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Jerry O'Connell Returns to Emcee Star-Studded Event

The Sky's the Limit for the Valley Economic Alliance 2022 Valley of the Stars Awards Gala.

SHERMAN OAKS, CA (Dec. 23, 2021) The Valley Economic Alliance announced that actor, director, and television personality Jerry O'Connell, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 2022 Valley of the Stars Awards Gala on Friday evening, April 8, 2022. The in-person event themed "The Sky's The Limit" will be held at the Castaway Burbank located at 1250 E. Harvard Road in Burbank, CA. O'Connell, San Fernando Valley resident and host of THE TALK, CBS' Daytime Emmy Award-winning talk show, returns to the Gala following his role as emcee of the 2021 virtual event.

"This will surely be the event of the year for the San Fernando Valley offering all the inspiration and entertainment our guests have come to expect," O'Connell said. "The gala serves to strengthen the valley's economic recovery and support provides critical business assistance for local small businesses, job search assistance for local residents, advocacy for improving the quality of life in the San Fernando Valley region."

Spanning more than three decades in the entertainment industry, O'Connell possesses an impressive record of actor, producer and director credits. He began his acting career at age 11 when he co-starred as Vern Tessio in "Stand By Me." Born and raised in New York City, O'Connell graduated from New York University with a BFA before returning to feature films. He received critical acclaim for his role as quarterback Frank Cushman in "Jerry Maguire."

Most recently he appeared in the film “Endangered Species,” with additional credits including “Scream 2,” “Can’t Hardly Wait,” “Mission to Mars,” “Tomcats,” the Jerry Bruckheimer-produced comedy “Kangaroo Jack,” “Yours, Mine and Ours,” “Man About Town,” “Obsessed,” “Piranha 3-D,” “The Lookalike,” “Deep Murder,” and “The Secret: Dare to Dream.” O’Connell was also seen in the big screen follow-up to the cult hit television series “Veronica Mars.” In addition to his film work, he has been seen in multiple hit television series, including “Scream Queens” (FOX), “Mistresses” (ABC), “The Big Bang Theory” (CBS), “Billions” (SHOWTIME), “The Mysteries of Laura” (NBC), “Carter” (OWN) and currently voices Commander Jack Ransom in “Star Trek: Lower Decks” (PARAMOUNT+).

Dating back to 1998, past Master of Ceremonies for the Valley of the Stars Awards Gala have included Steve Allen, Dick Clark, Hector Elizondo, Wink Martindale, Gary Collins, Mary Ann Mobley, Peter Marshall, Monty Hall, Bob Eubanks, Fritz Coleman, Ross Porter, Kevin Dobson, Bill Allen, Randy Kerdoon, and Palmira Perez-Najarian.

One of the most anticipated honors bestowed in Los Angeles, the prestigious Star of the Valley Awards celebrates the businesses, people, and personalities that contribute to the vitality of the San Fernando Valley. After nearly two years of pause, pivot and pandemic protocols, the Valley rebounds as an economic driver poised to shine with a renewed brilliance, energy, and strength.

Ken Craft, founder and CEO of Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, was selected to receive the 2022 Star of the Valley Humanitarian Award. Craft joins past notable honorees in that category including Judge Harry Pregerson, the Eisner Foundation with Michael and Jane Eisner, David Fleming, Dennis McCarthy, Rickey Gelb, the Pump Brothers, Patrick McClenahan, and Mel Wilson. Additional honorees will be announced prior to the event.

The sky's the limit for the San Fernando Valley's future with sponsorship opportunities available as a 2022 Valley of the Stars Gala Sponsor. Contact Jacqui Matsumoto, Director of Investor Relations at 818.379.7000, ext. 113 or jmatsumoto@economicalliance.org for details regarding sponsorship and tickets.

ABOUT THE VALLEY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

The Valley Economic Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of business, government, education, and community leaders. Our mission is to engage and unite Valley stakeholders to raise standards of living and economic vitality across the San Fernando Valley, a five-city region encompassing Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Los Angeles, and San Fernando. This region consists of more than 1.9 million residents, over 160,000 businesses and covering more than 350 square miles. To learn more about The Valley Economic Alliance, visit www.TheValley.net

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