**THE 2014 GOLDEN MIKE AWARD ANNOUNCES CELEBRITY-PACKED PROGRAM IN HONOR OF BMI’S DEL BRYANT**

**ACCLAIMED CBS NEWS ANCHOR AND JOURNALIST BOB SCHIEFFER**

**LEGENDARY SINGER, SONGWRITER, ACTOR KRIS KRISTOFFERSON**

**NOTED CULINARY AND HOME STYLE EXPERT SANDRA LEE**

**PLUS….. MAC DAVIS, MICHAEL BOLTON AND MORE**

**The Gala Fundraiser Benefits the Broadcasters Foundation of America**

**New York, New York – January 28, 2014 –** An impressive list of broadcasters and entertainers will participate in the 2014 Golden Mike Award to honor Del Byrant, President, BMI, at the Plaza Hotel in New York City on Monday, February 24. The annual gala is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Broadcasters Foundation of America -- the charity that helps TV and radio professionals whose lives have been affected by serious illness, accidents, and other life-altering circumstances.

The evening will be hosted by Bob Schieffer, the acclaimed anchor and moderator of CBS’s “Face the Nation.” Schieffer has been a reporter for more than half a century, and 2014 marks his 45th year at CBS News. He became the network's chief Washington correspondent in 1982 and was named the anchor and moderator of “Face the Nation” in 1991. In 2013, “Face the Nation” was the highest rated Sunday talk show for the second consecutive year.

Entertainment will be provided by the legendary Kris Kristofferson, recent recipient of a GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award and a Country Music Hall of Famer who ranks among the most versatile of American talents. He’s been a Golden Gloves boxer, a Rhodes Scholar, a college football player, an acclaimed actor, a military officer, a helicopter pilot, a GRAMMY-winner, and now he finds himself releasing the third Don Was-produced album in a twilight-years trilogy, *Feeling Mortal*.

Also joining the program in honor of Bryant is culinary and home style expert Sandra Lee, who will be a presenter. A multi-Emmy® and Gracie award-winner, Lee is an internationally-acclaimed expert in all things kitchen and home. She is the editor in chief of “Sandra Lee Magazine” and the host of four highly-rated culinary programs on Food Network and Cooking Channel. Lee also is the host of HGTV's “Sandra Lee Celebrates,” a series of prime time entertaining specials.

The evening is attracting famed singer/songwriters from rock to country, including Michael Bolton and Mac Davis.

Bryant has spent more than four decades at BMI, working with singer/songwriters and broadcasters alike. He played the leading role in re-engineering and modernizing BMI’s royalty distribution system. Bryant directed the implementation of the structure introduced in 1987 as part of an aggressive writer acquisition campaign that marked a sharp turn-around at BMI and attracted many of the best new writers across key genres of music. Heralding from a musical family, Bryant is the son of noted songwriters Boudleaux and Felice Bryant, who penned such classics as “Bye, Bye Love,” “Wake Up Little Susie,” and “All I Have To Do Is Dream.”

The Broadcasters Foundation of America has distributed millions of dollars in aid to hundreds of broadcasters who lost their livelihood through a catastrophic event, debilitating disease, or unforeseen family tragedy. Individual membership is only $150 a year and can make a difference in the life of a colleague who has fallen on desperate times. Donations can be made as a personal gift to the Foundation and corporate contributions are accepted through the Angel Initiative.

For more information on applying for a grant, or making a donation, please visit [www.broadcastersfoundation.org](http://www.broadcastersfoundation.org), or call 212-373-8250.

**About the Broadcasters Foundation:**

The mission of the Broadcasters Foundation of America is to improve the quality of life and maintain the personal dignity of men and women in the radio and television broadcast profession who find themselves in acute need. The Foundation reaches out across the country to identify and provide an anonymous safety net in cases of critical illness, advanced age, death of a spouse, accident, and other serious misfortune. The Broadcasters Foundation of America is a 501(c)3 Public Charity.

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