

The California Museum's California Hall of Fame Fact Sheet

What is the California Hall of Fame?

Conceived by First Lady Maria Shriver, The California Museum's California Hall of Fame was established in 2006 to honor legendary people who embody California's innovative spirit and have made their mark on history. The California Hall of Fame is a landmark destination featured in the Museum, which serves to inspire visitors by exhibiting the diverse, creative and extraordinary stories of trailblazers, leaders and legends who have called California home.

The California Hall of Fame celebrates inductees by:

- Installing the inductees into the California Hall of Fame institution in a formal state ceremony each year, at which inductees (or their families, if a posthumous award) receive the *Spirit of California* medal;
- Making inductees and their accomplishments part of the permanent record in the California State Archives;
- Recording the unique stories and personal achievements of inductees in an exhibit at The California Museum, serving as the visual, encyclopedic record of the California Hall of Fame, to which new inductees are added each year; and
- Highlighting the inspirational achievements of inductees through a year-round education campaign.

Where is it located?

The California Hall of Fame is located at The California Museum, 1020 'O' Street in Sacramento, one block from the State Capitol.

Who are the 2009 inductees?

The 2009 inductees are: **Carol Burnett, Andrew Grove, Hiram Johnson, Rafer Johnson, Henry J. Kaiser, Joan Kroc, George Lucas, John Madden, Harvey Milk, Fritz Scholder, Danielle Steel, Joe Weider** and **General Chuck Yeager**.

Who are the inductees and how are they selected?

The California Hall of Fame inductees come from all walks of life and are people who have made distinguished achievements across many fields, including the arts, education, business and labor, science, sports, philanthropy and public service.

A selection committee comprised of representatives from The California Museum, the California Arts Council, and the Governor's and First Lady's Offices, work from an established selection based on eligibility criteria to identify nominations. The committee consults with noted California historian and California State Librarian Emeritus and Professor of History at USC, Kevin Starr and the California State Archivist, Nancy Lenoil on the identification of inductees, and presents recommendations to the Governor for final approval.

Criteria for selection requires that inductees have transcended the boundaries of their field to make lasting contributions to the state, nation and world and that their extraordinary vision motivates and inspires people to further their own dreams.

Who else has been inducted?

The 2008 inductees were: Dave Brubeck, Jane Fonda, Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel, Robert Graham, Quincy Jones, Jack LaLanne, Dorothea Lange, Julia Morgan, Jack Nicholson, Dr. Linus Pauling, Leland Stanford and Alice Waters.

The 2007 inductees were: Ansel Adams, Milton Berle, Steve Jobs, Willie Mays, Robert Mondavi, Rita Moreno, Jackie Robinson, Jonas Salk, John Steinbeck, Elizabeth Taylor, Earl Warren, John Wayne and Tiger Woods.

The 2006 inductees were: César Chávez, Walt Disney, Amelia Earhart, Clint Eastwood, Frank Gehry, David Ho, M.D., Billie Jean King, John Muir, Ronald Reagan, Sally Ride, Alice Walker and the Hearst and Packard Families.

When will the induction take place?

The California Museum’s annual California Hall of Fame induction event will be held on December 1, 2009, and will include a formal state induction ceremony, the presentation of medals by the Governor and First Lady, followed by a celebration reception and the unveiling of the new exhibit installation. All living inductees attend and members of the surviving family accept posthumous awards.

What is in the California Hall of Fame exhibit?

The California Hall of Fame exhibit features a main lobby installation of a stunning forty-foot (wide) by seven-foot (high) steel structure displaying translucent back-lit panels dedicated to the legacies of inductees.

The 3,000 square foot exhibition continues in the first-floor gallery of the Museum and showcases in greater detail each inductee’s unique contributions, with layers of biographical information, photographs, artifacts and memorabilia. Many items are loaned personally by inductees or their associations and have never been exhibited before.

Exhibit items will be announced as the ceremony nears.

How does this program fit into the Museum’s education programming?

The California Hall of Fame advances the Museum’s mission to engage, enlighten and educate. The California Museum plays a role in addressing the tremendous need in K-12 education by bringing critical learning opportunities in art, culture and history to the youth. In 2009, The California Museum expects to serve over 50,000 students through this program. The California Hall of Fame educational activities, wrapped into the current educational programming, feature special activity sheets for educators teaching California history. The Museum also hosts family fun days inspired by the inductees.

What is the California Hall of Fame medal?

The late Los Angeles artist and 2008 inductee, Robert Graham, designed the California Hall of Fame medal, named *Spirit of California*. This beautifully sculpted medal is presented to each inductee at the induction ceremony as a symbol of their installation into the California Hall of Fame.

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