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95th Anniversary Celebration

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HOW THE LEAGUE BEGAN

The League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The convention was held just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle. From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in their government. It was then, and has continued to be today, a nonpartisan organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the organization from becoming mired in the party politics of the day, and this belief holds true today. The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

MISSION

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

WELCOME FROM LWVLA

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, welcome to our exciting 95th anniversary celebration! Today's event is the culmination of many months of planning and is an incredible representation of our organization's message.

We are deeply appreciative to Focus Features for allowing us to include SUFFRAGETTE in our celebration, and we are certain you will be impressed with the film long after the final credits have finished. We also thank Monica Horan Rosenthal for serving as our master of ceremonies – she is a dedicated philanthropist, and the League is honored to have her support. We also offer our congratulations to today's award winners for their inspirational work: **RUTH GARCIA-CORRALES, SARAH GAVRON, LINDA GOLDSTEIN KNOWLTON, ABI MORGAN, and YORUBA RICHEN**. We honor these women who have made a profound impact in the arts and business – they are an inspiration for generations to come.

We are honored that Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has proclaimed today, November 8, 2015, as "League of Women Voters of Los Angeles 95th Anniversary Day," and we thank our Event Planning Committee led by chairperson Marca Gay for planning such an extraordinary day. We hope you enjoy today's milestone event as the League continues to #MakeHerstory.

*Warm regards, Maria Montero and Martha Sklar, Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters of Los Angeles*

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles (LWVLA) was formed in 1920 with Dora Fellows Haynes of the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation as the first president. The LWVLA is active in empowering Angelenos in many ways by: advocating on issues that members agree are timely and significant; educating new citizens and all residents about voting; informing voters with candidate forums and the pros and cons of ballot propositions through our speakers bureau and publications; creating hands-on programs for high school students to learn about government; and educating our members and the public on timely and vital issues.



SUFFRAGETTE is the first feature film to tell the story of the battle for women's voting rights. Academy Award nominees Carey Mulligan and Helena Bonham Carter, and three-time Academy Award winner Meryl Streep, lead the cast of the moving and stirring drama about the women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early 20th-century Britain. **SUFFRAGETTE**, MPA-rated "PG-13," also stars Brendan Gleeson, Anne-Marie Duff, Ben Whishaw, Romola Garai, and Natalie Press.

MONICA HORAN ROSENTHAL is an actress best known for playing "Amy MacDougal" on the Emmy-winning TV sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond," for which she won the 2006 Gracie Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress-Comedy Series. Along with her husband, Phil Rosenthal, Monica is co-founder of the Flourish Foundation and the Rosenthal Family Foundation. Their primary focus is to provide arts programming for underserved youth as well as advocating to restore arts as core curriculum in every public school throughout Los Angeles. Monica serves on the Boards of Inner-City Arts and Turnaround Arts.



AWARD WINNERS

Recipient of

LWVLA'S CIVIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD



RUTH GARCIA-CORRALES is honored for her significant business and community service as well as philanthropic support. She brings this commitment as Public Relations and Community Affairs Manager at Curacao, one of the most trusted names in Hispanic retail sales, and also as Western Region Manager and Los Angeles Chapter President of the National Association of Professional Women.

"Women's voices are getting louder: equal pay for women, more women in Congress, more women in the structures of power as CEOs and on Boards! What are you doing to make these changes! "Deeds not Words!" Thank you, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, for bringing up the discussion."

Recipient of

LWVLA'S CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT LEADERSHIP AWARD



SARAH GAVRON is honored as Director of "Suffragette." Named as one of Variety's "10 Directors to Watch," she also directed the feature film "Brick Lane." She was nominated for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts' Carl Foreman Award for Most Promising Newcomer and the London Critics' Circle Film Award for Breakthrough Filmmaker; and she received the Alfred Dunhill Talent Award at the London Film Festival.

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LINDA GOLDSTEIN KNOWLTON is honored for producing the documentary, "Code Black" (2014), the basis for the new television series premiering on CBS' 2015 fall schedule about life in one of the busiest and most tense emergency rooms in the nation and how doctors cope. Her body of work includes the documentaries, "Makers: Women In Hollywood," and "Somewhere Between" about a group of girls adopted from China and their search for identity, and films including "Whale Rider."

"With deep gratitude, I join in the celebration of moving women forward and am thrilled to be included in the recognition of our work together by the LWVLA. We have miles to go, but each step matters. Here's to the bravery and boldness we inspire in each other, and the vision we nurture as a community. Thank you to the League, which I so deeply admire. Onward!"

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ABI MORGAN is honored as writer for “Suffragette.” She first collaborated with “Suffragette” director Sarah Gavron and producers Alison Owen and Faye Ward as screenwriter on “Brick Lane.” She wrote the original screenplay of “The Iron Lady,” which won two Academy Awards including Best Actress for Meryl Streep, and which brought Abi nominations from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and the British Independent Film Awards.

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YORUBA RICHEN is honored for her documentary film, “The New Black,” which tells the story of how the African-American community is grappling with gay rights issues in light of the marriage equality movement and fight over civil rights. The film won Audience Awards at AFI Docs, Philly Q Fest, and LGBT Film Festival. Her body of work includes “Promised Land,” and “Sisters of the Good Death.”

“I am thrilled to receive this award from the League of Women Voters, an organization that I have always admired. It has never been more important to speak out for women's rights and voting rights, and I'm proud that my work continues in the tradition of Carrie Chapman Catt for whom this award is named.”

The Carrie Chapman Catt Leadership Award is named for the American women's suffrage leader who campaigned for the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving American women the right to vote in 1920. The honor pays tribute to those who make unprecedented contributions to the empowerment of women.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan grassroots volunteer organization, was born in 1920 when fearless women fought for and finally attained the right to vote. Originally designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters and to nurture civic leaders, the League helps voters, women and men, become informed and engaged citizens. Today the League continues to engage and empower diverse voices to participate in our democracy, defend and expand voting rights, and advocate for better laws and public policy. Will you join us?

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