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TELEVISION INDUSTRY COMES TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE TELEVISION ACADEMY FOUNDATION AT THE 18th ANNUAL EMMYS[®] GOLF CLASSIC

Cedric the Entertainer, Joe Mantegna, Kate Linder and Benito Martinez Among Stars Who Came Out Swinging for the Television Academy Foundation's Largest Fundraiser

(**NoHo Arts District, Calif.** – October 31, 2017) — The Television Academy Foundation raised a record breaking \$330,000 at the starstudded 18th Annual Emmys[®] Golf Classic on October 30. Funds raised at the event, cosponsored by STAPLES Center Premium Seating, will support the Foundation's renowned educational programs that have launched the success of many current and future television leaders.

Television stars, entertainment industry executives, Television Academy leadership and corporate partners competed in the day-long golf tournament at the Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles.



(L to R): Gregory Harrison, Joe Mantegna, Adam Rodriguez and Carlos Bernard. *Photo Credit:* Danny Moloshok/Invision for Television Academy/AP Images



Host Cedric the Entertainer on the green. *Photo Credit:* Vince Bucci/Invision for Television Academy/AP Images

Hosted by **Cedric the Entertainer** (*The Comedy Get Down, The Last OG*), the star-studded event included competitors from some of television's top shows: **Joe Mantegna** (*Criminal Minds*), **Peter Mackenzie** (*blackish*), **Benito Martinez** (*How to Get Away with Murder*), **Richard Kind** (*The Goldbergs*), **Bailey Chase** (*Twin Peaks*), **Robbie Amell** (*The X-Files*), **Adam Rodriguez** (*Criminal Minds*), **Carlos Bernard** (*24:Legacy*), **Joel Gretsch** (*Vampire Diaries*), **Jeff Nordling** (*Big Little Lies*), **Daniel Henney** (*Criminal Minds*), **Rocky Carroll** (*NCIS*), **C.S. Lee** (*Silicon Valley*), **Pat Finn** (*The Middle*), **Dave Annable** (*Yellowstone*), **Peter Weller** (*The Last Ship*), **Matt Craven** (*Sharp Objects*), **Ron** **Pearlman** (*Final Space*), **Gregory Harrison** (*Chesapeake Shores*), **Kate Linder** (*The Young and the Restless*), **Paula Trickey** (*Running Away*), **Adam Baldwin** (*The Last Ship*), and **Philip Boyd** (*The Haves and the Have Nots*) plus pro golfer **Andia Winslow**.

The tournament kicked off with "on the green" carpet arrivals, followed by a putting contest, full round of golf, and an afternoon cocktail reception. The day concluded with an awards dinner where honors were presented, including:

- Grand Prize Low Net Winner: Foundation Auction team led by celebrity Paula Trickey.
- 2nd Place Low Net: Team Staples #1 with celebrity Adam Baldwin
- 3rd Place Low Net: Team Staples #3 with celebrity Robbie Amell
- 1st Place Gross: Johnny Carson Foundation team with celebrity Matt Craven

Celebrities also took time during the event to autograph items for the Foundation's upcoming Holiday Season auction including a Dooney & Bourke weekender bag and a bottle of Ferrari TrentoDOC Jeroboam 2008 Vintage.



Pro Golfer Andia Winslow. *Photo Credit: Danny Moloshok/* Invision for Television Academy/AP Images

Sponsors for the event included: AMC Networks[™], Academy Benefits Insurance Agency, ARIS Consulting, Audi[®], Billie Greer, CBS Television Studios, Disney-ABC Television Group, Dolby[®], Dooney & Bourke, EY, Ferrari Trento, FIJI[®] Water, FOX Television Group, FX Networks, GreenMouse Recycling, HBO[®], ICM Partners, Johnny Carson Foundation, McBride-Cohen Management Group, NBC Entertainment, PEOPLE[®], Samsung NEXT, STAPLES Center Premium Seating, Sterling Vineyards, tbs I TNT, Universal Cable Productions, and Universal Television.

"We were thrilled to have Cedric the Entertainer serve as our host and are extremely grateful to all the celebrities, sponsors and executives who participated. This was a landmark year in raising the most funds ever to date," said Madeline Di Nonno, chair of the Television Academy Foundation. "These funds are critical in scaling the Foundation's educational programs, which have given students a pathway into the industry and nurtured the careers of many television leaders and Emmy Award winners."

About the Television Academy Foundation

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs, such as <u>The</u> <u>Interviews</u>: An Oral History of Television, <u>College Television Awards</u> and <u>Internship Program</u>, the Foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices our industry represents and to create more opportunity for television to reflect all of society. For more information on the Foundation, visit <u>TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation</u>.

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