

# The Black Music Industry Gathers to Celebrate the Living Legends Foundation's Honorees with Special Guest Appearances by Cathy Hughes, Kelly Rowland, Bobby Brown, Tito Jackson and More



(Los Angeles, CA – October 8, 2019) – The Black Music and Entertainment industries gathered to celebrate the 2019 Living Legends Foundation's honorees at the Taglyan Complex in Hollywood with special guest appearances by multiple award winners Cathy Hughes, Kelly Rowland, Bobby Brown, YoYo, Freda Payne, among others. Famed musician Tito Jackson performed music from this album, Tito Time including his new single, "One Way Street."

This year's event chairpersons were husband-and-wife team Ray Chew and Vivian Scott Chew of Chew Entertainment. The awards ceremony was hosted by DeDe McGuire, award-winning radio personality of the nationally syndicated show DeDe In The Morning.

"Once again, this year's sold-out awards gala proved the importance and purpose of the Living Legends Foundation and its mission," says David C. Linton, Chairman of the LLF. "Across the board, we've increased the growth and development of the organization's revenue and overall brand awareness. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are grateful and would like to thank everyone for their continued

support over the years.â€

The 2019 distinguished list of honorees includedÂ Dyana Williams,Â the co-founder of Black Music Month, and the CEO of Influence Entertainment, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented by Urban Oneâ€™s founder Cathy Hughes. In her speech, Williams shared the importance of using our collective voices as global ambassadors of the music/entertainment community.

Music pioneerÂ Sidney Miller,Â founder and publisher of BRE magazine (Black Radio Exclusive), was presented with the A.D. Washington Chairmanâ€™s Award by LLF Chairman David C. Linton. Miller shared the importance of ownership and legacy building. Miller is currently working on his forthcoming book,Â Backstage with Black Music in America, and making plans for a BRE Conference Reunion. He is also opening the Adderley School of Music (Cannonball and Nat Adderley) at the historic HBCUâ€™s Florida A&M University.

Entertainment executiveÂ Phil Thornton, Senior Vice President/General Manager of RCA Inspiration, was presented with the Gospel Music Executive Award by Grammy Award winner and Destiny Childâ€™s member Kelly Rowland. The under forty honoree inspired the audience with his vision for the future.

Maurice White,Â Vice President of Promotion of eOne Entertainment Group, received the Music Label Executive Award, presented by his daughter, Alexis White and Shadow Stokes. Williams shared the importance of God, family, and community. Legendary Public Relations executiveÂ Karen Lee, Senior Vice President of W&W Public Relations was presented with the Media Executive Award by Gail Mitchell, music journalist and LLF Advisory Board member. Leeâ€™s storied career demonstrates the importance of loyalty, longevity, and professionalism and how all are essentials in business.

Broadcast ownerÂ Hymen ChildsÂ of Service Broadcasting Group

received the Broadcast Icon Award, which was accepted by Geo Cook, Operations Manager of K-104, who shared Childs's™ longtime commitment to black music, black radio, and the black community.

Former music executiveÂ Sheila Coates, founder and creator of BYOBÂ€“Be Your Own Brand, was presented with the Entrepreneur Award by LLFÂ€™s founder Ray Harris. The ten-year business owner not only showed how she stepped out on faith, but how she managed to transition into another career. She shared how tapping into your individuality is the key ingredient to success.

Dedra N. Tate,Â CEO and President of Unlimited Contacts, received the Mike Bernardo Executive Award, which was presented by rap legend and radio host YoYo. Tate, a multi-talented entrepreneur, is also part of the team to open the Universal Hip Hop Museum in 2023 in the Bronx, New York.

Radio broadcast legendsÂ Frank SkiÂ of V-103 Radio Atlanta; andÂ Steve Hegwood, CEO and President of Core Communicators, were presented with the Jerry Boulding Radio Executive Award by Amy Witherite and Elroy Smith respectively. Both career broadcasters have given back to their communities in many ways and have made and continue to make significant contributions to the next generation of broadcasters.

For additional information on the Living Legends Foundation, please clickÂ [HERE](#).