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LACMA ANNOUNCES MUSIC LEGEND STEVIE WONDER TO PERFORM AT INAUGURAL ART + FILM GALA

HONORING CLINT EASTWOOD AND JOHN BALDESSARI ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011
LEONARDO DICAPRIO AND EVA CHOW TO CO-CHAIR, PRESENTED BY GUCCI



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(Los Angeles, October 27, 2011)—The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) announced today that singer-songwriter and music legend Stevie Wonder will perform at its inaugural Art + Film Gala honoring actor and filmmaker Clint Eastwood and artist John Baldessari. The highly anticipated event will be held Saturday, November 5, 2011, at LACMA.

Co-chaired by actor Leonardo DiCaprio and LACMA Trustee Eva Chow, the evening will celebrate the art of the moving image and will bring together luminaries from both communities. Proceeds from the gala will be used to support LACMA's initiative to make film more central to the museum's curatorial programming, while also funding LACMA's broader mission. This will include the newly reinvigorated film program led by Film Independent's Elvis Mitchell, as well as exhibitions, acquisitions, and educational programming, in addition to screenings that explore the intersection of art and film. The 2011 Art + Film Gala has been made possible with the generous support of Gucci.

Stevie Wonder is a legendary artist, songwriter, musician, and producer who at the age of 13, was the youngest recording artist to achieve a #1 single with "Fingertips, Part 2". He went on to amass 49 Top Forty singles, including "I Was Made To Love Her", "For Once In My Life", "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours", 32 #1 singles which include, "You Are the Sunshine Of My Life", "Superstition", "Sir Duke", and worldwide sales of over 100 million units. Among his many awards, acknowledgments and achievements, Stevie has received 25 Grammy Awards, the prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and an Academy Award and Golden Globe in 1984 for "I Just Called To Say I Love You" from the film *The Woman In Red*. Universally recognized as one of the most influential musicians in the world, Stevie has also demonstrated extraordinary humanitarian efforts, philanthropic leadership, and generosity of spirit. As an activist, Stevie's "Happy Birthday", became the rallying song in his efforts to make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national American holiday. Stevie is a United Nations Messenger of Peace with a special focus on persons with disabilities.

"Stevie Wonder is a world-renowned legend in the music industry, and his participation is a fantastic addition to this amazing evening," said LACMA Director Michael Govan. Gala co-chair Eva Chow echoed the sentiment: "We are very excited that he will be performing at LACMA's inaugural Art + Film Gala."

The Gala Host Committee comprises notable international and Los Angeles-based art patrons, entertainment industry leaders, and artists, including Wallis Annenberg, Willow Bay and Bob Iger, Colleen and Bradley Bell, Larry Gagosian, Frida Giannini, Marian Goodman, Brian Grazer, Lyn and Norman Lear, Jane and Marc Nathanson, Lynda and Stewart Resnick, Steve Roth, Carole Bayer Sager and Bob Daly, Jane and Terry Semel, Steve Tisch, Rita Wilson and Tom Hanks, Rick Yorn, and Dasha Zhukova.

The Art + Film Gala 2011 is expected to draw illustrious local, national, and international guests from the worlds of art, entertainment, fashion, and design, including collectors, philanthropists, artists, filmmakers, and cultural and civic leaders, among others.

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Tables at LACMA's Art + Film Gala are priced at \$100,000 and \$50,000.
Individual tickets are priced at \$10,000 and \$5,000.

To reserve a table or purchase tickets, contact Dhyandra Lawson at 323
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About LACMA

Since its inception in 1965, LACMA has been devoted to collecting works of art that span both history and geography and represent Los Angeles's uniquely diverse population. Today, the museum features particularly strong collections of Asian, Latin American, European, and American art, as well as a contemporary museum on its campus. With this expanded space for contemporary art, innovative collaborations with artists, and an ongoing Transformation project, LACMA is creating a truly modern lens through which to view its rich encyclopedic collection.

Location and Contact: 5905 Wilshire Boulevard (at Fairfax Avenue), Los Angeles, CA, 90036 | 323 857-6000 | lacma.org

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: noon-8 pm; Friday: noon-9 pm; Saturday, Sunday: 11 am-8 pm; closed Wednesday

General Admission: Adults: \$15; students 18+ with ID and senior citizens 62+: \$10

Free General Admission: Members; children 17 and under; after 5 pm weekdays for L.A. County residents; second Tuesday of every month; Target Free Holiday Mondays

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