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Renowned TV Journalist and Author Tom Brokaw To Speak at The Hermitage Gala

Public welcome to Andrew Jackson Foundation's premier fundraising event

HERMITAGE, Tenn. (Oct. 12, 2018) – Former longtime journalist for NBC and American media icon Tom Brokaw will serve as the keynote speaker for The Hermitage Gala on Friday, Oct. 26, at the [Omni Hotel](#) in downtown Nashville. The Gala will be open to the public.

Brokaw spent his entire journalism career with NBC News, beginning in 1966 in the Los Angeles bureau, where he covered Ronald Reagan's first run for public office, the rise of the 1960s counterculture, the assassination of Bobby Kennedy and the 1968 presidential campaign.

Serving as co-chairs for The Hermitage Gala 2018 will be Carol Yochem, First Tennessee Bank in Middle Tennessee president, and Sallie Norton, former finance director for U.S. Sen. Bill Frist. Mara Liasson, Andrew Jackson Foundation trustee and NPR national political correspondent, will be the mistress of ceremonies for the evening.

This year's black-tie event also includes the presentation of the prestigious Lewis R. Donelson Award to The Honorable Emily J. Reynolds. Reynolds is a former regent (board chairwoman) of the Andrew Jackson Foundation, formerly the Ladies' Hermitage Association, where she led the board's transition from a local organization to a national scope.

The **Lewis R. Donelson Award**, named after the great-grandson of Andrew Jackson Donelson and longtime supporter of The Hermitage, is awarded to a leader who has supported The Hermitage and its preservation efforts, or has brought honor and recognition to President Andrew Jackson, his era and his legacy.

Proceeds from the Gala will benefit the Andrew Jackson Foundation's education and public programming, as well as assist the presidential home with its ongoing preservation and restoration projects.

For more information about attending, contact events@thehermitage.com.

About Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest, most well-preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889, The Hermitage is one of America's first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with 27 historic buildings, including Jackson's mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church, and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as on the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of the 228,157 visitors in FY 2018. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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