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KTTV’S Tony McEwing, KNBC’s Patrick Healy, KNX’s Diane Thompson, to receive top RTNA journalism honors; Dr. Anthony Fauci to receive the “Freedom of Information Award”

(Los Angeles, Calif.)-Presidential Advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci is going to be honored with the “Freedom of Information Award,” and KTTV’s Tony McEwing, KNBC’s Patrick Healy, and KNX’s Diane Thompson will be honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards at the 71st Annual Golden Mike Awards® show, presented by the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California.

KTTV’s Tony McEwing has been waking up Southern California with a smile and the news of the day for three decades. The award-winning journalist has won seven Southern California Emmys, and received a national Daytime Emmy nomination.

KNBC’s Patrick Healy has covered everything from brush fires and earthquakes, to some of the highest profile court cases in Southern California since joining Channel 4 in 1984. The award-winning journalist is also known for his involvement with numerous non-profit community groups.

KNX’s Diane Thompson covered everything from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics to 26 Academy Award ceremonies during her more than four decades as a radio journalist. She spent much of her career as a field reporter before becoming one of KNX’s best known anchors, as well as doing the station’s popular “Hero of The Week” series.

The RTNA is honoring Dr. Anthony Fauci with its “Freedom of Information Award”. Fauci is Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He is Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden. Fauci has been described by the New York Times as one of the most trusted medical figures in the United States. While he is best known for the candid way he presented COVID-19 facts to America during the pandemic, he has served seven presidents, and was a leading AIDS researcher.

In addition to the special honorees, the RTNA will be saluting the best in broadcast journalism in Southern and Central California. From breaking news to documentaries, awards for outstanding work will be presented to reporters, videographers, producers, writers, and managers at Radio and TV stations from San Diego to Fresno.

The Golden Mike Awards® are presented each year by the RTNA, a nonprofit organization representing broadcast news professionals throughout Southern California. RTNA coordinates TV pool coverage of major news events in the region, fights for freedom of information causes, and provides scholarships for the next generation of broadcast journalists. Because of the pandemic, the 2021 ceremony will be virtual.

The 2021 show will take place Saturday, March 13th, at 8 p.m., livestreamed on Facebook and Twitter through the RTNA’s social media accounts, available at www.rtnasocal.org. The show will also be available via YouTube.

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