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# MUSIC'S PROMISE FOR CURING CANCER, THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION'S 43RD ANNUAL NEW YORK HONORS GALA

## ***AWARD WINNING ACTOR ROBERT WUHL ANNOUNCED AS PRESENTER FOR HONOREE DREW NIEPARENT***

**New York, New York – (September 25, 2018)** – The T.J. Martell Foundation, the national non-profit charity that provides funds for innovative cancer research has announced actor, comedian and writer Robert Wuhl as a presenter for the October 15th 43rd Annual New York Honors Gala. Co-chairs Jay Brown of Roc Nation, Steve Gawley of Universal Music Group, Jody Gerson of Universal Music Publishing Group, and Chairman of the T.J. Martell Foundation's National Board of Trustees Joel Katz of Greenberg Traurig as well as New York's prominent community and business leaders will join entertainment and philanthropic stars to honor Jeffrey Harleston, Universal Music Group's General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs, and Drew Nieparent, Founder of Myriad Restaurant Group. Wuhl will present Drew Nieparent) with the Lifetime Business Leadership Award that evening. Jeffrey Harleston, General Counsel and Executive Vice President of Business & Legal Affairs for Universal Music Group will also be honored with the Lifetime Music Industry Award.



The 43<sup>rd</sup> New York Honors Gala will be held at Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York. The elegant evening will open with a reception and tempting auction items ranging from musical memorabilia, collectible wines, luxury dining and travel experiences. The event is always sold-out and is the Foundation's primary fundraiser of the year, supporting its mission of funding innovative medical research and treatments focused on finding a cure for cancer. The evening includes surprise guests invited by the honorees to perform and present awards.

Robert Wuhl is the creator and star of the hit television comedy series "Arli\$\$." As an actor he has appeared in box office hit films including Tim Burton's Batman (1989), Hollywood Knights (1980), Flashdance (1983), Good Morning Vietnam (1987), Bull Durham (1988), Blaze (1989), Cobb (1994), The Bodyguard (1997) and numerous others. Wuhl also appeared in Madonna's "Material Girl" video and won two Emmy Awards for Outstanding Writing in a Variety Series for his work on the Oscars. He has hosted a radio program and appears on a variety of television programs.

Past hosts, presenters, performers, and notable guests have included Bryan Adams, Indie Arie, Garth Brooks, former President William J. Clinton, former President George H. W. Bush, Clive Davis, Foreigner, Joe Jonas, DJ Khaled, Doug Morris, Bill Murray, REO Speedwagon, Sting, Stevie Wonder, Yoko Ono and many other luminaries. Past honorees have included John Amato, Irving Azoff, Steve Boom, Scott Borchetta, Jennifer Breithaupt, Drew Carey, Charlie Daniels, Clive Davis, John Esposito, Berry Gordy, Randy Jackson, Quincy Jones, Joel Katz, Monte and Avery Lipman, Kenny Loggins, Arnold Palmer, Bea Perez, the late Frances Williams Preston, Sarah Stennett, Julie Swidler, Carrie Underwood, Afo Verde, Russell Wallach, Brett Yormark, among many others.

For tickets, sponsorship or more information, please visit [www.honorsgalanewyork.org](http://www.honorsgalanewyork.org).

## **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 on the T.J. Martell Foundation visit [www.tjmartell.org](http://www.tjmartell.org).

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