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Nine Inspiring Philanthropists to Receive the 2017 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy on October 3

New York, New York, September 20, 2017—On October 3, 2017, the international family of Carnegie institutions will honor nine exceptional philanthropists as recipients of the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. The private awards ceremony will take place at The New York Public Library’s Stephen A. Schwarzman Building in Midtown Manhattan. Registration and the reception start at 10 a.m. The awards ceremony and luncheon begin at 11:30 a.m.

The 2017 honorees are:

- **Mei Hing Chak**, China; Heungkong Charitable Foundation
- **Marguerite and H. F. “Gerry” Lenfest**, USA; Lenfest Foundation
- **Azim Premji**, India; Azim Premji Foundation
- **Julian Robertson**, USA; Robertson Foundation
- **Jeff Skoll**, USA; Skoll Foundation
- **Kristine McDivitt Tompkins**, USA; Tompkins Conservation
- **Shelby White**, USA; Leon Levy Foundation
- **Sir James D. Wolfensohn**, USA and Australia; Wolfensohn Family Foundation

Katty Kay, anchor of *BBC World News America*, will serve as master of ceremonies; Anthony Marx, the president of The New York Public Library, and Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York, will give a welcome. Guest appearances will include Yo-Ya Ma with the Silkroad Ensemble, among others.

Journalists interested in attending should contact Rebecca Weintraub: Rebecca.Weintraub@Portland-Communications.com or 212.415.3612. **Reservations are required; please respond no later than September 28.**

The Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy seeks to inspire a culture of giving by recognizing outstanding philanthropists. Through their lifetimes of generosity, the honorees reflect the values of [Andrew Carnegie](#) and his philosophy of giving: that the surplus wealth of the few should be administered “for the good of the people.”

For more on the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy, including photos, videos and an event recap, please visit MedalofPhilanthropy.org prior, during and after the event.