The Louisiana Legends Awards Gala and Auction is a special annual event hosted by Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting and Gala Co-Chairs, Governor and Mrs. John Bel Edwards. The event honors the best and brightest of Louisiana’s sons and daughters who have distinguished themselves in a variety of disciplines and have brought honor to the state.

The 2023 Louisiana Legends Gala and Auction will be held on:

Thursday, April 27
Louisiana’s Old State Capitol, 100 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

Featuring: Cocktail Reception, Dinner with Wine Pairings, and a Live Broadcast of the Awards Ceremony

Begun in 1990, the Louisiana Legends Gala is a fundraising and public awareness project that draws support and participation from Friends across the country who appreciate the quality programming and educational resources LPB provides.
2023 Louisiana Legends Gala
Thursday, April 27

Honorees:

Gayle Benson
Warrick Dunn
Gary Fields
Brigadier General Gary Jones
The Pennington Family

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**Friends of LPB Mission Statement**

To cultivate members, funds, and resources to maximize LPB’s programming and educational initiatives.
2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

GALA PRESENTING SPONSOR – $75,000 Value: $121,600
(One Available)

◊ At least 500 promotional spots with individual or corporate recognition produced for the Awards Ceremony and broadcast statewide on LPB

◊ A $50,000 annual sponsorship package of your choice; on-air messages of support, display ads, or print with our monthly program guide Visions subscription

◊ Eight invitations to the private pre-reception with the Honorees at the Governor’s Mansion (pending COVID restrictions), one table of eight with premier seating at the Gala, and reserved VIP seating at the live Awards Ceremony

◊ Sponsorship recognition in the broadcast of the Louisiana Legends Awards Ceremony and five-part Louisiana Legends Series (:30 message of support, open and close) (exclusive to Gala Presenting Sponsor)

◊ Exclusive underwriter for the Gala sit-down dinner at Louisiana’s Old State Capitol

◊ Prominent signage displayed at the Gala and Awards Ceremony

◊ Individual or corporate recognition listed in Gala program, at lbp.org/legends, and in online galleries for the Louisiana Legends auction.

◊ Individual/corporate recognition in Visions, LPB’s monthly program guide (circulation 17,500), and in Louisiana Life magazine (circulation 85k)

◊ First right of renewal for the following year
2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

PREMIER SPONSOR – $50,000 Value: $71,600
(One Available)

◊ At least 300 promotional spots with individual or corporate recognition produced for the Awards Ceremony and broadcast statewide on LPB

◊ A $20,000 annual sponsorship package of your choice; on-air messages of support, display ads, or print with our monthly program guide Visions subscription

◊ Eight invitations to the private pre-reception with the Honorees at the Governor’s Mansion, one table of eight at the Gala, and reserved seating at the live Awards Ceremony

◊ Sponsorship recognition in the broadcast of the Louisiana Legends Awards Ceremony and five-part Louisiana Legends Series (:30 message of support, choice of open or close) (exclusive to Premier Sponsor)

◊ Exclusive underwriter for the cocktail reception at Louisiana’s Old State Capitol

◊ Prominent signage displayed at the Gala and Awards Ceremony

◊ Individual or corporate recognition listed in Gala program, at lpb.org/legends, and in online galleries for the Louisiana Legends auction.

◊ Individual/corporate recognition in Visions, LPB’s monthly program guide (circulation 17,500), and in Louisiana Life magazine (circulation 85k)

◊ First right of renewal for the following year
2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

PLATINUM SPONSOR – $25,000 Value: $46,600
(One Available)

◊ At least 150 promotional spots with individual or corporate recognition produced for the Awards Ceremony and broadcast statewide on LPB

◊ A $10,000 annual sponsorship package of your choice; on-air messages of support, display ads, or print with our monthly program guide Visions subscription

◊ Eight invitations to the private pre-reception with the Honorees at the Governor’s Mansion, one table of eight at the Gala, and reserved seating at the live Awards Ceremony

◊ Sponsorship recognition in the broadcast of the Louisiana Legends Awards Ceremony and five-part Louisiana Legends Series (:15 message of support, open or close)

◊ Exclusive underwriter for the private pre-reception at the Governor’s Mansion hosted by Gala Co-Chairs, Governor and Mrs. John Bel Edwards

◊ Prominent signage displayed at the Gala and Awards Ceremony

◊ Individual or corporate recognition listed in Gala program, at lpb.org/legends, and in online galleries for the Louisiana Legends auction.

◊ Individual/corporate recognition in Visions, LPB’s monthly program guide (circulation 17,500), and in Louisiana Life magazine (circulation 85k)

◊ First right of renewal for the following year
2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

GALA BENEFACCTOR – $10,000 Value: $29,100

◊ At least 100 promotional spots with individual or corporate recognition produced for the Awards Ceremony and broadcast statewide on LPB

◊ One table of eight with premier seating at the Gala, and reserved seating at the live Awards Ceremony

◊ Sponsorship recognition in the broadcast of the Louisiana Legends Awards Ceremony (:15 message of support)

◊ Prominent signage displayed at the Gala and Awards Ceremony

◊ Individual or corporate recognition listed in Gala program, at lpb.org/legends, and in online galleries for the Louisiana Legends auction.

◊ Individual/corporate recognition in Visions, LPB’s monthly program guide (circuiton 17,500), and in Louisiana Life magazine (circulation 85k)

◊ Underwriting opportunities available
  • Gala Entertainment
  • Gala Dessert Reception
  • Gala Transportation
  • Legends Silent Auction Promotions (over 100K contacts)
  • Prominent Ad on the LPB App
  • Prominent Ad on LPB’s Web Homepage
2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

GALA STAR – $6,000
◊ At least 50 promotional spots with individual/corporate recognition broadcast statewide on LPB (exclusive to Gala Star)
◊ Individual or corporate recognition listed in Gala program, at lpb.org/legends, and in online galleries for the Louisiana Legends auction.
◊ Enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner with wine pairings (guaranteed seating together), and the live broadcast of the Awards Ceremony
◊ 4 complimentary tickets to the Gala and Awards Ceremony
◊ Prominent signage displayed at the Gala and Awards Ceremony

GALA PATRON – $1,500
(Eight Available - Exclusive to FLPB Board Members)
◊ Enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner with wine pairings, and the live broadcast of the Awards Ceremony
◊ 2 complimentary tickets to the Gala

For more information, contact Terri Crockett in the Friends of LPB office at 225.767.4464 or 800.272.8161 Ext. 4464
LPB has created the Louisiana Production Fund, allowing your generous support to keep top-quality production in Louisiana and interesting new projects in development. Corporate support provides an ongoing, stable base for local video productions about our state, our culture and unique way of life.

How does someone in Ohio know about Louisiana’s delicious food? Through Louisiana Public Broadcasting’s “Taste of Louisiana,” distributed to every public television station in the country.

What’s a great way to tell the story of the D-Day Museum in New Orleans? By producing a program titled, “D-Day: The Pacific Theatre,” a two-hour special honoring Louisiana veterans of World War II.

These are just a few examples of the body of work you will be supporting. Informing, connecting, and serving the communities across Louisiana are at the heart of LPB’s mission.
LPB premieres a *Louisiana Legends Series* each year with a dedicated episode spotlighting each Honoree. Louisiana Legends, for over 30 years, has provided an intimate glimpse into the lives of the state’s most influential, visionary and successful citizens. Louisiana writers, artists, musicians, politicians, public servants and athletes have all charmed audiences in these entertaining and insightful interviews. Discover the vision, creativity, perseverance, artistry and dedication that drive the Louisiana Legends to achieve their dreams.
Previously Honored Louisiana Legends

2022
Beth Courtney
Arthur Favre
Dr. Saundra Yancy McGuire
Dr. Stephen McGuire
Paul Mainieri
Valsin Marmillion
Thomas Whitehead

2021
Dr. Carolyn Leach Huntoon
Dr. Terry King
Terry C. Landry, Sr.
Johnny Robinson
Donna Saurage

2019
Todd Graves
Denise Lewis Patrick
Roy O. Martin III
Newton Thomas
Rebecca Vizard

2018
D-D Breaux
Thomas Chance
James Elrod
Ted Jones
Sybil Morial

2017
Julian E. Bailes, Jr., M.D.
James Moncus
Juan Pierre
Dee Dee Reilly
Toni & Emmet Stephenson

2016
Holli Conway
Charlie Cook
William Doré
Sylvia Goodman
W. Henson Moore
Charlie Weems

2015
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Robert Crais
Joe Dumars
Rolland Golden
Roger Ogden

2014
Dale Brown
Mary Frey Eaton
Murphy J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Buddy Guy
W. Elton Kennedy

2013
O. Delton Harrison
C. Paul Hilliard
Honorable Kitty Kimball
Ellis Marsalis
Glen Post

2012
Dr. James Andrews
Mickey Gilley
Gayle Hatch
Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield
Richard Zuschlag

2011
Bill Conti
Lt. General Russel L. Honoré
Norman V. Kinsey
Laura A. Leach
Jerry Stovall

2010
James Burton
Louis J. Michot
Marjorie Morrison
Willis Reed
Buddy Roemer

2009
Terry Bradshaw
William H. Gray
Joy Nalty Hodges
Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Ken Wells

2008
Lt. Gen. Andy Anderson
Lt. Gen. John Spencer Hardy
Ben Klempeter
Tony Kushner
Lynn Whitfield

2007
Leah Chase
Kevin P. Reilly, Sr.
Matilda Gray Stream
Honorable David C. Treen

2006
Chairman Earl Barby, Sr.
Senator John Breaux
Mignon Faget
Ambassador James A. Joseph
Virginia Shehee

2005
Kix Brooks
Coach Paul Dietzel
Coach Sue Gunter
Roy O. Martin, Jr.
Wm. Clifford Smith
Honorable Andrew Young
Previously Honored Louisiana Legends

2004
James E. Davison
Robert Harling
Ron Zappe

2003
Stephen Ambrose
Dr. Norman C. Francis
William Joyce
Charles W. McCoy
Zachary Richard
Shirley Verrett

2002
Ella Brennan
Lou Brock
Archbishop Philip M. Hannan
Bert Turner

2001
Marc Breaux
Donald “Boysie” Bollinger
Archie Manning
Robin Roberts

2000
Skip Bertman
Kitty Carlisle Hart
Johnny Rivers
Alden J. “Doc” Laborde
John P. Laborde
C.C. Lockwood

1999
Faith Ford
Sen. J. Bennett Johnston
Jimmy Taylor
Irma Thomas

1998
Victor Bussie
Clyde Connell
Blaine Kern
Honorable John McKeithen
Allen Toussaint

1997
Willie Davenport
Michael Doucet
Sister Helen Prejean
Robert Rucker

1996
Dr. Joy Browne
Chef John Folse
Shirley Ann Grau
Coach Eddie Robinson

1995
Hon. Lindy Boggs
Lod Cook
Percy Sledge

1994
Bert Jones
Doug Kershaw
Aaron Neville
Chef Paul Prudhomme
A. Hays Town
Gus Weill

1993
Elizabeth Ashley
James Carville
Pete Fountain
Rex Reed
Hon. John Minor Wisdom

1991
Gen. Robert H. Barrow,
U.S.M.C. (Ret.)
Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.
Al Hirt
Robert L. Pettit, Jr.
George Rodrigue

1990
Gene Callahan
Jimmie Davis
Ernest J. Gaines
Ron Guidry
Sen. Russell Long
Justin Wilson
LPB is a state network of seven non-commercial television stations and affiliates licensed to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, established in 1971 by the Louisiana Legislature. The system includes stations and affiliates in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Lafayette, Monroe, New Orleans and Shreveport.

One of LPB's best known and signature series, *Louisiana Legends*, showcases nationally prominent Louisiana natives and serves as the inspiration for our celebratory gala. We are looking forward to saluting all of the outstanding *Louisiana Legends* at our elegant event, which shares the same name.

Friends of LPB is a private, non-profit corporation organized to support public television programming on LPB. Established in 1973 by a group of interested private citizens, Friends of LPB has donated over $14 million during the past decade with the help of thousands of volunteers and nearly 21,000 financial supporters.

Your tax-deductible support of the *Louisiana Legends Awards Gala and Auction*, and Friends of LPB, will go toward expanding all of LPB’s many services, which includes broadcasting interviews with the Legends during the coming year.

Just as historians preserved the stories of the heroes and heroines of days past, LPB and Friends of LPB seek to celebrate and commemorate Louisiana’s present Legends to inspire future generations.

We thank you for your help in making this possible.

Thank you!
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Thank you for supporting Louisiana Legends and LPB!

Please mail completed invoice and payment to the address below or scan and email tcrockett@lpb.org

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