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STAR-STUDED LIST OF PRESENTERS AND GUESTS JOIN *THE PALEY HONORS:* *A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO TELEVISION'S COMEDY LEGENDS*

Unforgettable Evening will Celebrate Some of the Greatest Comedic Moments in Television and Honor Comedy Legends Carol Burnett, Norman Lear, Bob Newhart, Carl Reiner, and Lily Tomlin

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Hearst to Serve as Co-Chair

Beverly Hills, CA, November 19, 2019 – The Paley Center for Media today announced a star-studded lineup of presenters and guests who will participate in this year's *The Paley Honors: A Special Tribute to Television's Comedy Legends*. The event will take place on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills.

This year's *Paley Honors* celebration will pay tribute to the enduring creative impact of comedy legends **Carol Burnett, Norman Lear, Bob Newhart, Carl Reiner, and Lily Tomlin**. For acknowledgement of their pioneering work in television, each will receive the *Paley Honors* award which is presented to individuals or series whose achievements have been groundbreaking and whose body of work has consistently set the bar for excellence.

The evening will also highlight television comedy's unique ability to remind us of our shared humanity through the power of laughter, with special salutes to television milestones in scripted comedy series, stand-up, late night, and sketch/variety series.

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"Laughter and television each have a way of bringing people together, so it's only fitting that this year's *Paley Honors* celebrates both," said Maureen J. Reidy, the Paley Center's President and CEO. "We're honored to welcome this incredible list of comedy legends, presenters, and guests for what promises to be an unforgettable evening."

"It surprises and thrills the hell out of me to be in the company of these elderly folk," said Norman Lear.

"I am thrilled to be honored with such distinguished company," said Bob Newhart. "Even my wife is impressed."



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And said Lily Tomlin, “Well, this is just dandy!”

Proceeds raised from this year’s *Paley Honors* event will support the creation of the Paley Center’s Comedy Collection, a unique compendium of programs and groundbreaking comedic moments across eight decades of television, which will be preserved as part of the Paley Archive, the world’s largest publicly accessible archive of TV and radio programming. The evening will also benefit the Paley Center’s ongoing Education Programs.

Hearst will serve as Co-chair; Annenberg Foundation, CBS Corporation & Showtime Networks Inc., Facebook, and Shapiro/West Productions will serve as Benefactors; and Patron support is provided by some of the most influential media and entertainment companies including: Amazon Prime Video, AMC Networks, Berlanti Family Foundation, BET Networks, The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation, Creative Artists Agency, Deutsch LA, Endemol Shine North America, EPIX, Fox Corporation/Fox Entertainment, Fremantle, FTI Consulting, HBO, Hulu, Lionsgate, Marilyn and Jeffrey Katzenberg, Michael Kassan/MediaLink, Janice Min, MSGCI, NBC Entertainment, Netflix, Nickelodeon, Nielsen, OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network, Mary Parent, PwC, Sony Pictures Television, Verizon, Walt Disney Television, WarnerMedia, Warner Bros. Television, World Surf League, YouTube, and Ziffren Brittenham.

The Paley Honors production team is led by Paley Center President & CEO Maureen J. Reidy and Chief Programming Officer, Executive Vice President Diane Lewis.

For additional event information, including how to purchase tables, tickets, and ads, please visit paley.me/lahonors2019.

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About The Paley Center for Media

The Paley Center for Media, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with locations in New York and Los Angeles, leads the discussion about the cultural, creative, and social significance of television, radio, and emerging platforms. Drawing upon its curatorial expertise, an international collection, and close relationships with the leaders of the media community, the Paley Center examines the intersections between media and society. The general public can access the Paley Center’s permanent media collection, which contains over 160,000 television and radio programs and advertisements, and participate in programs that explore and celebrate the creativity, the innovations, the personalities, and the leaders who are shaping media. Through the global programs of its Media Council and International Council, the Paley Center also serves as a neutral setting where media professionals can engage in discussion and debate about the evolving media landscape. Previously known as The Museum of Television & Radio, the Paley Center was founded in 1975 by William S. Paley, a pioneering innovator in the industry. For more information, please visit paleycenter.org.