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## SYLVESTER STALLONE CELEBRITY PEACE AMBASSADOR AWARD

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Sylvester Stallone, an icon of American cinema, has been chosen by the International Peace Festival | Festival International de la Paix Awards Committee as the 2022-2023 recipient of the Celebrity Peace Ambassador Award to be formally presented to Mr. Stallone at the IPF | FIP Awards Ceremony that will be held in Toronto, Canada, on September 25, 2022.

The IPF | FIP Celebrity Peace Ambassador Award is given annually to a celebrity who uses their fame and influence to make a real difference in the world. The purpose of the award is to honour a man or woman of peace from the world of culture and entertainment who has stood up for human rights and for the spread of the principles of Peace and Solidarity in the world, and who has made an outstanding contribution to international social justice and peace.

Screen legend tough guy - American actor, screenwriter, and director - Sylvester Stallone, who is perhaps best known for creating and starring in the Rocky and Rambo film series, which made him an icon in the action genre, needs no introduction. As one of cinema's most recognizable faces with over 60 films to his credit, Mr. Stallone's career has included Oscar nominations not only for acting, but also for screenwriting (he wrote the screenplay for Rocky and was nominated in 1976, making him one of only three actors ever nominated for Academy Awards in both acting and screenwriting). The film Rocky also won best picture honours (1976).

Mr. Stallone has won countless other awards among which are included the following:

- Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor for Creed (2016);
- Critics' Choice Best Supporting Actor Movie Award for Creed (2015);
- National Board of Review Best Supporting Actor for Creed (2015);
- Austin Film Critics Association Best Supporting Actor Award for Creed (2015);
- Hollywood Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award (2010);
- Venice Film Festival Jaeger-LeCoultre Glory to the Filmmaker Award (2009);

- Zurich Film Festival Golden Icon Award (2008);
- Taurus Honorary Award from the Taurus World Stunt Awards (2005);
- Golden Camera Best International Actor Award (2004);
- Video Dealers Software Association Action Star of the Millennium Award (2002);
- Palm Springs International Film Festival Desert Palm Achievement Award (1998);
- Stockholm International Film Festival Best Actor Award for Cop Land (1997);
- Golden Apple Male Star of the Year Award (1997);
- Academy of Science Fiction Saturn Lifetime Achievement Award (1997);
- Honorary César Award (1992);
- Hasty Pudding Theatricals Man of the Year Award (1986);
- People's Choice Award for Favorite Movie Actor for Rambo: First Blood Part II and Rocky IV (1985);

- Hollywood Star on the Walk of Fame (1984);
- ShoWest Star of Stars Award (1984);
- Jupiter Best International Actor Award for First Blood and Rocky III (1982);
- ShoWest Star of the Year Award (1979);
- David di Donatello Best Foreign Actor Award (1976).

After nearly six decades in the entertainment industry, Mr. Stallone has become one of Hollywood's highest paid actors and screenwriters. However, what many do not know is that although Mr. Stallone is a millionaire today, he likes to give back to the community and help those in need. He has donated over \$500 million to charity to this date. Mr. Stallone was given the Heart of Hollywood Award in 2016 by the Cedars-Sinai Board of Governors for his philanthropic work. He has supported a number of charitable foundations and organizations, such as the Pediatric Epilepsy Project, a foundation that supports children with epilepsy and conducts medical research for better treatment.

Mr. Stallone has also auctioned off thousands of dollars worth of original Rocky props, donating large portions to charities for U.S. veterans and wounded servicemen. As not only a performing artist, but a fine artist as well, Mr. Stallone's passion in advocating for a culture of peace and for philanthropy runs deep.

Philanthropic causes supported by Mr. Stallone include Children, Health, Human Rights, Peace, Poverty, Slavery and Human Trafficking. And although Mr. Stallone isn't vocal about very many political issues, he definitely isn't shy about publicly voicing his opinions on gun control and gun violence in America. Indeed, he is considered by many to be the most anti-gun person working in Hollywood today.

On behalf of all of us at the International Peace Festival | Festival International de la Paix, we wish to extend our personal congratulations to Mr. Stallone for always evolving and inspiring others. This award once again confirms Mr. Stallone's crucial activity and goodwill in supporting and promoting peace everywhere. This is yet another award to highlight the support he has shown in humanitarian development over many years.

Our warmest congratulations Mr. Stallone, as you join the ranks of those outstanding individuals and institutions that have been honoured for promoting the culture of peace around the globe. Today our world is crying out for peace and tolerance and we are sure that this honour bestowed upon you will further strengthen your resolve in the work towards peace, reconciliation and tolerance amongst nations and countries.

This is to congratulate you on your recent nomination for the 2022-2023 Celebrity Peace Ambassador Award in recognition of your indefatigable efforts towards promoting World Peace and endeavouring to silence the gun on our continent.

The IPF | FIP Celebrity Peace Ambassador Award is a befitting recognition of your relentless efforts in ensuring that peace remains an important agenda in the scheme of things.

We are pleased that such a privilege reserved primarily for distinguished leaders and advocates of international world peace-makers has been awarded to an artistic and cultural icon and someone who has used his fame and influence as a celebrity to make a real difference in the world. This well-deserved award is an indication of your laudable contribution to the development of peace and reconciliation around the world. Our whole hearted congratulations for a well-deserved award.

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