

## THE 36TH ANNUAL HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS, Hosted by Leslie Grace, Premieres Friday, September 29 on PBS and Streaming on PBS.org

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ARLINGTON, VA – The 36th Annual Hispanic Heritage Awards, hosted by Leslie Grace (*In the Heights*), premieres Friday, September 29, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET (<u>check local listings</u>) on PBS, <u>PBS.org</u> and the <u>PBS app</u>. The awards, created by the White House to commemorate the establishment of Hispanic Heritage Month, are among the highest honors by Latinos for Latinos and are supported by 40 national Hispanic-serving institutions. The awards ceremony was held and taped for broadcast on Thursday, September 7, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. 2023 marks the ninth consecutive year the awards have been presented on PBS.

Honorees for this year's Hispanic Heritage Awards include multiple Grammy/Latin Grammy winners Café Tacvba (Arts Award); Chairman of the NBCUniversal News Group, Cesar Conde (Media Award); Grammy Award nominee Omar Apollo (Inspira Award); the fastest-growing Mexican-American food brand, Siete Family Foods (Entrepreneurship Award); and Urban Latin music icon Wisin (Vision Award).

Acclaimed Dominican American singer, songwriter and actress Leslie Grace (*In the Heights*) will both host and perform, with additional musical performances by honorees Omar Apollo and Café Tacvba, a special return performance by Alejandra Guzman, and a special centennial tribute to the legendary Tito Puente featuring Tito Puente, Jr., Milly Quezada, Alec Cuba and Pedrito Martínez.

Special appearances on the 36th Annual Hispanic Heritage Awards will also include John Leguizamo (*GREAT PERFORMANCES: John Leguizamo's Road to Broadway*); Michael Cimino (*Never Have I Ever*); Francia Raisa (*How I Met Your Father*); Annie Gonzalez (*Flamin' Hot*); Constance Marie (*With Love*); Xolo Maridueña (*Blue Beetle*); Pati Jinich (*Pati's Mexican Table*); Nicholas Gonzalez (*La Brea*); Richard "Crazy Legs" Colón (*Rock Steady Crew*); and Ángel Manuel Soto (Director, *Blue Beetle*).

## **About the Hispanic Heritage Foundation**

The Hispanic Heritage Awards serve as a launch of HHF's year-round mission focused on education, workforce, social impact and culture through the lens of leadership. HHF is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.hispanicheritage.org and follow the Hispanic Heritage Foundation on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok.

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