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## PRESS RELEASE

### The Hundred Year Association of New York to Honor The Actors Fund

*Brian Stokes Mitchell, Chairman of The Actors Fund will accept the 80th Richard A. Cook Gold Medal Award at fundraiser gala, Monday, March 23rd at Sardi's Restaurant.*

**New York, March 11, 2015:** The Hundred Year Association has selected The Actors Fund (1882) on the occasion of its One Hundred and Thirty Third Anniversary as this year's recipient of the Richard A. Cook Gold Medal Award. Presented to remarkable leaders and organizations, the award has been granted every year since 1930 (except during WWII) "in recognition of outstanding contributions to the City of New York."

**Brian Stokes Mitchell**, Chairman of The Actors Fund will accept the Award during the fundraising event on Monday, March 23, 2015 at the iconic Sardi's Restaurant. Mitchell will be joined onstage for a special performance by the Broadway Youth Ensemble, a group of young professionals with over 40 Broadway shows, national tours and recordings to their credit. The Ensemble - led by veteran theatre professional Joe Baker - will perform a "Thank You" medley and "Salute to NYC".

Mr. Mitchell said of the Award, "We appreciate this special recognition as we maintain our founder's commitment to support our colleagues in need, including everyone working in front of and behind the scenes in the performing arts."

The Actors Fund is a humanitarian organization that has served the entertainment community for more than one hundred and thirty years. It has supported the profession through a number of assistance programs and initiatives; like The Howl Emergency Life Project (HELP) which provides financial assistance and social service support, The Actors Fund Housing Development Corporation which develops affordable, supportive and senior housing and "Looking Ahead" which advises younger performers on how to plan for their future. The Actors Fund continues to be a safety net and center of support for all those in entertainment.

"The Actors Fund serves as an important part in service to the entertainment industry in New York City. They provide support to a community that helps to define New York City's character," said Hundred Year Association President, Clinton Blume. "We are proud to honor The Actors Fund with the 80th Richard A. Cook Gold Medal Award."

The contributions raised at this year's event will help support the Hundred Year Association and its Award programs. The Association's award programs include the Isaac Liberman Public Service Awards which recognizes superior performance and public service by career municipal city employees and the E. Virgil Conway College Scholar Awards which acknowledge academic excellence and community service by the son and daughters of career city employees.

Notable past recipients of the Gold Medal Award include entertainers Oscar Hammerstein, Richard Rodgers and Tony Randall; civic leaders Robert Moses, E. Virgil Conway and Ray Kelly; Mayors Fiorello LaGuardia, Robert Wagner, Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg; and three generations of Rockefellers, most recently the STV Group and The Hotel Association of New York.

For more information about attending the event, please contact [REDACTED] at the Association at 212.922.0791 or visit [www.100yearassociation.com](http://www.100yearassociation.com).

#### **ABOUT THE HUNDRED YEAR ASSOCIATION**

Established in 1927, The Hundred Year Association of New York is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the history and promote the heritage of public and private organizations that have been in existence for a century or more.

Our membership is comprised of the New York City metropolitan area's most enduring professional, educational, religious and charitable establishments. We support activities that maintain the history of these organizations, as well as those that positively impact the city today.

The Hundred Year Association works to safeguard the rich, diverse history of New York City while also benefiting the city and its citizens today. The Association's services and activities are community-minded and educational in nature. Core Association activities include:

- ♣ Highlighting the achievements and diverse history of long-standing public and private institutions that have been in existence for at least one century
- ♣ Assisting member organizations in celebrating milestones with special events and activities providing a public purpose
- ♣ Rewarding New York City leaders and career municipal employees who help improve the city through their outstanding achievements and public service
- ♣ Sponsoring college scholarships for sons and daughters of civil employees who demonstrate academic excellence, school and community service, and leadership
- ♣ Hosting community-minded fundraisers and special events
- ♣ Encouraging public service and careers in government to learn more about the Association and support our programs, please visit us at: [www.100yearassociation.com](http://www.100yearassociation.com) and "Like" us on Facebook.

**THE ACTORS FUND**

Established in 1882, The Actors Fund is a nonprofit human services organization founded which serves all professionals - and not just actors! - in film, theater, television, music, opera, and dance through programs that address their unique and essential needs. The Fund directly serves more than 21,000 performing arts and entertainment professionals across the country every year, and hundreds of thousand through its online resources.

To learn more about The Actors Fund and its supporting programs, please visit:  
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