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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver Reveal the California Museum's California Hall of Fame 2008 Inductees

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The California Museum Board Chair Dina Eastwood Announces Names of Inductees on The California Museum's Web Site at <http://www.CaliforniaMuseum.org>

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 28 /PRNewswire/ -- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver today announced the 2008 inductees to The California Museum's California Hall of Fame. Dina Eastwood, Board Chair of The California Museum and wife of 2006 inductee, Clint Eastwood, revealed the names in a video posted on The California Museum's web site, <http://www.CaliforniaMuseum.org>. In its third year, the California Hall of Fame has continued the tradition of honoring legendary people who embody California's innovative spirit and have made their mark on history.

The 2008 California Hall of Fame inductees: Dave Brubeck, Jane Fonda, Theodor Geisel ("Dr. Seuss"), Robert Graham, Quincy Jones, Jack LaLanne, Dorothea Lange, Julia Morgan, Jack Nicholson, Linus Pauling, Leland Stanford and Alice Waters.

"I have always believed that the greatest strength of California is our people, so it is an honor for me to showcase these Californians, whose achievements are legendary, in the California Hall of Fame," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I know that their life stories will inspire millions of their fellow Californians, and people all over the world, to dream, work and achieve."

Maria Shriver, who created the California Hall of Fame, said, "This year's inductees all share the same strength of character and determination. We honor these sons and daughters of California, men and women who have dared to achieve and in doing so, changed the world. Each inductee is extraordinary in his or her own way, and their stories and accomplishments will continue to inspire people for generations to come."

"The California Hall of Fame reflects the diversity of this great state," stated Claudia French, Executive Director of the Museum. "Only in California and only at The California Museum will Dave Brubeck meet Alice Waters, who will introduce Jack LaLanne and Jack Nicholson."

"As diverse as these inductees are, they each have two things in common," said California State Librarian Emeritus, Kevin Starr. "First of all, each of them has developed his or her talents to

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maximum effect. Second, for each of them, California -- as place, as stimulus to creativity -- enabled them to make a major contribution to the larger American society."

The California Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 10 at The California Museum in Sacramento. The ceremony will be followed by a reception and unveiling of the new exhibit installation, featuring artifacts and mementos personally loaned by the inductees, their families and organizations, including many items that have never been exhibited before. All living inductees and family of posthumous inductees are scheduled to participate in the presentation of the Spirit of California medals by the Governor and First Lady.

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"To be inducted into the California Hall of Fame humbles me beyond words," said Quincy Jones. "I have had the pleasure of calling California my home for more than 40 years and having traveled all over the world, I can say without hesitation that there is no state or region that can compare to the beauty or diversity of cultures represented in California."

Jack LaLanne, often called the Godfather of Fitness, stated, "I am so honored to have been selected by the Governor and First Lady as an inductee of the 2008 California Hall of Fame. Sharing this honor with eleven other remarkable individuals, and the previous years' inductees, fills me with pride as well as humility."

Please visit The California Museum website, <http://www.CaliforniaMuseum.com> for more information, to watch the video and to access images and biographies of each of the candidates.

About The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts

The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, home to the California Hall of Fame, is a non-profit, historical and cultural institution dedicated to telling the rich history of California and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. The Museum seeks to engage, educate and enlighten a broad public audience about California's history through exhibits and programs incorporating the experiences of women and other underrepresented groups. The California Museum inspires men, women and children to dream the California dream and to dare to make their mark on history. The California Museum is located at 1020 O Street in Sacramento. For more information about the Museum, visit <http://www.californiamuseum.org>.

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