event is sponsored by Billboard Magazine and Hollywood Reporter.



#### **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 \$260 million dollars for research that supports top hospitals in the United States. For more information log on to [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org), [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) <http://instagram.com/tjmartellfoundation/>

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