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Paramount Pictures warmly salutes our friend and partner on this well-deserved honor.

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A donation will be made on behalf of Tom Cruise and the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation to American Forestry.
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation, thank you for attending the 2018 Pioneer of the Year Dinner. This is our 77th annual dinner, and this evening’s honoree, Tom Cruise, is a most-deserving one.

The Pioneer of the Year award is bestowed upon an esteemed and respected member of the motion picture industry whose corporate leadership, service to the community and commitment to philanthropy is exceptional.

Tonight we honor a true Pioneer in our industry, a consummate filmmaker, a leader, a visionary involved in all aspects of film production, and the first actor to ever receive the honor—Tom Cruise.

The Pioneers Assistance Fund is the only industry program that provides both short-term and Quality of Life grants (long-term) to veterans of the motion picture industry who are encountering an illness, injury, or life-changing event.

Please enjoy yourself tonight, as we pay tribute to a true pioneer. Thank you for donating generously to our industry charity—hopefully you will never need to call on the Pioneers Assistance Fund, but if you do, we will be here to help.

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Tom Cruise is a global cultural icon who has made an immeasurable impact on cinema by creating some of the most memorable characters of all time in legendary films such as *Top Gun, Jerry Maguire, Risky Business, Minority Report, Interview with the Vampire, A Few Good Men, The Firm, Rain Man, Collateral, The Last Samurai, Edge of Tomorrow, The Color of Money* and the *Mission: Impossible* series, among many others.

A consummate filmmaker involved in all aspects of film production, Cruise’s versatility is evidenced by the films and roles he chooses. He has made 43 films, had a producing role on many of them and worked with a remarkable list of celebrated film directors, including Francis Ford Coppola, Ridley Scott, Tony Scott, Martin Scorsese, Barry Levinson, Oliver Stone, Ron Howard, Rob Reiner, Sydney Pollack, Neil Jordan, Brian De Palma, Cameron Crowe, Stanley Kubrick, Paul Thomas Anderson, Ed Zwick, Steven Spielberg, Michael Mann, J.J. Abrams, Robert Redford, Brad Bird, Doug Liman and Chris McQuarrie.

Having achieved extraordinary success as an actor, producer and philanthropist in a career spanning over three decades, Cruise is a three-time Academy Award® nominee and three-time Golden Globe Award winner whose films have earned more than $9 billion in worldwide box office—an incomparable accomplishment. Seventeen of Cruise’s films have grossed more than $100 million in the United States alone, and a record 22 have grossed over $200 million globally. Released in July 2015, *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* was one of the biggest hits of Cruise’s career, grossing nearly $700 million worldwide. Combined, the *Mission: Impossible* franchise has brought in nearly $2.8 billion since Cruise conceived the idea for the films and began producing them, and starring as the legendary spy Ethan Hunt. Cruise is currently in production on *Mission: Impossible – Fallout* which will be released globally this summer.
Cruise’s last few films include *The Mummy, Jack Reacher: Never Go Back, Edge of Tomorrow,* which opened to massive critical acclaim, *Oblivion* and the suspense thriller *Jack Reacher,* which earned $218 million worldwide. Prior to that, Cruise’s films included an appearance in Ben Stiller’s comedy smash *Tropic Thunder,* as the foul-mouthed Hollywood movie mogul Les Grossman. This performance, based on a character Cruise created, earned him praise from critics and audiences, as well as his seventh Golden Globe Award nomination.

Cruise received Academy Award® nominations for Best Actor for *Born on the Fourth of July* and *Jerry Maguire,* in addition to a Best Supporting Actor nomination for *Magnolia.* He has also garnered three Golden Globe Awards, including Best Actor wins for *Born on the Fourth of July* and *Jerry Maguire,* and one for Best Supporting Actor for *Magnolia,* as well as nominations for his roles in *Risky Business, A Few Good Men* and *The Last Samurai.* In addition, Cruise has earned acting nominations and awards from BAFTA, the Screen Actors Guild, the Chicago Film Critics Association and the National Board of Review.

Cruise has been honored with tributes ranging from Harvard’s Hasty Pudding Man of the Year Award, to the John Huston Award from the Artists Rights Foundation, as well as the American Cinematheque Award for Distinguished Achievement in Film. In addition to his many artistic contributions, Cruise has used his professional success as a vehicle for positive change, becoming an international advocate, activist and philanthropist in the fields of health, education and human rights. He has been honored by the Mentor-LA organization for his work on behalf of the children of Los Angeles and around the world, and in May 2011, he received the Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Award. In June 2012, he received the Entertainment Icon Award from the Friars Club for his outstanding accomplishments in the entertainment industry and in the humanities. He is the fourth person to receive this honor after Douglas Fairbanks, Cary Grant and Frank Sinatra. *Empire Magazine* awarded Cruise the Legend of Our Lifetime Award in 2014.
A Night to Remember

LESLIE ODOM JR.

The multi-talented, Tony and Grammy Award-winner, Leslie Odom Jr., has taken the entertainment world by storm across a variety of media spanning Broadway, film, television and music.

A Grammy Award-winning recording artist, Odom Jr.’s self-titled debut album was partly funded by a successful Kickstarter campaign and in 2014, it was released by Borderlight Entertainment, Inc. In June 2016, the album was re-released with additional material and reached #1 on the Billboard Jazz chart. Simply Christmas was re-released in winter 2017 as a deluxe edition with new arrangements and new songs. The holiday album hit charted as #1 on iTunes and Billboard Jazz Charts.

Best known for his breakout role as “Aaron Burr” in the smash hit Broadway musical, Hamilton, Odom Jr. received a 2015 Drama Desk Award nomination and won the Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical for his performance. He also won a Grammy Award as a principal soloist on the original cast recording. He made his Broadway debut in Rent and starred in the stage adaption of Leap of Faith. Off-Broadway, Odom Jr. appeared in Venice and the original staging of Hamilton, both at the Public Theater. He also starred opposite Lin-Manuel Miranda and Karen Olivo in a 2014 City Center Encores! revival of Jonathan Larson’s Tick, Tick... Boom!
Odom Jr. was most recently seen on the big screen starring alongside Johnny Depp, Daisy Ridley, Penelope Cruz, Michelle Pfeiffer and Judi Dench in Kenneth Branagh’s *Murder on the Orient Express* for Twentieth Century Fox. Previous film work includes the 2012 historical drama, *Red Tails*, executive produced by George Lucas and co-starring Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and David Oyelowo, among others.

On the small screen, Odom Jr. starred in the cult-classic musical drama series, *Smash*, created by Theresa Rebeck. He had recurring roles on NBC’s *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* and CBS’s *Persons of Interest* and *CSI: Miami* and made guest appearances on such shows as *The Good Wife*, *Gotham* and Showtime’s *House of Lies*.

In December 2017, Odom Jr. returned to the New York City stage in a solo concert at Jazz at Lincoln Center. The cabaret-style performance was crafted around signature songs and music that shaped this artist’s journey, all performed with a world-class band in front of a live audience. The show was filmed for broadcast as an hour-long PBS special, a part of the 17-time Emmy Award-winning series *Live From Lincoln Center*, and premiered on April 24, 2018.

This spring, Odom Jr. added the title of “author” to his resume with the release of his book *Failing Up: How to Take Risks, Aim Higher and Never Stop Learning*. Written in the style of a commencement speech, the book brings together what Odom Jr. has learned in life so far, tapping into universal themes of starting something new, following your passions, discovering your own potential, and surrounding yourself with the right people. *Failing Up* is about unlocking your true potential and making your dreams come true even when it seems impossible.

Odom Jr. currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife, fellow actress Nicolette Robinson, and their newborn daughter.
Christopher McQuarrie is an acclaimed and celebrated producer, director and Academy Award® winning screenwriter. His 1995 screenplay for The Usual Suspects, directed by Bryan Singer, garnered him the Academy Award® and the BAFTA Award for “Best Original Screenplay” and has been named one of the greatest screenplays of all time by the Writer’s Guild of America. Additionally, McQuarrie went on to win the Edgar Allan Poe Award and the Independent Spirit Award for his work on the film.

On the film side in the years following, McQuarrie made his directorial debut with The Way of the Gun, starring Ryan Phillippe, Benicio Del Toro and James Caan, which he also wrote. In 2008, he collaborated with Singer once again to produce and co-write Valkyrie, starring Tom Cruise. This film would lead to many more McQuarrie-Cruise collaborations. McQuarrie re-teamed with Cruise in 2012 for his sophomore directorial outing, Jack Reacher. Within hours of completing the film, he was at work with Cruise again, this time re-writing the script for Doug Liman’s Edge of Tomorrow. It was while working together on the sci-fi action film that Cruise suggested McQuarrie direct what would become Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation.

The highly anticipated fifth installment of the Ethan Hunt saga, which McQuarrie also wrote, was the biggest opening in the history of the Mission: Impossible franchise garnering $680 million worldwide and was the highest-grossing 2D Hollywood film ever at the Chinese box office earning $124 million at its opening. Up next, continuing in the Mission: Impossible franchise, McQuarrie will write and direct the sixth chapter, making him the first repeat director in the film’s two-decade history. Mission: Impossible – Fallout will be released on July 27, 2018.

On the television side, in 2017, under their Invisible Ink production company, Christopher and Heather McQuarrie finalized a first-look agreement with Gaumont, the studio behind the Netflix hit Narcos. As part of the pact, Christopher will write, direct and produce multiple scripted drama projects for the studio.

McQuarrie grew up in Princeton Junction, New Jersey and in lieu of college, he spent the first five years out of school traveling and working at a detective agency. He later moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in film.
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Tom Cruise and Christopher McQuarrie, “Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation”
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2018 PIONEER OF THE YEAR
April 4, 2018

**Congratulations Tom Cruise and The Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers—**

What a Special Evening!

NATO and CinemaCon are pleased to join the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation in recognizing Tom Cruise for his continued success with movies that thrill audiences around the world. We are pleased to support this evening’s dinner in his honor, as exhibition and distribution leaders come together to celebrate the moviegoing experience.

The Pioneer of the Year dinner allows us to unite as an industry to raise money for a great cause. The Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation is a very important charity to NATO and CinemaCon, and we are thrilled to welcome Tom to the list of Pioneer of the Year honorees. Since breaking through with such classics as *Risky Business* and *Top Gun*, Tom’s dedication to his craft has never wavered. It’s hard to think of any other actor in the history of cinema who could convey the intense emotions in *Rain Man* and *Magnolia* while also executing daring stunts in the *Mission: Impossible* franchise.

Congratulations, Tom.

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THE PIONEERS ASSISTANCE FUND has traveled a rewarding path since its beginnings in 1939 as a group of industry personalities who gathered once a year to meet old friends socially. The stated goal of the organization remains the same: “To establish a self-perpetuating fund to assist pioneers of the motion picture industry who find themselves in need; the assistance to consist of direct financial aid, medical care and temporary business subsistence during periods of unemployment and unfortunate circumstances to eligible applicants.”

In 1951 the organization formalized its purpose, its meaning and its direction, and was determined to provide a helping hand to all veterans of the motion picture industry who needed financial aid and assistance.

The rest is history. Since that time, the Pioneers Assistance Fund (PAF) has used available funds to further its outstanding record of helping industry veterans in need of financial or medical aid. Understandably, many of the cases must be handled in a delicate manner and confidentiality is of the utmost importance. Often, concerned members of the PAF play a vital role in seeking out those who need assistance but who are not yet aware of this program, an effort through which Pioneers truly are helping their own. When an individual is identified as one in need of help, the Pioneers Assistance Committee moves into action, selflessly devoting hours into an investigation of the person’s background and unique situation.

The PAF works in such an unassuming manner that its acts of quiet generosity are often hidden, eclipsed by the desire to maintain anonymity and preserve the dignity of those whom it helps. The PAF has sought little publicity and has shied away from the limelight. The appreciation of those in need is the most treasured reward possible, and the letters of thanks are most heartwarming.

The PAF wants all industry veterans who fall on tough times to know that they have a ready and efficient source of aid in times of emergency and distress.
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We feel the need...the need to *congratulate* you.

We join in celebrating the pioneering career and philanthropic heart of everybody’s hero, *Tom Cruise*.
MAVERICK: You know, the first one... I crashed and burned.
CHARLIE: And the second?
MAVERICK: I don’t know, but ah, it’s lookin’ good so far.

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Tom Cruise

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— Will Rogers
Tom Cruise 2018 Pioneer of the Year.
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In photo above: Will Rogers’ daughter Mary Rogers, actor/flier Fred Stone, Will Rogers’ son Jimmy Rogers, Will Rogers, his wife Betty Rogers and Will Rogers, Jr.

“We should never reach so high that we would ever forget those who helped us get there.”

— Will Rogers
“Well, this is not Mission: Difficult, Mr. Hunt, it’s Mission Impossible. Difficult should be a walk in the park for you.”
—Mission Commander Swanbeck
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“You’ve got to go out on a limb sometimes because that’s where the fruit is.”
—Will Rogers
“It’s what I do for a living.”
—Vincent

Tom Cruise, “Collateral,” 2004
“Of all the cabbies in L.A. I get Max, Sigmund Freud meets Dr. Ruth.”
—Vincent

Tom Cruise, “Collateral,” 2004
“It’s not gonna hit there again, okay, because lightning doesn’t strike twice in the same place.”

—Ray Ferrier

Tom Cruise, “War of the Worlds,” 2005
Steven Spielberg and Tom Cruise on set, “War of the Worlds, 2005”
RAY: No, this... this came from someplace else.
ROBBIE: What do you mean, like, Europe?
RAY: No, Robbie, not like Europe!
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Here’s to the man who started out in a **risky business**, not yet knowing the **color of money**. And you more than just made it **rain, man** — you made it **tropic thunder**. You didn’t go in with your **eyes wide shut**, and you had **all the right moves** to become a Hollywood **legend**.

You were almost **born on the Fourth of July**, and despite being the **last samurai**, you were the **firm** believer that being **American made** is where it’s at.

**Far and away**, and **without limits**, you have been a **top gun** in the industry, **knight and day**. Your best **days of thunder** are still ahead, just beyond the **edge of tomorrow**.

Since 1947, only a **few good men** and women have earned this award, and we are proud to honor you with the insiders and **the outsiders** of Hollywood.

Turns out the **mission wasn’t impossible**. The next **cocktail** is on us.

Congratulations, Tom.
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You are very special to us.

また日本でお会いしましょう！
We look forward to your next visit to Japan!

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“That’s all there is to success is satisfaction.”
—Will Rogers
STUDIO EXECUTIVE ROB SLOLOM:
Wow. 8 Oscars, 400 million dollars,
and you saved Tugg Speedman’s career.

LES GROSSMAN:
I couldn’t have done it without you.

STUDIO EXECUTIVE ROB SLOLOM:
Really?

LES GROSSMAN:
No, dickhead. Of course I could.
A nutless monkey could do your job.
Now, go get drunk and take credit
at all the parties.
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Tom Cruise

Pioneer of the Year 2018

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Tom Cruise

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Tim Swank
“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”
—Will Rogers
Benji: "When the meter is blue, that’s full adhesion. The easy way to remember: blue is glue.”

Ethan: “And when it’s red?”

Benji: “Dead.”

“Remember, you wanted this.”
—Jack Reacher

Tom Cruise, "Jack Reacher," 2012
REACHER: “There are three things cops never do. They don’t vote Democrat, they don’t drive Cadillacs, and they never use personal vehicles. It’s not a cop.”

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