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WE'RE SO EXCITED!

**HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER TO HONOR TWO OF THE ORIGINAL POINTER
SISTERS
WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

DONELLE DADIGAN NOMINATED TO CHAIR THE CHAMBER FOR 2019-2020



HOLLYWOOD, CA April 5, 2019 - Renowned performers, Anita and Bonnie Pointer, two of the Original Pointer Sisters, will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's **98th annual Board Installation & Lifetime Achievement Awards Gala**, on Wednesday - April 10TH. The evening will begin with a dinner and reception at 6 p.m., with the program starting at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$85 for Chamber members. Reservations can be made at www.hollywoodchamber.net/events.

Emceeding the event will be Angélica Vale, one of the most respected, loved, versatile and talented artists in Latin America. She began her career at the age of two, performing in theater productions. To date, she has performed in thirty stage productions, worked on seven films, produced twenty albums, toured all over Latin America and the United States, and appeared in more than 250 Television episodes, including, "La Fea Mas Bella", the Mexican "Ugly Betty".

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AWARDS

MEMBER AWARDS

The Excellence in Business Award will be presented to The Musso & Frank Grill in celebration of their 100th anniversary in Hollywood.

The Business Leader of the Year Award will be presented to Vahid Sapir of Starline Tours, celebrating his 50th anniversary with the company.

Long Standing Chamber Member Awards will be given to Capitol Music Group and Avison Young.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Two of the Original Pointer Sisters, Anita Pointer and Bonnie Pointer, gained worldwide recognition and fame as two of the Original Pointer Sisters with the internationally famous all-girl singing group achieving mainstream success during the 1970s and 1980s.

Anita is a prolific songwriter and continues to write today. She has contributed generously to many of the Pointer Sisters' albums.

Bonnie and Anita's talents even attracted the King himself, Elvis Presley, who recorded the song "Fairytale," written by Anita and Bonnie.

Their sound included solid gold hits in the R&B, pop, soul, dance, and disco genres. Performing for more than four decades, the Original Pointer Sisters have won three Grammy Awards, and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1994.

The Original Pointer Sisters achieved their greatest commercial success during the 1980s for the US Top 10 Hits "Jump (for My Love)", "Automatic", "Fire", "He's So Shy", "Slow Hand", "I'm So Excited," and "Neutron Dance," with many of the lead vocals sung by Anita. In December 2017, Billboard magazine ranked the original Pointer Sisters as one of the most successful Hot 100 Artist of all-time, and as the 32nd most successful Hot 100 Women Artist of all-time. Anita and Bonnie enjoy supporting youth and family organizations.

Bonnie and Anita join a stellar list of past Chamber lifetime achievement honorees, which has included: Steve Allen, Ralph Edwards, Art Linkletter, Debbie Reynolds, Rhonda Fleming, Melissa Gilbert, Tab Hunter, Bob Barker, Esther Williams, Cloris Leachman, Tony

Curtis, Tippi Hedren, Barbara Eden, Sally Kellerman, Joe Mantegna, June Lockhart, Mary Lou Henner, Paul Sorvino and Vanessa Williams. During the program, The Original Pointer Sisters, Bonnie and Anita will receive two original portraits by artist Robert Byrne.

ENTERTAINMENT

Stand-up comedian Mike Marino sells out countless clubs, theatres and casinos with cutting edge observations of everyday life, including highlights of his Italian family roots. Mike has appeared in countless national commercials and television shows including *Byron Allen's Comic's Unleashed*, *As the World Turns*, *One Life to Live*, *Becker*, *Frasier*, *Party of Five*, and as a regular sketch player on *The Tonight Show*. When he's not winning awards and hosting shows, Mike's busy with his wise guy attempt to become the first Italian American President of the United States.

Louie Cruz Beltran is a master percussionist, singer, and a versatile entertainer. He regularly performs at major festivals, including the Playboy Jazz Festival, Concord Jazz Festival and is a popular attraction at the Levitt Pavilion and Herb Alpert's Vibrato. Louie has appeared with Carlos Santana, Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, and Smokey Robinson and has performed the National Anthem for the LA Dodgers, LA Clippers and Anaheim Angels. Louie will be joined by his Musical Director Carlos Vivas, who has earned 32 film scoring credits and first established his reputation with the world famous "Grupo Niche," founded in his native Colombia.

Donelle Dadigan, the President & Founder of the Hollywood Museum in the Historic Max Factor Building will be installed as Chair of the Board to lead the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for a second term. Joining Dadigan as Chamber officers for 2019 and 2020 will be: Dwayne Gathers, Senior Vice Chair, Mark Edwards, Vice Chair, Lupita Sanchez-Cornejo, Vice Chair, Sarah Zurell, Vice Chair, Michelle Sobrino-Stearns, Secretary, Nicole Mihalka, Treasurer and Jeff Zarrinam, Immediate Past Chair.

Several new board members will also be sworn in for the first time, including: Mark Echeverria, Musso & Frank; Michael Gargano, Argent Ventures; John Gile, John L. Gile and

Associates; Ray Hahn, CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center; Bill Humphrey, Hudson Pacific and Don Jacinto, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

The Gala will also serve as the official introduction of Rana Ghadban, the new President & CEO of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

“As the new President and CEO of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, I am proud and honored to lead this great organization, along with our newly appointed 2019-2020 Board of Directors. Our new Board is a powerful group of community and business leaders whose wealth of expertise and skills, along with my leadership and the hard work of our dedicated Chamber staff, are sure to elevate the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to even greater levels of success. As we all work together to continue the time-honored legacy of excellence that makes Hollywood the most famous community in the world, the 2019-2020 fiscal year and beyond looks to be fabulous for the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and for our great Hollywood community!” stated Rana Ghadban, President and CEO of the Hollywood Chamber.

Current board members include: Paul Audley, Film LA; Cindy Braun, Kraft-Engel Management; Patty Brunton, J2 Global; Lucy Burghdorf, Hollywood Burbank Airport; Susan Cabral-Ebert, Local Union 706 IATSE; Shawn Covell, Paramount Pictures; Vin Di Bona, FishBowl/Worldwide Media Productions; Mark Edwards, JVS So Cal; Matt Fritch, MBS; Dwayne Gathers, Gathers Strategies; Sofia Gresen, City National Bank; William Grice, Kaiser Permanente; Jason Hariton, Netflix; Mike Harriel, Sempra Utilities; Michael Hilty, AF Gilmore Co.; Illyanne Morden Kichaven; SAG-AFTRA; Yuko Kaifu, Japan House LA; Brandon Mason, Avison Young; Nicole Mihalka, JLL; Ed Murphy, CIM Group; Delmar Nehrenberg, Kilroy Realty; Jerry Neuman, DLA Piper LLP; Otto Padron, Meruelo Media; William Roschen, Roschen VanCleve Architects; Lupita Sanchez-Cornejo, AT&T; Carole Sarian, The Criscom Company; Michelle Sobrino-Stearns, Variety; Kim Weedmark, Universal Studios Hollywood; Jeff Zarrinnam, Hollywood Hotel; Sarah Zurell, Pavemint

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About the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

For more than 98 years, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has provided leadership, business development resources, networking, and government affairs programs and services to keep the Hollywood business and residential communities safe, relevant and economically vital. Donelle Dadigan, is the Chair of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 2019-2020 and Rana Ghadban is the President/CEO of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. For more information please visit www.hollywoodchamber.net.

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