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69th EMMY® AWARDS GOVERNORS BALL ENTERTAINMENT

This year, the 69th Emmy® Awards Governors Ball will feature world class performers for an unforgettable evening celebrating the Television Academy's most honored talent.

Legendary vocalist from Earth, Wind and Fire, **Philip Bailey**, backed by our powerhouse all-star band, **The Scott Mayo Collective**, will perform immediately following the September 17 telecast for the more than 4000 attendees. Their performance will feature a show-stopping dance number, led by award-winning choreographer **Orlando Alexander**, who will also choreograph the exciting opening set finale performed by the electrifying violin rock quartet, **Bella Strings**.

As a special treat, *Dancing with the Stars* superstar, **Artem Chigvintsev**, will be lending his expertise to the evening, choreographing and performing a breathtaking pas de deux to The Scott Mayo Collective's stunning rendition of *Unforgettable*.

On September 9th, powerhouse singer **Tomasina** will be the featured vocalist with The Scott Mayo Collective. On September 10th, **Brutha** will bring their dynamic Hip-Hop and R & B performances to the Creative Arts Governors Ball.

This spectacular extravaganza will be a true celebration of the 69th Emmy Awards!

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Philip Bailey – Featured Performer, September 17th

Philip Bailey is the co-founder, core writer, musician and lead singer of legendary band, Earth, Wind & Fire. Bailey's global success with the band along with his solo career has resulted in prestigious awards and accolades from fans and other recording artists alike.

Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Songwriters Hall of Fame, Bailey has earned seven Grammy Awards including N.A.R.A.S' highest honor, The Lifetime Achievement Award. His solo successes and those of EWF have tallied sales exceeding 100 million albums worldwide.

Bailey's solo career began with 1982's "Continuation," and the 1984 platinum follow-up, "Chinese Wall," produced by Phil Collins and featuring their global smash duet "Easy Lover," which earned him a Grammy Award. He released four gospel albums between 1984 and 1991, including Grammy-winning "Triumph" in 1986. 1994's Philip Bailey album was a collaboration with Brian McKnight, members of PM Dawn and Arrested Development. In 2002, Bailey's "Soul on Jazz" introduced his revolutionary jazz singing style that continues to excite audiences and challenge him as a musician.

Bailey has been named an honorary Doctor of Music by two prestigious colleges: The famed Berklee College of Music and Columbia College in Chicago. He is performing at the Emmys Governors Ball in honor of his charity, Music Is Unity.

Scott Mayo – Musical Director

Scott Mayo brings more than 30 years of music industry experience to the Governors Ball stage, ranging from musical direction to Grammy-nominated writing and performances. His television and film credits as a multi-instrumentalist include the 65th *Emmy Awards*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *The Voice*, *The Tonight Show* and *American Idol*. Mayo is currently the musical director and writing partner for Brazilian legend, Sergio Mendes. For the Grammy-nominated album, *MAGIC*, Mayo co-wrote “Don’t Say Goodbye,” with Mendes and John Legend, and “Visions of You” with Mendes and Janelle Monáe. Mayo also received a Best R&B Album Grammy nomination for producing the Oleta Adams album, “Moving On,” and an additional nomination as the featured performer on Gerald Wilson’s “Romance: Theme from Monterey.” Mayo is perhaps best known for his tenure with Earth Wind & Fire – particularly lauded for his stirring on-stage saxophone solo during the beloved hit, “Reasons,” featured on the Earth, Wind & Fire “Plugged In & Live” album.

The Scott Mayo Collective – House Band

Musicians and singers to the stars, the Scott Mayo Collective’s combined resume is a testament to their extraordinary talents. The diversity of artists with whom they’ve collaborated with speaks volumes to their ability to perform any style of music with ease. Stevie Wonder, Beyoncé, Mick Jagger, Bruce Springsteen, Alicia Keys, Sergio Mendes, Bruno Mars, Aretha Franklin, Jamie Foxx, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sting, Dr. Dre, Madonna, Justin Timberlake, Ricky Martin, Mary J. Blige, Usher, Ray Charles, Rihanna, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Faith Hill & Tim McGraw, Jennifer Lopez, Katy Perry, Neil Young, Rod Stewart, Michael Bublé, John Legend, Diana Ross, Quincy Jones, Jennifer Hudson and Ne-Yo are just some of the artists included in their body of work.

Casey Connor – DJ

Casey Connor is an internationally recognized entertainer, highly sought by an impressive collection of A-list clientele. Casey’s innovative DJ and mic styles transcend spinning records. Her dynamic approach to turntables and performance has won her a coveted following with brands and artists alike, including Madonna, Britney Spears, Jennifer Lopez, Kanye West, Robert De Niro, Apple, NBC, Louis Vuitton, and MTV to name a few. She is also the founder and CEO of the Live Out Loud Foundation, inspiring children around the world to turn tragedy into triumph through Living out Loud!

Bella Strings – Opening Act

Led by violinist and arranger, Nina DiGregorio, Bella Strings has rocked audiences worldwide with their blistering solos, unique arrangements and exceptional talent. They have performed with some of the biggest names in the business, including Beyoncé, Shakira and Andrea Bocelli, and were recently featured in a David Foster and Friends concert. They have also collaborated with legendary musicians Deep Purple, Charlie Daniels and Michael McDonald, and are one of the most in-demand acts in North America.

Artem Chigvintsev – Choreographer/ Performer

Originally from Russia, dancing has taken Artem all over the world. In 2010, Artem made his professional dancing debut on the original UK version of *Dancing with the Stars*, *Strictly Come Dancing*. Paired with Kara Tointon, they went on to win the coveted Mirrorball Trophy, making Artem one of the first to win the series as a first-time Pro.

Additionally, Artem was one of the choreographers on the British series of *So You Think You Can Dance* and a finalist on *SYTYCD* in the US. In 2014, Artem joined the troupe on *Dancing with the Stars*, and has been wowing audiences ever since.

Orlando Alexander – Choreographer

Orlando Alexander is one of the most popular choreographers currently working in Los Angeles musical theatre. His choreographic accomplishments have been described by critics as show stopping, masterful and mesmerizing, and have garnered him multiple prestigious awards and nominations. Before becoming a choreographer, Orlando starred in such Broadway and National Touring shows as *A Chorus Line*, *Dream Girls* and *West Side Story*, and was a featured dancer for legendary superstar, Michael Jackson.

Tomasina – Featured Act, September 9th

Tomasina is a vocal powerhouse who electrifies audiences with her dynamic and energetic performances. Originally from Long Beach, California, she's packed venues such as The Viper Room in Hollywood, The Joint at The Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, House of Blues in Anaheim and The Monte Carlo Sporting Club in Monaco where she has opened for artists such as Earth, Wind & Fire and Stevie Wonder.

Brutha – Featured Act, September 10th

Returning to the Emmys Governors Ball this year is Brutha. They will be performing landmark hits from the iconic Hip-Hop era, including rap classics from Warren G., Snoop Dogg and Tupac Shakur, and dance hits from New Edition, Bell Biv DeVoe and Boyz II Men.

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