

International Women's Day: Café Mocha's Salute Her Awards to honor Cynthia Erivo, Holly Robinson Peete and More

In Celebration of International Women's Day, 'Saluting Our Culture' Award series kicks off with women' creating a legacy' for their resilience and innovation

WASHINGTON, DC, USA, March 8, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In celebration of International Women's History Day, [Café Mocha Radio](#), the #1 nationally syndicated radio show for 'women of color,' announces its virtual [Salute Her Awards](#), streaming Sunday, March 21 at 7 pm ET. Hosted by Emmy Award winner and Café Mocha co-host Loni Love, this year's 'creating a legacy' theme recognizes women who exemplify resilience and innovation with a commitment to building a legacy of connections for the next generation.



2021 Virtual Salute Her Awards

Presented by Toyota Motor North America and AARP, the Salute Her Awards is the first in Café Mocha's "Saluting Our Culture" award series with upcoming ceremonies in June and September honoring the phenomenal impact and contributions of African Americans globally.

2021 Salute Her Honorees Include:

Creating the Legacy Award - Cynthia Erivo, Grammy® Emmy® and Tony® Award-winning actress, singer, and producer

Toyota Champion Award - Holly Robinson-Peete, actress, author, tv host, and Co-founder of HollyRod Foundation

Champion for Change Award - LaTosha Brown, Co-Founder, Black Voters Matter

Champion for Children Award - Denene Millner, New York Times Bestselling Author & Founder of

MyBrownBaby.com

Powerhouse Award - Pinky Cole, Founder/CEO, Slutty Vegan

Game Changer Award - Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, Scientific Lead, Coronavirus Vaccines & Immunopathogenesis Team at NIH

Trailblazer Award - Melanie Campbell, President/CEO, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, convener, Black Women's Roundtable

Following the awards ceremony, honoree Cynthia Erivo will debut her performance as Aretha Franklin in the National Geographic biographic television anthology series' Genius: Aretha' at 9 pm ET.

The Toyota Champion Award will be presented to actress Holly Robinson-Peete for her tireless work with the HollyRod Foundation co-founded with her husband, retired NFL quarterback Rodney Peete. The foundation provides "medical, physical, and emotional support" to individuals living with Parkinson's disease and families of children with autism. The HollyRod4kids initiative assists families affected by autism by providing resources to improve the lives of children diagnosed with the disorder. Recently diagnosed with Autism at 31, Morgan Harper Nichols, acclaimed artist and poet will perform special tribute during the ceremony.

The virtual event will feature musical tributes from 4x Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Eric Benet, 2x Grammy Award-winning singer and 2014 Salute Her Award recipient Gloria Gaynor, and 2020 Salute THEM Award recipient, multiple Grammy and Stellar Award-winning "Rose of Gospel Music" Dr. Dorinda Clark Cole. The evening will pay respect to the life of Cicely Tyson who left an indelible mark and legacy within the world of TV & Film.

"Toyota is proud to wrap this extraordinary year for the Salute Her Awards Tour by awarding Holly Robinson Peete and the HollyRod Foundation – the final Toyota Champion Award," said Alva Adams-Mason, Group Manager Multicultural Business Strategy, and Dealer Relations for Toyota Motor North America. "The brand honors the selfless work of the HollyRod Foundation and their commitment in offering compassionate care to individuals and families living with autism and Parkinson's disease."

AARP has once again partnered with the Salute Her Awards to exemplify their commitment to profile the work of today's women and their impact on the next generation. They are proud to "Celebrate Black Joy" for its beauty, brilliance, variety, tenacity, and resilience.

Proceeds from the Salute Her Awards benefit the Mocha Cares Foundation to support housing and services to combat homelessness and domestic violence through mentorship programs.

The awards will stream "live" via SaluteHER.com and across all the network's social media platforms @cafemocharadio. To register, visit www.SaluteHer.com.

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About the Salute Her Awards:

Café Mocha Radio launched its annual Salute Her Awards events in 2011, with a mission to recognize dynamic women who have made contributions in their communities and breaking down barriers. Since its inception ten years ago, past honorees include activist Sybrina Fulton, broadcast personality Wendy Williams, and Iyanla Vanzant, "Empire" actress Ta'Rhonda Jones, CNN correspondent Fredricka Whitfield, renowned White House journalist and author April Ryan and legendary actress Pam Grier, actress/humanitarian Sheryl Lee Ralph, Cynthia Bailey, Kim Fields, Malinda Williams, Terri J. Vaughn and Vy Higginsen, singers Gloria Gaynor, Stephanie Mills, Fantasia Barrino Taylor, Syleena Johnson, and Tamela Mann, influencers Constance White, Luvvie Ajayi, Lola Ogunnaike, Jamie Foster Brown, Shirley Strawberry, fashion designer Barbara Bates, Dr. Bernice King, Deanna Brown Thomas, Ricki Fairley, NBA mom Wanda Durant and Ilyasah Shabazz to name few.

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About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability, and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

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