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**CELEBRATING THE EMMY® AWARDS' 70TH ANNIVERSARY,
THE TELEVISION ACADEMY TRANSFORMS THE GOVERNORS BALL
INTO AN OPEN-AIR GALA UNDER THE STARS**

NoHo Arts District, CA (September 6, 2018) – To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Emmy® Awards, the Television Academy is rewriting the script for its exclusive Emmy after-party celebrations: the **Governors Ball** on Monday, September 17, immediately following the awards telecast; as well as back-to-back **Creative Arts Governors Ball** events on Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9. The trio of celebrity-studded galas will make a dramatic move to the rooftop setting of the L.A. Live Event Deck, where guests will be treated to a spectacular celebration for the senses, illuminated by a myriad of stars suspended overhead.

The 2018 Governors Ball, themed *Emmys Under the Stars*, will enchant guests through an artful combination of glamorous, sophisticated décor and a visionary dining and entertainment experience. The Emmy's official after-parties will forego a sit-down dinner to feature a flowing, interactive format that encourages guests to mix, mingle and move through interior and outdoor spaces while indulging in a culinary journey of more than 35 different fine-dining small plates made by legendary chef **Joachim Splichal** and **Patina Catering**.

"In developing the 2018 Governors Ball and Creative Arts Governors Ball events, we wanted to create celebrations that would reflect the dynamic change and energy of the television industry today," said Governors Ball Committee Co-Chair Tammy Glover Park.

"A big part of this was to think about how people like to eat today, which led us to challenge Chef Splichal and his team to design the ultimate small-plate dining experience," added Governors Ball Committee Co-Chair Halina Siwolop. "We think guests will have fun tasting their way through nearly three dozen dishes -- each a work of culinary artistry."

Décor

Inspired by the 70th Emmy Awards key art and gold Emmy statuette, the signature décor element of the Governors Ball will be a magnificent, immersive light field suspended overhead. Thousands of LED lights will twinkle through the color spectrum, creating dynamic, grand-event architecture. Furniture, table linens, florals and other décor in a color palette including shades of blue, precious metals (gold, silver, platinum) and white will provide an aura of modern opulence, sophistication and glamour.

Event producer Cheryl Cecchetto of Sequoia Productions shared, "Imagine adding thousands of stars to Hollywood's night sky in celebration of Emmy's 70th Anniversary. It's very exciting."

Food + Beverage

Chef and Founder Joachim Splichal and Patina Catering return to the Governors Ball for the 23rd year with their most extensive menu yet. Splichal, along with Vice President of Culinary Gregg Wiele, Patina Catering Executive Chef Alec Lestr, and Patina Catering Executive Pastry Chef Frania Mendivil, have created a menu inspired by celebrated favorites from Michelin-starred restaurant Patina and fabled L.A. steakhouse Nick & Stef's, along with a lavish mélange of chef-driven small plate reinterpretations of classic dishes.

Guests will feast on an evolving selection of culinary delights ranging from *Patina Spuds topped with shaved Summer Truffles, Brown Butter Potato Gnocchi, Hand-Carved Flat Iron Steak with Red Wine Bordelaise, Cave-Aged Mini Gruyere Popovers, Nashville Hot Fried Chicken Sliders, Angus Beef Sliders, Filipino BBQ Chicken Skewers, Gooney Grilled Cheese with Heirloom Tomato Soup and Olive Oil Poached Salmon.*

Notable at this year's Governors Ball will be an eclectic assortment of vegetarian and vegan offerings including *Cashew "Ceviche," Sweet Corn Agnolotti, Truffle-Scented French Fries* and a *Farmer's Market Edible Garden* of five featured salads starring locally sourced produce such as corn, beets, heirloom tomatoes and peaches at the peak of the season.

Dessert service will present a truly decadent array of confections and pastries ranging from a quartet of Patina classics (*Hazelnut Chocolate Feuilletine, Chocolate Rocher, Strawberry Rhubarb Tart, Chocolate Bread Pudding*) to mini Mason jars of *Harry's Berries Strawberry Shortcake* and vegan *Coconut Chia Seed Tapioca*.

For the third consecutive year, iconic Napa Valley winery **Sterling Vineyards** returns to TV's most anticipated night as the Official Wine of the 70th Emmy Awards Season, inviting Emmy nominees, presenters and members of the Television Academy to celebrate with their award-winning wines. Governors Ball guests will enjoy a tasting of the soon-to-launch *Sterling Vineyards Platinum Cabernet Sauvignon*; and, as a special toast, the evening's winners will receive a personalized bottle of the winery's flagship *Sterling Vineyards Iridium Cabernet Sauvignon*, of which less than 1,200 bottles are made. 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 the 2017 sparkling wine producer of the year at the Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships, makes its fourth appearance as the Official Sparkling Wine of Emmy Season. Upon arrival at the Governors Ball, guests will kick off the celebration with flutes of the World Champion Blanc de Blancs, the Ferrari Brut NV Trentodoc. Inside the party, guests will toast this special night with a choice of scintillating sparklers, including the Ferrari Perlé, Perlé Rosé and their tête de cuvée, the Giulio Ferrari Riserva del Fondatore.

Adding to the glamour of television's most star-studded night, the Official Spirits Partner of the 70th Emmy Awards Season, **Ketel One Family-Made Vodka**, will raise a glass to the evening's nominees and winners. Award-winning bartender Charles Joly has crafted three original Emmy cocktails with a conscious twist, incorporating fair-trade and all-natural ingredients. The collection includes: **Enlightenment**, the season's official libation (strawberry-infused Ketel One Family-Made Vodka, Sencha Green Tea, Aloe-Cucumber Liqueur, Strawberry & Yuzu Pearls), **Radiance** (Ketel One Vodka, Verjus, Rosé, Grapefruit, Mediterranean Spice) and **Restoration** (Ketel One Vodka, Fair-Trade Cold Brew, Cacao Nib, Organic Almond-Coconut Milk, Absinthe). In addition to the official

Emmy cocktails, attendees will also enjoy a selection of spirits from the Diageo Reserve collection. Whether you are viewing from home or live from the front row, Ketel One Family-Made Vodka reminds you to please celebrate responsibly.

FIJI Water, the number one premium bottled water brand in the United States, will return for the fifth consecutive year as the Official Water Partner of the 70th Emmy Awards Red Carpet and Governors Ball. Guests will stay hydrated throughout the evening with individual bottles of FIJI Water complete with custom FIJI straws.

Premium confectioner **Lindt Chocolate USA** makes its Emmy Awards debut as the Official Chocolate Confectionery of the Television Academy, the Emmy Awards Green Room – renamed the *Lindt Chocolate Lounge* – and Governors Ball. At the Governors Ball, winners and guests alike will have a chance to indulge in the delicate chocolate shell that envelops the irresistibly smooth chocolate filling of every Lindt LINDOR Chocolate Truffle -- promising a sweet ending to an amazing evening.

Los Angeles-based roaster, **Don Francisco's Coffee**, makes its debut at the Governors Ball, treating guests to its skillfully crafted coffee made of beans from the world's best growing regions.

The 70th Emmy Awards will telecast live from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, Monday, September 17 (8:00 -11:00 PM ET/5:00 - 8:00 PM PT) on NBC. Colin Jost and Michael Che, "Weekend Update" anchors and Emmy-nominated co-head writers of NBC's multi-Emmy-winning late-night franchise, *Saturday Night Live*, will co-host. The telecast will be executive produced by *SNL* Creator and Executive Producer Lorne Michaels.

Media will be invited to cover the **Governors Ball Press Preview on Thursday, September 6** at the L.A. Live Event Deck.

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