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INTERNATIONAL LIVE EVENTS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2016 ESPRIT AWARD® RECIPIENTS

Chicago, Ill. – The International Live Events Association (ILEA) is proud to announce the 2016 ILEA Esprit Award® recipients. To view a full list of this year's award recipients, visit the [ILEA website](#).

The [ILEA Esprit Awards](#) program is a globally recognized awards competition that recognizes the exceptional professional achievements of individuals and organizations from across the ILEA membership, representing all facets of the event. The award recipients were announced and recognized by their peers at the annual ILEA Esprit Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 13, during ILEA Live® 2016 at JW Marriott Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Awards were distributed in the following categories:

- Best Catered Event
- Best Culinary Innovation
- Best Corporate Event Categories
- Best Entertainment Production Categories
- Best Event Design/Décor Categories
- Best Event Filmmaking
- Best Events for Non-profit Organizations Categories
- Best Event Logistics and Support Services
- Best Event Photography
- Best Event Solution
- Best Event with a Legacy
- Best Industry Contribution
- Best Industry Innovation
- Best Print Marketing/Design Collateral
- Best Meeting/Conference Program Over \$250,000 USD
- Best Public Event
- Best Social Event Categories
- Best Technical Production
- Best Wedding Categories
- Best ILEA Event Volunteer Collaboration
- Best ILEA Team Effort Categories

The ILEA Esprit Awards create an opportunity to raise industry awareness of ILEA member achievements and distinctiveness. An ILEA Esprit Award showcases a company's hard work, creativity and consistent quality. To a broader extent, the importance of global industry recognition helps improve industry standards and promotes professionalism.

This year's competition was open to any ILEA member in good standing, for events that occurred between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

About the [ILEA Esprit Awards® Program](#)

Since 1995, ILEA has acknowledged the achievements of outstanding efforts by its membership through the ILEA Esprit Awards. The Awards celebrate the best of the best in multiple categories that span all professional disciplines represented within the ILEA membership.

About ILEA

ILEA, formally the International Special Events Society, was founded in 1987 to foster enlightened performance through education while promoting ethical conduct. ILEA works to join event and meeting professionals to focus on the "event as a whole" rather than its individual parts. ILEA has grown to involve over 5,500 members active in over 50 chapters throughout the world. The solid peer network ILEA provides helps special events professionals produce outstanding results for clients while establishing positive working relationships with other event colleagues. For more information, visit www.ileahub.com.

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AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2016 ILEA ESPRIT AWARD WINNERS!**CLICK ON ANY CATEGORY BELOW OR SCROLL DOWN THE PAGE TO VIEW ALL OF THE 2016 WINNERS!**[**BEST CATERED EVENT**](#)[**BEST CULINARY INNOVATION**](#)[**BEST CORPORATE EVENT CATEGORIES**](#)[**BEST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION CATEGORIES**](#)[**BEST EVENT DESIGN/DÉCOR CATEGORIES**](#)[**BEST EVENT FILMMAKING**](#)[**BEST EVENTS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS CATEGORIES**](#)[**BEST EVENT LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**](#)[**BEST EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY**](#)[**BEST EVENT SOLUTION**](#)[**BEST EVENT WITH A LEGACY**](#)[**BEST INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION**](#)[**BEST INDUSTRY INNOVATION**](#)[**BEST PRINT MARKETING/DESIGN COLLATERAL**](#)[**BEST MEETING/CONFERENCE PROGRAM OVER \\$250,000 USD**](#)[**BEST PUBLIC EVENT**](#)[**BEST SOCIAL EVENT CATEGORIES**](#)[**BEST TECHNICAL PRODUCTION**](#)[**BEST WEDDING CATEGORIES**](#)[**BEST ILEA EVENT VOLUNTEER COLLABORATION**](#)[**BEST ILEA TEAM EFFORT CATEGORIES**](#)

2016 BEST CATERED EVENT

TED2015 - Welcome Reception

Katherine McCartney

[PDW Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Vancouver

2016 BEST CULINARY INNOVATION

Bruschetta Tomato Tuile

Vince Early, CSEP

[Thomas Caterers of Distinction](#)

ILEA Chapter: Indiana

2016 BEST CORPORATE EVENT UNDER \$75,000 USD

Tomorrowland

Erin Lipman

[The Destination Manager](#)

ILEA Chapter: Arizona

2016 BEST CORPORATE EVENT \$75,000 - \$150,000 USD

Smithsonian Presidential Dinner Party

Lenny Talarico, CSEP

[MGM Resorts Event Productions](#)

ILEA Chapter: Las Vegas

2016 BEST CORPORATE EVENT OVER \$150,000 USD

Wonderland

Lenny Talarico, CSEP

[MGM Resorts Event Productions](#)

ILEA Chapter: Las Vegas

2016 BEST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION UNDER \$25,000 USD

The Dark Procession

Linsey Lindberg

[Austin Oddities & Entertainment](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

2016 BEST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION \$25,000 - \$75,000 USD

2015 Teddy Bear Affair

Keri Miller, CSEP

[e=mc2 events](#)

ILEA Chapter: Calgary

2016 BEST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION OVER \$75,000 USD

Celebration of the Americas

Debbie Meyers-Shock CSEP

[BRAVO! Productions Entertainment, Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Dallas

-AND-

Mark Wells

[Hello! Destination Management](#)

ILEA Chapter: Orlando

2016 BEST EVENT DESIGN/DÉCOR UNDER \$25,000 USD

Vintage Circus

Erin Lipman

[The Destination Manager](#)

ILEA Chapter: Arizona

2016 BEST EVENT DESIGN/DÉCOR \$25,000 - \$75,000 USD

Journey to the Serengeti

Terry Mulryan Toomey

[Future Affairs Productions](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

2016 BEST EVENT DESIGN/DÉCOR OVER \$75,000 USD

Shaw Celebrate

Dustin Westling, CSEP

[OneWest Events Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Calgary

2016 BEST EVENT FILMMAKING

Rossi+Jacobs Wedding

Ben Harper

[Breakwall Media](#)

ILEA Chapter: Cleveland

2016 BEST EVENT FOR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER \$75,000 USD

Taste of the Valley 2015

Gazala Uradnik

[GFS Events, LLC](#)

ILEA Chapter: Seattle

2016 BEST EVENT FOR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION \$75,000 - \$150,000 USD

La Vie En Couleur

Eddie Diaz, CSEP, ACC

[Encore Creations](#)

ILEA Chapter: South Florida / Caribbean

2016 BEST EVENT FOR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OVER \$150,000 USD

MPI World Education Congress Opening Night Celebration

Sara Hunt, CSEP

[Giants Enterprises](#)

ILEA Chapter: Northern California

2016 BEST EVENT LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Alerus All-Employee Celebration

Susan Diamond, CSEP

[Jigsaw Unlimited](#)

ILEA Chapter: Minneapolis/St. Paul

-AND-

Ryan Hanson, CSEP

[BeEvents](#)

ILEA Chapter: Minneapolis/St. Paul

2016 BEST EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Swing from the Chandelier

Stephanie Leblond

[Leblond Studio Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Calgary

2016 BEST EVENT SOLUTION

La Dolce Vita Wedding

Lori Hart

[Silhouette Group](#)

ILEA Chapter: New York Metro

2016 BEST EVENT WITH A LEGACY

FABBA's 2015

Robert Rogers, CSEP

[Events Man](#)

ILEA Chapter: Hong Kong

2016 BEST INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION

Inaugural Antonian Awards

Julie McGarraugh

[McNay Art Museum](#)

ILEA Chapter: San Antonio

2016 BEST INDUSTRY INNOVATION

FASTwall

Brian Shaughnessy

[ATOMIC](#)

ILEA Chapter: Philadelphia

2016 BEST PRINT MARKETING/DESIGN COLLATERAL

PC Pop Up

Aaron Kaufman, CSEP

[Fifth Element Group Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Toronto

2016 BEST MEETING/CONFERENCE PROGRAM OVER \$250,000 USD

Volvo Ocean Race Newport - Corporate Hospitality

Laurie Stroll, DCMP, CMP

[Newport Hospitality, Inc., a DMC Network Company](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

2016 BEST PUBLIC EVENT

Ontario's Celebration Zone

Sarah Tammemagi

[Parléview](#)

ILEA Chapter: Toronto

2016 BEST SOCIAL EVENT UNDER \$25,000 USD

Le Meridien New Orleans Grand Opening

Holly Bethay

[Hosts New Orleans](#)

ILEA Chapter: New Orleans

2016 BEST SOCIAL \$25,000 - \$75,000 USD

Law & Order: Special Event Victims Unit

Kevin Molesworth, CSEP

[Brass Tacks Events](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

2016 BEST SOCIAL EVENT OVER \$75,000 USD

Lemon, Lime Party Time

Josie Littlepage, CSEP

[Cosmopolitan Events](#)

ILEA Chapter: St. Louis

2016 BEST TECHNICAL PRODUCTION

Phish New Year's Eve

Terry Mulryan Toomey

[Future Affairs Productions](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

2016 BEST WEDDING UNDER \$75,000 USD

Intimate California Mountain Wedding

Marianne Cafaro

[Viva Bella Events](#)

ILEA Chapter: Cincinnati

2016 BEST WEDDING \$75,000 - \$150,000 USD

The Shipwrecked Yacht

Michael Radolinski

[Michael Henry Events Creative LLC](#)

ILEA Chapter: Greater Washington, DC

2016 BEST WEDDING OVER \$150,000 USD

Megan & Darrin's Wedding

Nicole Zenner, CSEP

[LK Events, LLC](#)

ILEA Chapter: Greater Chicago

2016 BEST ILEA EVENT VOLUNTEER COLLABORATION

25th Anniversary Chapter Celebration

Jon Adcock

[PTE Productions](#)

ILEA Chapter: Orlando

Sarah Desmond

[AFR Event Furnishings](#)

ILEA Chapter: Orlando

Lauren Farrell

[Hello! Florida](#)

ILEA Chapter: Orlando

2016 BEST ILEA TEAM EFFORT UNDER \$75,000 USD

Law & Order: Special Event Victims Unit

Kevin Molesworth, CSEP

[Brass Tacks Events](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

Lori Schneider

[The Cupcake Bar](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

Adam Kirby

[ILIOS Lighting Design](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

Jenn Guthrie

[Marquee Event Group](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

Nick Streeby

[Giant Events](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

Conor Mongan

[SUM Booth](#)

ILEA Chapter: Austin

2016 BEST ILEA TEAM EFFORT \$75,000 - \$150,000 USD

The Wedding of Bitan + Naveen

Sabrina Gorbett

[LaCentre](#)

ILEA Chapter: Cleveland

Therese Cole-Hubbs

[Electric Karma International](#)

ILEA Chapter: Houston

Alina Saini

[Party Decor](#)

ILEA Chapter: Cleveland

Brett Yacovella

[Making the Moment Photography](#)

ILEA Chapter: Cleveland

2016 BEST ILEA TEAM EFFORT OVER \$150,000 USD

Volvo Ocean Race Newport - Corporate Hospitality

Laurie Stroll, DCMP, CMP

[Newport Hospitality, Inc., a DMC Network Company](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

Anne Celeste Anders

[FUN Enterprises, Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Boston

William J. Corcoran

[Newport Tent Company, Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

Kim Crawley

[Waterman Grille](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

John Edick

[Blackstone Caterers](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

Larry Green

[Rentals Unlimited](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

Derek Iorfida

[JDI Productions Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

Meagan Leste

[All Occasion Transportation](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

TR McGrath

[McGrath Clambakes, Inc.](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island

Russell Morin

[Russell Morin Catering + Events](#)

ILEA Chapter: Rhode Island