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Andy Kaplan, Courtney Mizel, and Richard Smith
Honored at Zimmer Children's Museum's 11th Annual Discovery Award Dinner
Event Benefitted the Museum's Arts Education Initiative youTHink

Los Angeles, CA – On Wednesday, November 9th, the Zimmer Children's Museum hosted its 11th annual Discovery Award Dinner at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The Discovery Award is presented annually to extraordinary individuals who are leaders in their fields and communities. This year, the honorees were:

Andy Kaplan: Kaplan has served as President, Networks, for Sony Pictures Television (SPT) since 2005. Based at SPT's headquarters in Culver City, California, Kaplan heads all of the Company's global cable and satellite television networks and investments. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Zimmer Children's Museum.



Courtney Mizel: Mizel is the Founding Director and Chairman of the Counter-terrorism Education Learning Lab. In addition, she had worked as a business consultant, advising existing and startup companies on human resources, marketing, and financial issues, and as a theater and film producer and voiceover artist.

Richard A. Smith: Smith is the President & Co-Founder of The Private Bank of California. He is one of the early architects of relationship banking. With over 35 years of experience, Smith recognizes the importance of personal service in serving the banking needs of his clients. His background reflects a mastery of both community banking, having worked at Mercantile Bank and Imperial Bank, and large institution banking, from his time at Comerica.

The dinner was also a fundraiser for the Zimmer's youTHink program. Through art and education programs in school and community settings, youTHink utilizes the power of art to foster youth's critical thinking about contemporary issues and empowers them to make a difference in their communities or in the world. The program provides art and education lessons in LA area public schools and youth events to over 3,000 students annually. During the event 2 youTHink interns, Diamond Hull and Frankie James, presented their own stories about how the program has changed their lives.

"The entire Zimmer community is thrilled with our Discovery Award gala dinner. Our youTHink student speakers were riveting and inspired the crowd to donate a record-breaking amount of money," says Zimmer Children's Museum CEO Esther Netter. "Andy, Courtney, and Richard are most deserving honorees, and their communities of colleagues and friends seized the opportunity to honor their leadership. The evening exceeded our expectations, and we know it told our story well."

About the Zimmer Children's Museum

The **Zimmer Children's Museum** is a nonprofit cultural institution located on Museum Row in Los Angeles, featuring hands-on exhibits for children ages 0-8 to explore BIG IDEAS in creative and inspiring settings. The Zimmer is also the only museum dedicated specifically to kids and families in Los Angeles.

The **Zimmer Children's Museum** is dedicated to teaching people about the BIG IDEAS of global citizenship, community responsibility, and cultural sensitivity. Our mission is to promote values that help make a better society through interactive learning, creative self-expression and art experiences for children. For more details about the museum and its programs and events, please visit <http://www.zimmermuseum.org>.

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