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## **FOR THE PRESS**

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### **Trumpet Awards Foundation Announces the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual TRUMPET AWARDS – with Hosts Laila Ali and Dolvett Quince**

#### **Ceremony Takes Place in Atlanta, Saturday, January 24th at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre**

Atlanta, GA (December 1, 2014). The Trumpet Awards Foundation presents the **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trumpet Awards**, a momentous occasion that pays tribute to a group of history-making honorees who are slated to receive the 2015 prized Trumpet Award. The honorees join a list of some of the most renowned personalities in this nation and abroad. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trumpet Awards black-tie ceremony will be hosted by **Laila Ali**, four-time Boxing World Champion, award-winning TV host, fitness & wellness expert, beauty brand ambassador, and author; and **Dolvett Quince**, known for his successes now into the fifth season of NBC's "The Biggest Loser;" in addition, he is a celebrity trainer, has made many guest TV appearances, and is a best-selling author. The Trumpet Awards show will be held at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta on Saturday, January 24, 2015, with the Red Carpet at 2:00 p.m. and the Awards Show taping at 4:00 p.m.

Other events and activities include the **Race Relations Symposium** entitled "*The Continuing Quest for Equality*", held at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in downtown Atlanta, on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> scheduled at 6:00 p.m. followed by a **Sponsor Recognition Tribute** reception. The Trumpet Awards festivities close with the **Soulful Ending** held at the Hyatt Regency hotel (also downtown Atlanta) featuring **The Bar-Kays**, on Saturday night, January 24<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Trumpet Awards Ceremony. The Television Show will air on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> on TV One.

The Annual Trumpet Awards was created to celebrate and honor African American achievers and those who support the African American experience. The Awards honor accomplishments in diverse fields including law, medicine, business, politics, the Arts, civil rights, sports, entrepreneurship, entertainment and other careers.

The following is a list of the 2015 TRUMPET AWARDS honorees:

- **Lou Brock** – *Baseball Legend*
- **Arnold W. Donald** – *President and CEO of Carnival Corporation & PLC*
- **Jamie Foxx** – *Academy Award-winning Actor, Musical Artist and Comedian*
- **Tommy Hilfiger**—*Principal Designer, Tommy Hilfiger*
- **Guy Vickers** – *President, PVH Foundation &  
Senior Vice President, Global Community Relations*
- **The Isley Brothers** – *Recording Artists and Songwriters*
- **Janelle Monáe** – *Singer, Songwriter, Producer and Model*
- **Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice** – *President and Dean, Morehouse School of Medicine*
- **Franklyn R. Wilson** – *Chairman, Sunshine Holdings, Ltd., Bahamas*

The Trumpet Awards was conceived, founded, and cultivated by Xernona Clayton, who has built the Awards and Awards Foundation into a prestigious testimonial around the world. “We have come far, and labored much, since we started this project in 1993,” says Ms. Clayton. “To say that I am thankful and honored to have been at the helm of this dream is putting it mildly. I am extremely obliged to those individuals who saw the vision and who have helped maintain the Trumpet Awards for more than twenty years. We are an integral part of the global community and are most jubilant to bring this event to the world and to celebrate the achievements of those who had an impact on our society,” Ms. Clayton continued.

Corporate support helps to make the production of the Trumpet Awards possible and help provide scholarships to the numerous students in their educational pursuits. Some of the major corporate sponsors include: The Coca-Cola Company, General Motors, Nordstrom, The Home Depot, FedEx, Southwest Airlines, American Family Insurance and more.

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**Attachments:**

- 1. Select photos of Trumpet Awards winners (photos and bios of all winners are available)**
- 2. About the Trumpet Awards (statement)**
- 3. Media Registration Form**

***Note to the working press:***

***For media credentials to attend the Trumpet Awards, please complete the attached media registration form and return it to First Class, Inc. Fax – 404-505-8188; email – [bjr@fclassinc.com](mailto:bjr@fclassinc.com) or [staff@fclassinc.com](mailto:staff@fclassinc.com)***