

Starkey Hearing Foundation Announces Celebrities Participating in Awards Gala

The Starkey Hearing Foundation, a charitable organization known worldwide for giving the gift of hearing to children in need, will hold its annual "So the World May Hear" Awards Gala on Sat., June 17, 2006 at the RiverCentre in St. Paul, MN. The star-studded event, which last year raised a record \$4.2 million, serves not only to raise funds to support the foundation and its international hearing mission trips, but also to recognize individuals who made significant contributions to mankind.



The spectacular evening will include performances by Grammy Award-winning musicians John Mellencamp, Petula Clark and Dionne Warwick. Dozens of additional celebrities are also expected to attend in an effort to help the foundation exceed last year's record \$4.2 million in donations. The foundation will also honor eight exemplary individuals, including racing legends Richard Petty, Johnny Rutherford, Sir Jackie Stewart and Al Unser, Sr.; tennis legend Billie Jean King; baseball Hall of Famers Harmon Killebrew and Willie Mays; and Twin Cities businessman and philanthropist Glen Taylor.

All proceeds raised during the Gala support the Starkey Hearing Foundation and its mission of promoting hearing health awareness, providing hearing aids for the underprivileged, and supporting hearing research and education. Primarily, monies raised support the foundation's internationally recognized hearing mission trips. Since 2000, through such mission trips, the foundation has provided more than 150,000 hearing aids to those in need around the world.

To purchase tickets to this year's Gala, call 1-866-354-3254. To learn more about the Starkey Hearing Foundation, visit www.sotheworldmayhear.org.



Tani Austin of the Starkey Hearing Foundation joined Billie Jean King at the recent Billie Awards in Beverly Hills, CA. The Starkey Hearing Foundation will honor King for her efforts in progressing women in sports at its upcoming annual Gala in St. Paul, MN, on June 17.

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