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Personal Managers Hall of Fame Names 2018 Inductees

Eight entertainment, music and talent managers will be inducted and join the elite roster of 30 other legendary personal managers.

LAS VEGAS, Mar. 5, 2018 --- Eight show business managers, who guided the careers of Jackie Collins, Janis Joplin, Liberace, John Mellencamp, Bette Midler, Bonnie Raitt, The Ramones and other celebrities, have been named as 2018 inductees to the [Personal Managers Hall of Fame](#).

Sponsored by the [National Conference of Personal Managers](#) (NCOPM), the 2018 Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at Downtown Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

The 2018 Hall of Fame inductees are:

Barry Bergman is the founder and president of the Music Managers Forum in the United States. A veteran personal manager and music publisher, Bergman has been an outspoken advocate for artist rights on Capitol Hill.

Chet Helms (1942-2005) was the founder and personal manager of Big Brother and the Holding Company who launched the career of Janis Joplin and is often called the father of San Francisco's 1967 "Summer of Love."

Randy Hoffman is the long-time manager of Grammy® Award winner John Mellencamp and whose management clients have included Mariah Carey, Carlene Carter, Hall and Oates, Julio Iglesias, Maxwell and Ricky Martin.

Barry Krost is a literary, music and talent manager whose clients have included Barbara Bain, Jackie Collins, Peter Finch, Cat Stevens, Dusty Springfield, Angela Lansbury, Richard Gere, Liza Minnelli and Joan Collins.

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Gary Kurfirst (1947-2009) was a personal manager, producer, promoter, publisher and record label executive with a nearly 50 year career. His clients included Talking Heads, the Ramones, Deborah Harry, Eurythmics and Shirley Manson.

Arnold Preston is a personal manager, television producer and was the plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Preston v. Ferrer*, which ruled that the Federal Arbitration Act pre-empted the California Talent Agencies Act.

Aaron Russo (1943-2007) was a personal manager, film producer/director and political activist. His clients included The Manhattan Transfer and Bette Midler. His best-known movies include “Trading Places,” “Wise Guys” and “The Rose.”

Ron Stone is a music manager and musician’s advocate who has influenced legislation on digital music, file sharing and intellectual property distribution rights. His clients have included Bonnie Raitt, Brenda Carlisle and Roy Orbison.

“The Personal Managers Hall of Fame celebrates illustrious careers in entertainment, music, sports and talent management,” said NCOPM National President Clinton Ford Billups Jr. “The 2018 inductees reflect the contributions, ethics and history of personal management that the Hall of Fame acknowledges and honors.”

The 2018 inductees will join 30 current Hall of Fame members, which include Sid Bernstein, Bernie Brillstein, Brian Epstein, Ken Kragen, Dolores Robinson, Jack Rollins, Jerry Solomon and many other legendary personal managers.

Nominations are solicited nationwide from the personal management community and inductees are selected by the National Board of Officers of the National Conference of Personal Managers, the nation’s oldest trade association committed to the advancement of personal managers and their clients.

More information, plus tickets for the Personal Managers Hall Of Fame induction ceremony are available at www.PersonalManagersHallofFame.org.

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