

California Hall of Fame FAQ Sheet

What is the California Hall of Fame?

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 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 a both a signature program and a permanent exhibit at the California Museum, located at 1020 O Street in Sacramento.

Who are the 11th class of inductees?

The 11th class of inductees includes: Lucille Ball, Susan Desmond-Hellmann, Mabel McKay, Mario J. Molina, Jim Plunkett, Gary Snyder, Steven Spielberg, Michael Tilson Thomas and Warren Winiarski.

What are the criteria for induction?

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.

The criteria for selection to the California Hall of Fame 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 10th class of inductees includes: Isabel Allende, Harrison Ford, Tony Gwynn, Corita Kent, William J. Perry, Maria Shriver, Russ Solomon and George Takei.

Ninth class: Robert Downey Jr, David Hockney, Lester Holt, Bruce Lee, Ellen Ochoa, Buck Owens, Charles M. Schulz and Kristi Yamaguchi.

Eighth class: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Charlotta Bass, Joan Didion, Francis Ford Coppola, Fred Ross, Stephen Schneider, Mimi Silbert and Andre “Dr. Dre” Young and Jimmy Iovine.

Seventh class: Gregory Bateson, Warren Beatty, Charles & Ray Eames, Dolores Huerta, Ishi, Joe Montana and the Warner Brothers.

Sixth class: Buzz Aldrin, The Beach Boys, Elizabeth Blackburn, Gregory Boyle, Doris and Donald Fisher, Magic Johnson, Ed Roberts, Carlos Santana, Amy Tan and Roger Traynor.

Fifth class: Former Governor Edmund G. “Pat” Brown, James Cameron, John Doerr, A. P. Giannini, Merle Haggard, Anne Lamott, George Shultz, Kevin Starr, Levi Strauss, Barbra Streisand, Wayne Thiebaud, Betty White, Serena Williams and Mark Zuckerberg.

Fourth class: 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 Chuck Yeager.

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

Second class: 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.

First class: César Chávez, Walt Disney, Amelia Earhart, Clint Eastwood, Frank Gehry, Hearst family, David Ho, Billie Jean King, John Muir, Packard family Ronald Reagan, Sally Ride and Alice Walker.

When will the California Hall of Fame take place?

The 11th annual California Hall of Fame will take place on Tues., Dec. 5, 2017 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Festivities include a red carpet followed by a formal state induction ceremony featuring a presentation of medals by the Governor and First Lady.

How can I watch the California Hall of Fame?

A live webcast will be streamed beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the Museum’s web site at <http://www.CaliforniaMuseum.org/webcast>.

When does the 11th Annual Hall of Fame exhibit open?

The 11th annual California Hall of Fame exhibit will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wed., Dec. 6, 2017 and will continue through Wed., Oct. 31, 2018.

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

The California Hall of Fame advances the Museum’s mission to educate over 150,000 annual visitors with the accomplishments of inductees and to make their own mark on history. In addition, it also includes K-12 learning programs aligned with California State Content Standards and Common Core for over 50,000 K-12 students visiting the Museum each year on field trip tours.

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.