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CALIFORNIA HALL OF FAME



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Joe Weider, left, a bodybuilding pioneer and mentor to the young Arnold Schwarzenegger, chats with the governor in 2007. Weider is one of 13 inductees this year into the California Hall of Fame.

HALL OF FAME CREW - MADDEN TO MILK

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This year's inductees into the California Museum's California Hall of Fame were released today by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver.

Schwarzenegger and Shriver will bestow Spirit of California medals on the inductees during a Dec. 1 ceremony at the California Museum in downtown Sacramento. Afterward, a new exhibit of mementos and artifacts belonging to the 13 honorees will be unveiled.

The living inductees - Carol Burnett, Andrew Grove, Rafer Johnson, George Lucas, John Madden, Danielle Steel, Joe Weider and Chuck Yeager - are scheduled to attend the event. Family members will represent the five individuals to be honored posthumously.

Since its inception in 2006, 38 men and women have entered the California Hall of Fame.

"The California Hall of Fame celebrates our most influential women and men and honors them for their drive, willingness to take risks, dedication and success in touching the lives of millions of people - not just in this state, but around the world."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, in a statement



Joan Kroc, philanthropist-peace activist



John Madden, former Oakland Raiders coach and football commentator



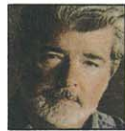
Hiram Johnson, California's 23rd governor and a U.S. senator



Harvey Milk, gay rights advocate

"Every individual inducted into the California Hall of Fame symbolizes the biggest hearts, the greatest drive and the deepest inspiration. It's an honor to induct these extraordinary individuals who have each made their own unique mark in history."

Maria Shriver, California's first lady



George Lucas, filmmaker



Andrew Grove, former Intel CEO



Rafer Johnson, decathlete and philanthropist



Danielle Steel, author

"The magnitude of this prestigious award is never lost on me. Being selected for this award is a distinction of great honor, one that is reserved for the best and the brightest."

Claudia French, museum director



Fritz Scholder, artist



Chuck Yeager, test pilot



Henry J. Kaiser, industrialist



Carol Burnett, entertainer

MORE INFORMATION

The California Museum for History, Women & the Arts: (916) 653-7524 or www.californiamuseum.org