

Industry Dance Awards - Gala of the Stars Honors Dance Legends and Supports Cancer Fight

An enchanting evening honoring dance legends and supporting Dancers Against Cancer, hosted by Maks Chmerkovskiy.

BEVERLY HILLS, CA, UNITED STATES, October 7, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Dancers Against Cancer](#) is thrilled to announce the inaugural [Industry Dance Awards - Gala of the Stars](#), set to take place at the prestigious Beverly Hilton on October 9, 2024. This landmark event celebrates exceptional achievements in TV, Broadway, film, and dance philanthropy, bringing together the brightest stars in the industry to support dancers battling cancer.

Hosted by the worldwide dance icon and former “Dancing With the Stars” alum, [Maks Chmerkovskiy](#), the event is executive produced by Noah Lands, and spearheaded by Industry Dance Awards’ President, Adrian Ruiz. The Gala of the Stars aims to bridge the gap between dance competition communities and professional dance industries, highlighting the significant contributions of artists across various platforms.

This year’s gala is directed by the esteemed Amy Tinkham, known for her innovative direction in major dance and music productions, ensuring an evening of spectacular performances and heartfelt tributes. Jessalynn Siwa, Director of Philanthropy, plays a pivotal role in aligning the event’s vision with its charitable goals, emphasizing community support and extensive outreach.

Honorees of the Night Include:

- Liza Minnelli, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for her enduring impact on the world of entertainment.



Official poster for the 2024 Industry Dance Awards Gala of the Stars, benefiting Dancers Against Cancer, featuring event details and sponsor logos.

- Parris Goebel, honored with the Dance Innovator Award for her groundbreaking work in choreography that transcends traditional dance boundaries.
- Kyle Hanagami, celebrated with the Vanguard Award for his inspirational influence in the dance community.
- Jamal Sims, bestowed the Trail Blazer Award for his pioneering contributions to dance and choreography.
- Paula Abdul, who will be honored with the first Paula Abdul Legacy Award, recognizing her monumental impact and legacy in dance.

Among the distinguished guests are Jojo Siwa, Mollie Gray, Brian Friedman, Abby Lee Miller, Jade Barnes, Emily Smith, Tabitha D'Umo (Nappytabs), Cassie Bartho, Vincent Patterson, Adam Shankman, and social media sensations Cat & Nat. Special guest Autumn Miller will also grace the event, adding to the star-studded attendee list.

The Industry Dance Awards - Gala of the Stars not only serves as a platform to honor these luminaries but also functions as the main annual fundraiser for Dancers Against Cancer. This initiative aims to provide crucial support and hope to dancers and their families affected by cancer, showcasing the dance community's solidarity and resilience.

Join us for a night of celebration, inspiration, and philanthropy as we unite to support a noble cause and enjoy performances that promise to captivate and enchant.

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Gala of the Stars
Liza Minnelli
 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Liza Minnelli, an iconic figure in the world of entertainment, is celebrated not only for her status as an EGOT but also for her extensive contributions to film, stage, music and now dance. Born into Hollywood royalty as the daughter of actress Judy Garland and director Vincente Minnelli, Liza's illustrious career seemed almost predestined. She has captivated audiences with her dynamic stage presence and powerful voice, earning an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Cabaret", multiple Tony Awards for her outstanding Broadway performances, and a Grammy Award for her exceptional musical talent. Liza's remarkable achievements solidify her own legacy as a Liza Minnelli, an iconic figure in the world of entertainment, is celebrated not only for her status as an EGOT but also for her extensive contributions to film, stage, music, and now dance. Born into Hollywood royalty as the daughter of actress Judy Garland and director Vincente Minnelli, Liza's illustrious career seemed almost predestined. She has captivated audiences with her dynamic stage presence and powerful voice, earning an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Cabaret", multiple Tony Awards for her outstanding Broadway performances, and a Grammy Award for her exceptional musical talent. Liza's remarkable achievements solidify her legacy as a true embodiment of Broadway glamour and Hollywood charisma.

Her career took off as the lead in the Off-Broadway revival of Best Foot Forward during which she broke her ankle and kept performing! Her career progressed with a spectacular start on Broadway, earning her first Tony Award at just 19 for her performance in "Flora the Red Menace". It set the stage for a lifetime of dramatic and musical accomplishments. However, her electrifying performance in the film "Cabaret" (1972) catapulted her to international stardom. As Sally Bowles, Minnelli captured the complexity of the character in a performance that won her an Academy Award, a Golden Globe, and a BAFTA.

Beyond "Cabaret", Liza Minnelli's filmography is a testament to her versatility, featuring memorable roles in "Arthur", "New York, New York", and "The Sterile Cuckoo", which gave Liza her first Academy Award nomination for Best Actress. These performances underscore her acting prowess and her ability to bring diverse characters to life. Her television specials, such as "Liza with a Z", were Emmy winning and groundbreaking in their style and continue to be lauded for their artistic innovation.

On stage, Liza Minnelli continued to shine with her performances in shows like "The Act", for which she won her second TONY award as Best Actress in a musical. She received a special TONY award for Liza at the Wintergreen and another TONY for Best Special Theatrical Event for "Liza at the Palace". These shows not only showcased her theatrical prowess but also her unique ability to tell her personal story, creating an intimate portrayal of her life for her audience.

As a beloved figure in the dance community, Liza's influence extends beyond her performances. She has been an enduring supporter of the arts and has made considerable contributions to organizations like Dancers Against Cancer. This year, the Industry Dance Awards honor her with the Lifetime Achievement Award, celebrating her profound impact on the world of dance and entertainment.

Her legacy is defined not just by the awards and accolades she has received but also by the inspiration she continues to provide to artists and audiences worldwide.

Promotional poster for the 2024 Industry Dance Awards Gala of the Stars, featuring Liza Minnelli as the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.



Promotional poster for the 2024 Industry Dance Awards Gala of the Stars, featuring Paula Abdul as the Paula Abdul Legacy Award recipient.

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