



NABOB

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POP ICON JANET JACKSON & THE LEGENDARY ISLEY BROTHERS TO HEADLINE HONOREES AT NABOB'S 18TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS DINNER

Star-studded dinner slated for March 8, 2002 in Washington, D.C.

(Washington, DC) February 25, 2002- Pop icon Janet Jackson and the legendary Isley Brothers will headline the honorees at the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) 18th Annual Communications Awards Dinner at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington D.C., on Friday, March 8, 2002. The Dinner honors the most prestigious names in entertainment, communications and public service.

This year's honorees include:

- **Bo Diddley**, *Legendary Blues guitarist* Pioneer in Entertainment
- **Cathy Hughes**, *Founder & Chairperson, Radio One, Inc.* Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Isley Brothers**, *Renowned singer/songwriters* Pioneer in Music
- **Janet Jackson**, *Pop Superstar* Entertainer of the Year Award
- **Leontyne Price**, *Esteemed American soprano* Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Mo'Nique**, *Comedienne & actress, The Parkers* Mistress of Ceremonies

“As legendary singers, songwriters, musicians and entrepreneurs, each of this year's honorees have truly blazed a path for African Americans in their respective fields,” says Pierre M. Sutton, Chairman of the Board of NABOB.

“We are excited to honor them not only for their professional accomplishments but for the countless contributions they have made to the Black community,” adds Jim Winston, Executive Director of NABOB.

“It is a pleasure to assemble such a distinguished group of honorees in a setting which will allow us to appropriately acknowledge their accomplishments,” states Lois Wright, Chairman of the Awards Dinner.

Past honorees have included: Gladys Knight, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Clarence Avant, Wyclef Jean, Denzel Washington, Michael Jackson, and Jessye Norman.

The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) was organized in 1976 in response to the abysmal under representation of African Americans in the communications industry. Since its inception, NABOB has grown into a major trade association representing the interests of 220 Black-owned commercial radio stations and 20 commercial television stations around the country. NABOB is the premier trade organization representing the interests of black-owned commercial radio stations, television stations and cable television systems around the country.

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