

PAUL OAKENFOLD WAS HONORED AT THE ESTEEMED 2017 ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS

Three-Time Grammy Award Nominated DJ/Music Producer Received the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, February 27, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Three-Time Grammy Award-nominated DJ/music producer Paul Oakenfold was presented the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award at the 2017 Entrepreneur Awards on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Allure Event Center, 6939 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91405. The event will brought together celebrities, top visionaries and more than 300 entrepreneurs from Los Angeles and around the world to celebrate the spirit, vision and heart of entrepreneurism as well as the positive impact it brings to families and communities everywhere.

"I was very grateful and pleased to be honored at the 2017 Entrepreneur Awards," Oakenfold said. "Being an artist and entrepreneur, I have a deep affinity to the work and struggle that it takes to create a unique brand and share your vision with others."

The event also presented Kenn Phillips, President and CEO <u>The Valley Economic Alliance</u>, with the Lifetime Leadership Award and honored Richard Elden, CEO of dbest products, who recently appeared on ABC's "Shark Tank" and earned \$350,000 investment from show panelist and billionaire investor Mark Cuban. Elden received the event's Visionary Award.



Awardee Paul Oakenfold with Lousine Karibian, Founder and CEO of The World Networks. Photo courtesy of Albert L. Ortega/Gettyimages

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The guests and the press called us 'The Oscars for Entrepreneurs'...that's a great accomplishment! Thanks to all who made it possible,"

Lousine Karibian, Founder and CEO of The World Networks the award to Paul Oakenfold who has done so much with his music and his entrepreneurial spirit around the world," said Lousine Karibian, founder and CEO of <u>the World Networks</u> ,which is presenting the event. "People like Kenn Phillips and his amazing leadership of the Valley Economic Alliance and Richard Elden and his creative storage solutions, are great inspirations to entrepreneurs and all of us who want to encourage innovation and the spirit of entrepreneurship."

The World Networks was established in 2012 as a networking organization aimed at bringing together entrepreneurs, visionaries and business people to create a central place for them to share their talents, connections and business opportunities. "Our goal is to bring people from around the country and around the world together to share ideas, opportunities and creativity to build a dynamic community of entrepreneurs that will ultimately help improve our communities and our quality of life," said Karibian.

Oakenfold is one of the true superstars of dance music and remains one of the leading forces in the world music scene today as a three-time Grammy nominated artist who has gone from opening London's Ministry of Sound label in the early 1990s to selling more than five million records. Among the artists he has worked with are Madonna, U2, Nelly Furtado, Ice Cube and others. In April, Oakenfold and his friends will make the journey through Nepal's remote villages to Mount Everest for a ground-breaking live concert event at an altitude of 5,350 meters, called "Soundtrek."

Besides Oakenfold, a number of noted entrepreneurs received awards including Anthony Cohen, CEO- Chairman of Bridgegate Films, Hollywood Licensing Group, Bridgegate Films Shanghai, Stearns Cohen Media Group and Hollywood and Me.com; Author and Social influencer Ivy Ejam, Philanthropist and Managing Partner of Zero G Colony Josh Heffler, and Fashion Designer Sai Suman. Other recipients are Iskander Lemseffer, Founder, LAB ART, the Largest Street Art Gallery In The World, Ford Austin, Actor, Academy Award Qualified Filmmaker, Producer, Lifetime Member of The Actors Studio, SAG **Convention Delegate & Producers Guild** of America, Investor, and Philanthropist, Tiphany Adams, Reality TV Personality, Actress, Model, Motivational Speaker, Entrepreneurial Project Speaker-Life & Fit Coaching, Anoush Sadegh, Sales & Marketing Director, Mercedes Benz of Encino, Peter Grant Yahiayan, Advocate



Presenter Chester Chong with Awardee Faith Harrington-Boutin, Managing director of FVM Global Magazine. Photo courtesy of Nima Darabi Bakhtiari



Awardee Ford Austin, Presenters Mark Sevier and Chester Chong, Awardee Sai Suman and Presenter Vida Ghaffari. Photo courtesy of Albert L. Ortega/Gettyimages

for Young Entrepreneurs, Real Estate and Financial Business, Philanthropist, Faith Harrington-Boutin, Entrepreneur and Journalist, Managing director of FVM Global Magazine, Advocate for non-profit organization, Fashion Group Intentional and Louise Mardirossian Gill, TV Host, Public Relations,

Board of Directors - various law enforcement agencies, Advocate for Cultural Arts, Fundraiser for various non-profit organizations, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist.

"I am truly proud to be named the 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year. Thank you to Lousine Karibian and her organization for shining a light in my life's work. Being an entrepreneur requires a person to come from a place of hope, belief in a bright future and overall positive outlook on the world in general. In addition, connecting with like minded people can ensure success in almost every field. The World Networks organization is a great equalizer in that aspect," said awardee Ford Austin.

Presenters for this gala were TV personality Kelly Nishimoto, Casting Director and Talent Manager Valerie McCaffrey, President of the Chinese American Chamber of Commerce in LA, Chester Chong, Chairman IFSM (International Fashion Super Model Committee) and GFA (Golden Film Award Committee) Michael Tse, Entrepreneur and Co-founder of the Nollywood Awards, Mark Sevier, and Actress, Voice Over Artist and fashion blogger Vida Ghaffari (The Mindy Project, Jimmy Kimmel Live, <u>www.soveryvida.com</u>).

Sponsors for the event were Mercedes-Benz of Encino, <u>Perfectomundo Tequila</u>, The Valley Economic Alliance, HollywoodandMe.com, Minding Her Business, FlixFling, and IFSM Fashion.

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