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## THE TELEVISION ACADEMY WILL HOST AN EVENING OF *BRILLIANCE IN MOTION* FOR THE 71<sup>ST</sup> EMMY® AWARDS GOVERNORS BALL

NoHo Arts District, CA (August 8, 2019) – The Television Academy today revealed *Brilliance in Motion* as the theme of the official Emmy® Awards after-party celebrations: the **Governors Ball** on Sunday, September 22, immediately following the awards telecast, as well as back-to-back **Creative Arts Governors Ball** events on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15. The trio of exclusive, star-studded galas will fully immerse television industry luminaries and distinguished Academy guests in a multi-layered experience inspired by the beauty of dancing waters and sparkling fountains.

For the second consecutive year, the elevated, open-air L.A. LIVE Event Deck will be the site of the Governors Ball festivities. Overhead, a monumental art installation of illuminated filaments will create a shimmering cascade of color. Throughout the venue, guests at the Emmys official “After-Party” will savor an eclectic menu of fine-dining, “small plates” created by renowned chef Joachim Splichal and Patina Catering, while sampling specialty wines, sparkling wines and cocktails unique to the festivities. Together these elements will combine for an Emmy celebration imbued with modern elegance and dynamic energy.

“The theme of *Brilliance in Motion* reflects both the extraordinary talent and creativity of the people and productions we honor at the Emmys, and the vibrant experience we’ve designed for this year’s Governors Ball,” said Governors Ball Committee Co-Chair Halina Siwolop.

“Beyond creating a visually stunning ‘wow’ moment when guests enter the party, we’ve worked to make the entire evening dazzle with culinary delights, superb live entertainment and toast-worthy moments,” said Co-Chair Brenda Brkusic Milinkovic.

### **Décor**

Expanding on the theme of swirling water in motion, the design features contoured ballroom architecture and furnishings arranged within a series of converging curves, enticing guests to mingle and explore. Adding further luster to the gala celebration, the Ball will be bathed in a rich color palette of eggplant, magenta, blush and coral, with accents of exquisite Emmy gold.

Event producer Cheryl Cecchetto of Sequoia Productions shared, “The dynamic contours and synergetic elements are inspired by the collaboration of the many innovative fields of creative expertise within the television industry.”

### **Food + Beverage**

Chef and Founder of Patina Catering Joachim Splichal returns to the Governors Ball for the 24th year with a lavish tasting menu of chef-driven small plates and reinterpretations of classic dishes that are designed to please all palates. Splichal, along with Vice President of Culinary Gregg Wiele, Patina Catering Executive Chef Alec Lestr, and Patina Catering Executive Pastry Chef Frania Mendivil, have interpreted *Brilliance in Motion* by moving away from a static, sit-down dinner to an elegant, flowing feast.

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Servers will circulate throughout the ballroom offering hors d'oeuvres and small plates such as Maine Lobster and burrata, Yellowtail Sashimi, Paella Valenciana, Red-wine Braised Short Rib, and Crab Cake Sliders. Also featured will be a delicious assortment of vegetarian and vegan offerings including Tomato "Tartare," Candy Striped Beet "Poke," Japanese Eggplant, Brussel Sprouts "Frites," Green Goddess Chop Salad, and "Street Corn" Ravioli.

At multiple stations throughout the ballroom, inspired by renowned Los Angeles steakhouse Nick + Stef's, chefs will hand carve Grass-fed Tenderloin of Beef, served with signature White Cheddar Potato Gratin and Little Gem Chopped Wedge Salad. In addition, gourmet Angus Beef Slider Burgers will be offered, while Beyond Meat<sup>®</sup>, the plant-based answer to beef, will make its Governors Ball debut in sliders topped with caramelized onions.

Dessert service will delight both the eye and the palate with a tempting assortment of miniature confections and pastries ranging from tray-passed mini milkshakes and warm-from-the-oven Double Chocolate S'more Brownies and Snickerdoodle Blondies, to Butterscotch Budino and vegan Raspberry Chia Seed Tapioca.

In its second year as the Official Chocolate of the Governors Ball, premium Swiss chocolatier **Lindt** will be incorporated into a dessert – the **Lindt Chocolate Pot de Crème**, made with the highest quality dark and milk chocolate. At the Governors Ball, winners and guests alike will also have a chance to indulge in smooth, melting Lindt LINDOR truffles. LINDOR Milk, White and Fudge Swirl chocolate truffles promise a sweet ending to an amazing evening.

For the fourth consecutive year, iconic Napa Valley winery **Sterling Vineyards** returns as the Official Wine of the 71<sup>st</sup> Emmy Awards Season. Sterling Vineyards invites Emmy nominees, presenters and members of the Television Academy to celebrate with its **2017 Sterling Vineyards Napa Valley Chardonnay**, **2017 Sterling Vineyards Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc** and **2016 Sterling Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**. Governors Ball guests will enjoy a tasting of **2015 Sterling Vineyards Platinum Cabernet Sauvignon**; as a special gift, winners announced at the September 22 telecast will receive a personalized bottle of the winery's flagship **2015 Sterling Vineyards Iridium Cabernet Sauvignon**. That night's winners will also be treated to a glass of the exclusive wine while waiting for their Emmy statuettes to be personalized in the Emmy Winner's Circle.

**Ferrari Trento**, crowned both the *Sparkling Wine Producer of the Year 2019* at The Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships and the *Producer of the Year 2019* by the Gambero Rosso Italian wine guide, makes its fifth appearance as the Official Sparkling Wine of Emmy Awards Season. Governors Ball guests will toast with a choice of scintillating sparklers, including the **World Champion Blanc de Blancs Ferrari Brut**, the **Ferrari Brut Rosé**, a delicately harmonious blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, and a glorious array of vintage offerings.

**FIJI Water**, the number one premium imported bottled water brand in the United States, will return for the sixth consecutive year as the Official Water Partner of the 71<sup>st</sup> Emmy Awards Red Carpet and Governors Ball. Guests will stay hydrated throughout the evening with individual bottles of FIJI Water.

**Ketel One Family-Made Vodka** returns as the Official Spirits Partner of the 71<sup>st</sup> Emmy Awards Season. Inspired by the incredible accomplishments of the television industry's brightest stars, award-winning bartender Charles Joly has crafted a signature Emmy Awards Season cocktail collection that illustrates Ketel One Vodka's commitment to making every occasion a bit more marvelous. In the company of charming friends and delightful cocktails, Ketel One Vodka invites guests of the Creative Arts Ball galas and Governors Ball to celebrate the achievements of

television's finest. In addition to the signature Emmy Awards Season cocktail collection, attendees can enjoy a selection of spirits from the Diageo Reserve collection. Whether you are raising a glass to the nominees and winners from home or live from the front row, Ketel One Family-Made Vodka reminds you that moderation is marvelous.

**Don Francisco's Coffee** returns as the Official Coffee Partner of the 71<sup>st</sup> Emmy Awards Season. Steeped in 150 years of coffee tradition, Don Francisco's is crafted in Los Angeles by one of the largest family-owned coffee companies in America. Guests will indulge in their premium 100% Arabica coffee at all Emmy events throughout the season.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Emmy Awards will air LIVE coast-to-coast from the Microsoft Theater at L.A. LIVE in Los Angeles on Sunday, September 22 (8:00-11:00 PM ET /5:00-8:00 PM PT) on FOX. Don Mischer Productions and Done+Dusted will co-produce the telecast.

Tune in to the 2019 Creative Arts Emmy Awards presentation Saturday, September 21 at 8:00 PM ET/PT on FXX.

Media will be invited to cover the Governors Ball Press Preview from 10 AM – Noon on Thursday, September 12 at the L.A. LIVE Event Deck.

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