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Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction

Introduction and Opening Remarks

Master of Ceremonies

Murray L. Horwitz

Buffet Dinner

Commemorative Video 2012 "Spirit of Adventure" Award

Presented to the Past Presidents of Adventure Theatre

Special Announcement

Jon Talisman, Michael J. Bobbitt, Diane Hamilton & Joseph A. Rossi

Performance

Jesse L. Martin Television's *Law & Order* and Broadway's *Rent*

Fund-A-Need Auction

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Duane Nystrom

Jo Reynolds

Pat Searle (posthumous)

Elizabeth Segal

Mary Lou Semans

Dorothy Stephens (posthumous)

Priscilla Wimpress

Rose Wilson (posthumous)

Antoinette Yager (posthumous)

Bold=Attending

Gala Entertainer



Jesse L. Martin is one of the most successful original cast members of the award-winning Broadway musical Rent. Martin became interested in acting as a child. He attended a performing arts high school in Buffalo, New York before earning a BFA from the prestigious Tisch School of the Arts at NYU. In the early '90s, he built up

his professional career working primarily on stage, and found himself briefly in the spotlight with a short gig on the CBS soap opera *Guiding Light*. As he continued to pursue his acting career, he supplemented his income waiting tables and serendipitously met fellow server Jonathan Larson, a composer and playwright who launched Martin into stardom by casting him in the ground-breaking Rent. The musical's phenomenal success led Martin to a recurring role on *Ally McBeal* as the quirky heroine's on-again off-again doctor beau. In 1999, he embraced full-fledged leading man status when he signed on to play Detective Edward Green on the long-running NBC series *Law & Order*, a role he inhabited for nine years. These days, he continues to take on impressive stage, film and television roles, proving that his established appeal makes him adaptable to many mediums.



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