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The Zimmer Children's Museum Hosts 11th Annual Discovery Award Dinner Dinner to Honor Andy Kaplan, Courtney Mizel, and Richard A. Smith

Los Angeles, CA – On Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30pm, the Zimmer Children's Museum will host its 11th annual Discovery Award Dinner. The gala will take place in the Crystal Ballroom at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The Discovery Award is presented annually to extraordinary individuals who are leaders in their fields and communities. This year, the honorees are:

Andy Kaplan: Kaplan has served as President, Networks, for Sony Pictures Television (SPT) since 2005. Based at SPT's headquarters in Culver City, California, Kaplan heads all of the Company's global cable and satellite television networks and investments. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Zimmer Children's Museum.

Courtney Mizel: Mizel is the Founding Director and Chairman of the Counter-terrorism Education Learning Lab. In addition, she had worked as a business consultant, advising existing and startup companies on human resources, marketing, and financial issues, and as a theater and film producer and voiceover artist.

Richard A. Smith: Smith is the President & Co-Founder of The Private Bank of California. He is one of the early architects of relationship banking. With over 35 years of experience, Smith recognizes the importance of personal service in serving the banking needs of his clients. His background reflects a mastery of both community banking, having worked at Mercantile Bank and Imperial Bank, and large institution banking, from his time at Comerica.

All three honorees are remarkable individuals who have made significant contributions to our community and are most deserving Discovery Award honorees. "We are thrilled that Andy, Courtney, and Richard are part of this wonderful event," says Zimmer Children's Museum CEO Esther Netter. "Through their involvement, we hope to further our mission of promoting values that help make a better society through interactive learning, creative self-expression, and art experiences for children and their families."

Past recipients of this prestigious award include: **Kevin Beggs**, President of Lionsgate Television * **Stephen J. Davis**, President of Hasbro Studios * **Barbara Fisher**, Senior Vice President of Programming, The Hallmark Channel * **Gary E. Knell**, President and CEO of Sesame Workshop * **Missy Halperin**, Senior Vice President, Talent Relations for Fox Broadcasting Company * **Andy Heyward**, President of A Squared Entertainment * **Arthur Hiller**, director and humanitarian * **Mark Itkin**, Executive Vice President of William Morris Endeavor Entertainment * **Wendy Moss Klein**, Co-President, 2 Friends Entertainment * **Jeff Wachtel**, Co-President, USA Network.

About the Zimmer Children's Museum

The **Zimmer Children's Museum** is a nonprofit cultural institution located on Museum Row in Los Angeles, featuring hands-on exhibits for children ages 0-8 to explore BIG IDEAS in creative and inspiring settings. The Zimmer is also the only museum dedicated specifically to kids and families in Los Angeles.

The **Zimmer Children's Museum** is dedicated to teaching people about the BIG IDEAS of global citizenship, community responsibility, and cultural sensitivity. Our mission is to promote values that help make a better society through interactive learning, creative self-expression and art experiences for children. For more details about the museum and its programs and events, please visit <http://www.zimmermuseum.org>.

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