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Boston/New England Chapter

NATAS Honors Star Trek Legend Leonard Nimoy

Boston Native to Receive Prestigious Governors' Award at Boston/New England Emmy Awards

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Boston/New England Chapter is delighted to announce that Star Trek star **Leonard Nimoy** will receive the Governors' Award. Mr. Nimoy will be honored at the Boston/New England Emmy Awards gala on Saturday, June 7 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

Mr. Nimoy is best-known for his legendary portrayal of Mr. Spock on the science fiction series, "Star Trek", which gained him worldwide recognition. First airing in 1966, Mr. Nimoy's character, Mr. Spock, would become a household name over the years as the popular television show branched off into syndication, and later, onto the big screen in six feature films. His portrayal earned three Emmy nominations.

Mr. Nimoy, who recently celebrated his 83rd birthday, grew up in Boston's West End, where he performed on stage from the age of eight through his teens. He then set out for Hollywood and gained small roles in obscure films and serials, before capturing his first film lead. After a 2-year stint in the Army, he resumed his career and eventually was cast in several television programs.

But in 1966, Mr. Nimoy would personify the half-human, half-Vulcan role of Mr. Spock in "Star Trek" and, to paraphrase his best-known line, he's been living long and prospering ever since. He also starred for two years in another landmark TV series, "Mission Impossible" and later turned to directing several motion pictures, including two "Star Trek" features and the hit comedy, "Three Men and a Baby."

For many years, Mr. Nimoy has worked in black and white art photography. Three of his exhibits are being shown concurrently in the Boston area.

The Governors' Award is given in recognition of achievements by individuals, organizations, or companies which do not fall within the structure of the Chapter's regular area awards. Historically, the Board of Governors' Award is for truly outstanding and unique accomplishments or for achievements of some duration and durability. For this award, an Emmy® statuette is given.

The Boston/New England Emmy Awards will once again be sponsored by Subaru of New England. The Boston/New England Chapter of NATAS is very grateful to **Ernie Boch, Jr.**, who has generously supported both the Gold & Silver Circle Awards and the Emmy Awards for many years.

NATAS Boston/New England Chapter is dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television, the fostering of creative leadership in the television industry, and the encouragement of excellence in artistic, educational, cultural and technical progress.

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