

Starkey Hearing Foundation's 2006 Awards Gala

The Starkey Hearing Foundation is a charitable organization known worldwide for giving the gift of hearing to children in need. The "So the World May Hear" Awards Gala is a star-studded extravaganza that raises money to support the foundation and its mission of promoting hearing health awareness, providing hearing aids for the underprivileged, and supporting hearing research and education. Last year's gala raised \$4.2 million to 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.



Tonight Show host Jay Leno, Grammy award-winning musicians John Mellencamp, Petula Clark, Dionne Warwick and dozens of additional well known personalities, including Marie Osmond, Carl Carlton, Freda Payne, Gary Mule Deer and Kathy Sledge will lend their time and talents to the sixth annual awards gala.

In addition to celebrity performances and participation, eight exemplary individuals will be honored throughout the evening for their humanitarian contributions, 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.

The gala will be held at the St. Paul's RiverCentre, 175 Kellogg Blvd. W., in St. Paul, MN on Sat., June 17. The celebrity red carpet (street level) will start at 4:45 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., the cocktail reception and silent auction (2nd level) will begin. Ballroom doors open (2nd level) at 6 p.m., and dinner, entertainment and live auction (2nd level) will begin at 6:30 p.m. (*Please note: times are approximate and subject to change.*)

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

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