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A MESSAGE FROM JAMES LANGRIDGE, PRESIDENT BABC LA



Happy Holidays to one and all!

Another year behind us, a new one ahead, what a year for business, enterprise and good will!

First and foremost, I want to pay homage to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, a truly magnificent monarch who led Great Britain through some of its hardest times. Thank you for your service, Your Majesty, and may you rest in peace. Although we bid you adieu with heavy hearts, we graciously welcome our new sovereign, King, Charles III. We look forward to your leadership, and God Save the King!

In 2022, we held a variety of events, with a focus on business and new opportunities, and promoting interests between the US and UK. We love to network with our friends in business here in Los Angeles!

The highlight of our summer was the Platinum Jubilee Garden Party, held right here at the Fairmont Miramar in July. Hundreds attended this fantastic event, supported by wonderful musicians and our friends at Britweek and Brits in LA.

Today I have the privilege of welcoming you to the BABC LA 62nd Christmas Luncheon, and WHAT a luncheon it is going to be! We extend our heartfelt thanks to the inimitable Stephen Fry, who will no doubt deliver a most memorable message, and the amazing Peter Asher CBE and Dorian Cheah, who will dazzle us with their musical performances.

Our special thanks also to British Consul General Emily Cloke and the Department of Trade for their ongoing support, as well as to our top sponsors: Virgin Atlantic Airways, InvestCloud, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Air Canada, Aer Lingus, Aero and Wallypark. This event would not be possible without your support.

Always, remember, that the BABC is here for YOU. Take a moment to extend your hand today and look over to those next to you. You will make some friends, and there may be some business done too!

Please sit back, relax and enjoy the afternoon, and remember to stay on at the end for our 1st official After Party, hosted by our friends at Virgin Atlantic Airways and Delta Air Lines.

God bless, Merry Christmas, and a Happy and prosperous 2023!

James Langridge President BABC LA

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A NOTE FROM EMILY CLOKE

British Consul General in Los Angeles

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Dear BABC Los Angeles,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Los Angeles Chapter of the British American Business Council for its excellent work encouraging UK-US business links, on the occasion of the 2022 Christmas Luncheon.

UK-US collaborations are key to solving many of our shared challenges, and to creating new opportunities that benefit businesses on both sides of the Atlantic. It is wonderful to work with a dedicated partner like BABC LA. A particular highlight for me this year was attending the excellent event BABC LA organised for the Platinum Jubilee celebration.

Organisations like the BABC are crucial to maintaining and growing the special relationship between the US and the UK. UK investment in the County of Los Angeles is responsible for creating nearly 24,000 jobs across a variety of industry sectors, including professional and business services, transportation, manufacturing and technology. The UK is the second largest foreign investor in California; Los Angeles continues to be the largest destination for UK investment in the state.

Our consulate looks forward to working closely with BABC LA as we seek to grow collaboration with the region across sectors of the economy, looking ahead to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We have a number of exciting initiatives ahead, including launching a new business development network for UK companies who invest and employ staff in Southern California.

I anticipate another stellar year! Thank you for all that you do.

Kind regards,

Emily Cloke

His Majesty's Consul General in Los Angeles









STEPHEN FRY is an English Actor, Author, Comedian, Screenwriter, Playwright, Columnist, Poet, Television Presenter, Broadcaster, Podcaster, Film Director, and all-around National Treasure Extraordinaire!

Whilst at university, Stephen joined the Cambridge Footlights, where he met long-time collaborator and friend Hugh Laurie. As half of the comic double act Fry and Laurie, he co-wrote and co-starred in *A Bit of Fry & Laurie*, and played Jeeves opposite Hugh's Wooster in Jeeves and Wooster.

Stephen's numerous acting roles include an award-winning performance

as Oscar Wilde in the 1997 film *Wilde*, as well as roles in the BBC's *Blackadder, Kingdom, V for Vendetta*, WB's *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows*, HBO's *Veep*, Fox TV's *24: Live Another Day*, Channel 4's *It's A Sin* and Peter Jackson's *Hobbit*, among many others. He was the long-time host of the BBC television quiz show *QI*, and has also written and presented several documentary series, including the Emmy Award-winning *Stephen Fry: The Secret Life of the Manic Depressive*.

Film and television aside, Stephen is a prolific writer and author of numerous books, including four novels: *The Liar, The Hippopotamus* (made into a feature film in 2018), *Making History* and *The Stars' Tennis Balls*. Translated into many languages, they have never been out of print. He has also written three volumes of autobiography: *Moab Is My Washpot, The Fry Chronicles* and his latest, *More Fool Me*. His book on poetic form, *The Ode Less Travelled*, is widely used in schools and colleges as a guide to prosody.

Other recently published works are *Fry's Ties* (the tales behind Stephen's collection of ties), and *Mythos, Heroes* and *Troy*, a trilogy retelling the Greek myths, from the Creation to the aftermath of the Trojan War. Stephen has also contributed columns and articles for newspapers and magazines, appears frequently on radio, reads for voice-overs and. He has won many prizes for his performances as an audiobook narrator, both of his own works and, most notably, as the voice of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

As a proudly out gay man, Stephen is a staunch advocate for the LGBT community. He has been President of Mind, Britain's largest mental health charity, since 2011, and an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists for over ten years. An avid philanthropist, he supports a number of worthy environmental and humanitarian causes. Currently, he is filming *The Morning Show* for Apple TV.

London-born **PETER ASHER CBE** was educated at Westminster School in London and at Kings College, London University, where he studied philosophy. He first entered the world of performing arts in 1952, when at age eight he starred opposite Claudette Colbert and Jack Hawkins in *The Planter's Wife*. He went on to act extensively in various film, TV, radio and stage productions.

The NY Times recently described Peter Asher as "a fascinating music business anomaly. A pop star during the British Invasion as half of Peter & Gordon, he became the head of A&R for the Beatles' Apple Records label in the late '60s, before segueing to a career as a top



artist manager and record producer (James Taylor, Linda Ronstadt, Cher, Diana Ross and more) in the '70s and '80s. He spent a decade as a label executive before returning to management, producing, and even performing, as well as finding new avenues as the author of a Beatles book and radio broadcaster".

Peter's legendary music career began in 1964 with a Paul McCartney song the Beatles had rejected, *A World Without Love*, which Peter & Gordon took to Number One in 33 countries, including the UK and the USA. The duo amassed nine Top 20 records (three of them Gold) during their career.

At Apple Records, Peter worked closely with the Beatles and discovered James Taylor. He became a key figure in the revolution of The Sixties, and also founded Indica, the book shop and art gallery where John and Yoko met and where Allen Ginsberg and William Boroughs visited.

In 1971, Peter moved to the US and founded Peter Asher Management, representing numerous recording artists. Among many other positions held in the music industry, he was Senior VP, Sony Music Entertainment. As a multi-Grammy Award winning producer, he has worked with a list of diverse artists, and was honored with the Grammy Award for Producer of the Year in both 1977 and 1989. He has been awarded 37 RIAA-certified Gold Albums and 22 Platinum Albums in the US, and many more internationally.

Peter is a member of Mensa and SAG-AFTRA, is a National Trustee of the Recording Academy, and has been a frequent keynote speaker at industry events. Today he is busier than ever, both in the studio (his current project is an album with Susanna Hoffs of the Bangles) and on the road with his own show.



Musical Entertainment DORIAN CHEAH

We're thrilled to welcome electric violinist, composer and Emmynominated songwriter Dorian Cheah. His music is a genre-fluid experience that combines his classical roots, passion for the visceral power of rock and roll, and modern electronic elements.

Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, where his classical music education began, Dorian moved to New York to study with Dorothy DeLay at The Juilliard School. He has since worked on stage and in the studio with a variety of musical luminaries, including Celine Dion, Jennifer Lopez, Ke\$ha, Brie Larson, En Vogue, Bernie Worrell (Talking Heads), jazz pianist Brad Mehldau, Karsh Kale, Zakir Hussain, Scott Page (Pink Floyd) and more.

Dorian's songs have been featured in dozens of major network television shows including CSI, Ghost Whisperer, Zoey 101, Drake & Josh, Tosh.0, and many others. His latest release "717" is his second studio collaboration with producer and bassist Bill Laswell, and is available on all streaming platforms.

A resident of Santa Monica, Dorian has two kids who are a lot cooler than he is, but he taught them to make homemade pizza, which they enjoy regularly. They are currently halfway through season 3 of The Great British Baking Show.



Emcee CARLOS AMEZCUA

Carlos Amezcua is Co-Founder of BEONDTV, a full-service media and technology company dedicated to providing content that Uplifts, Educates and Entertains. An award-winning television veteran, he has spent the past 45 years covering major news stories around the world, with most of those years in Los Angeles as co-anchor of the number one-rated KTLA Morning News.

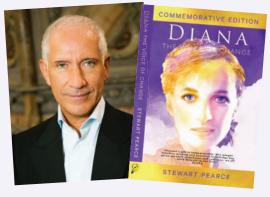
Carlos has been awarded 22 Emmys, including one for "Outstanding Journalistic Enterprise" and another for his coverage of Mexican politics. He also received awards of excellence from the Associated Press, The Radio Television News Association's "Golden Mike Award," and was part of the team that won the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award. In 2006, The National Hispanic Media Coalition honored Carlos with its National Impact Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism. The Daily News called him "LA's Best Anchorman".

As an entrepreneur, Carlos was responsible for creating and producing television's first all Latino stand-up comedy show *Comedy Compadres*. He also created LA Kings Magazine, HollywoodMusicStore.com and the FOX Friday Night Specials.

An early leader in technology, in 2005 Carlos led a digital video streaming initiative that created the first non-buffering, non-loading HD video for digital devices, that was sold to FOX Television, CBS, Warner Brothers and Disney. That initiative led to his first successful exit as a tech entrepreneur. A keen philanthropist, Carlos is an active volunteer in many community and business organizations, and works to inspire young people to reach their highest potential.

A Short Word STEWART PEARCE

Stewart Pearce is an internationally renowned Master of Voice, Author, Performance Coach, Inspirational Speaker, and Corporate Consultant. Throughout his legendary career, he has coached public figures such as Margaret Thatcher, Benazir



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During 2021, Stewart reached global acclaim with his best-selling book Diana, The Voice of Change, which offers unique insights into the essence of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, as well as inspirational empowerment exercises, vocal expertise, and power filled affirmations – all drawn from his coaching of Diana during the crucial last two years of her life. The book follows the zeitgeist of Female parity etc.

Stewart's Corporate Clients have a Who's Who of Fortune 500 companies. He will reflect on Christmas with the Royal Family and this year without the Queen.

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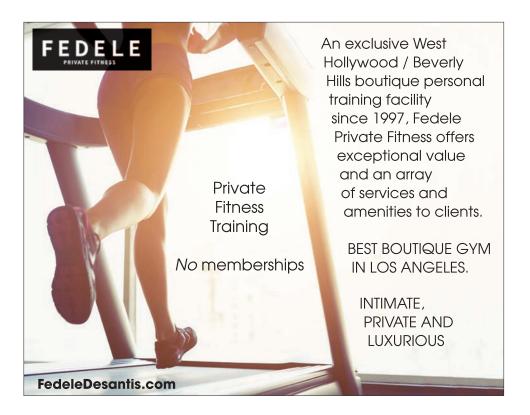




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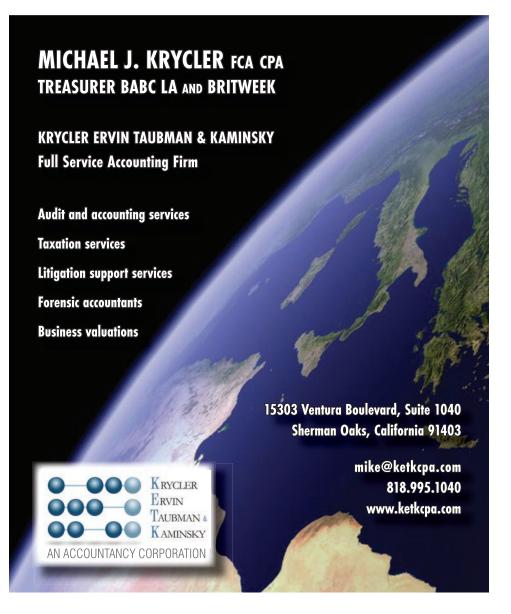












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