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BLACK TIE DINNER TO HONOR E! ENTERTAINMENT'S JEFF OLDE **Annual Media Award To Be Presented on November 14 To** **Network Executive For Documentary Series *I AM CAIT***

DALLAS, TX (October 8, 2015) - Black Tie Dinner, the nation's largest LGBT one night fundraising event has announced that on November 14 they will present E! Entertainment Network Executive Vice President, Programing & Development Jeff Olde with its annual Media Award. The award is presented to an individual or industry leader who has demonstrated a solid commitment to bring public and media attention to major LGBT issues and its community. The 2015 award is being presented to Olde for the groundbreaking documentary series *I AM CAIT*, which follows the transition story and life of Caitlyn Jenner. The series, which airs on E! in 153 countries and is translated into 24 languages, has been seen by millions of viewers throughout the world. It has the distinction of being the #1 most watched unscripted series launch of 2015.



"Jeff Olde has brought honest, educational and compelling attention to transgender issues with Caitlyn Jenner and *I AM CAIT*," stated Black Tie Dinner Co-Chair Mitzi Lemons. "Jeff's role in leading this project from its inception to its reality will have a lasting impact on real lives as well as open the hearts of those who, until now, just could not understand. It is a privilege for Black Tie Dinner to honor him," said Co-Chair John Lawrimore.

Under Olde's leadership, E! is a global pop culture powerhouse which includes other hit franchises "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," "Total Divas," "Botched," "House of DVF," "Fashion Police," "Live From The Red Carpet with Ryan Seacrest," and "The Soup." He also impacted the scripted landscape with the highly successful launch of the network's first original scripted series "The Royals," starring Elizabeth Hurley.

ABOUT BLACK TIE DINNER

Black Tie Dinner, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that raises funds for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender supportive organizations through a premier event of empowerment, education and entertainment in partnership with the community. The event has been headlined by local and national celebrities and leaders such as Maya Angelou, Ann Richards, Geena Davis, Lily Tomlin, Goldie Hawn, Marlee Matlin, Meredith Baxter, Martin Sheen, Patti LaBelle, Dustin Lance Black, Zach Wahls, Dale Hansen and more.

Black Tie Dinner, Inc. began in Dallas in 1982 to help support the Human Rights Campaign Fund. There were 140 guests in attendance at the first dinner, which raised \$6,000. In 2014, the dinner distributed \$1.00 million to 15 local beneficiaries and the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. In its 33-year history, the dinner has distributed nearly \$20 million to LGBT supportive organizations.

For more information about the Black Tie Dinner or this year's event, visit www.blacktie.org or call 972-865-2239. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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