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"Equal rights, fair play, justice, are all like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it. That is the truth of it."

Maya Angelou

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# 2014 BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER

## STAND FOR JUSTICE

2014 ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BILL OF RIGHTS DINNER

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Beverly Wilshire Hotel
9500 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Cocktail Reception 5:00 pm Dinner and Program 6:15pm

Tickets

Champion \$1000 Patron \$600 Donor \$300

For tickets, ads or for more information, please contact Meegan Lee Ochs

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Cocktail Attire

Ticket and Journal information on reply card

2014 HONOREES



JIM BERK Oversees Participant Media, dedicated to entertainment that inspires change. Participant's more than 55 films include Good Night, and Good Luck, Syriana, An Inconvenient Truth, The Help, Lincoln, and upcoming releases A Most Violent Year, CitizenFour, The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, and Merchants of Doubt. Jim is responsible for expanding Participant's reach beyond film, into television, digital, and investments, including the social action website TakePart.com, reaching over nine million users monthly, television network Pivot, currently in over 45 million homes, and an investment portfolio of content creation and distribution companies. With each piece of

content, Participant launches campaigns that bring together governments, foundations, NGOs, and others to raise awareness and drive action on issues highlighted in its content. Jim serves on the boards of Evolution Media Partners, Me to We, Cineflix Media, the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television and the USC Rossier School of Education.



CYNDI LAUPER A Grammy, Emmy and Tony award winning artist, Cyndi Lauper has proven that she has the heart and soul to keep her legion of fans compelled by her every creative move. Helping others has always been a guiding force for Cyndi. An unwavering advocate for equality, she co-founded the True Colors Fund in 2008 to further her commitment to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. The organization works to bring an end to LGBT youth homelessness through its Forty to None Project and inspire everyone to get involved in advancing equality for all. In addition, Cyndi is the Honorary Chairperson and co-founder of the True Colors

Residence, a permanent and supportive home to formerly homeless LGBT youth in New York City. She also continues to be a tireless advocate in the struggle to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic and ensure that women are treated equally around the world. For all of these reasons, Cyndi is honored to be the ACLU's Ambassador on LGBT issues and HIV/AIDS.

We are proud to recognize our special honorees.



MARVIN SCHACHTER ACLU is the story of people, and few people have given more to the ACLU than Marvin Schachter. For most of his ninety years he has demonstrated his concern for social and economic justice by serving as ACLU SoCal President, National Board representative, Associate Director of the Affiliate, Board member, Committee member. A trained economist and successful businessman, Marvin has devoted his life to civil liberties. He is responsible for groundbreaking work on the rights of the disabled community, farm workers' right to organize, the rights of the poor, women's rights, gay rights, and the abolition of the death penalty. Marvin has been a strong advocate for the elderly through a variety of governmental and organizational leadership positions. The ACLU SoCal honors Marvin for his ongoing legacy.



CAMERON STRANG Throughout his impressive career, Cameron has chosen to represent and promote artists with strong political convictions. After starting his own record label, and led by his belief in the power of songs to bring positive change to our world, he sought out and signed Steve Earle, whose music and performances have expressed his anti-war, anti-death penalty sentiments, and Kris Kristofferson, whose music has supported Farm Workers, Native Americans, and has been critical of U.S. foreign policies in Central America and Iraq. Since moving to Warner Music he has supported and worked with Neil Young, a legendary singer-songwriter, activist and protest singer; Green Day, one of the most politically outspoken bands today; Tegan and Sara, outspoken activists in regards to bullying and marriage equality; Cher, an icon of LGBTQ advocacy; Prince, whose music touches upon economic justice; and The Red Hot Chili Peppers, advocates for choice and free speech. Music by these artists have touched millions and they continue to address issues central to the work the ACLU does every day.



SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN Senator Elizabeth Warren's book, A Fighting Chance, demonstrates perfectly why she is a leader that understands and lives by Lincoln's quote from the Gettysburg Address..."Government of the people, by the people and for the people." She has won bipartisan praise for her efforts to secure historic new financial protections for middle class families, hold Wall Street accountable, and ensure tough oversight of both the Bush and Obama Administrations. Time Magazine named her a "New Sheriff of Wall Street" and twice included her among America's 100 most influential people. Without her efforts, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau would likely never have been created.