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**Spotlight Initiative Awards Gala to Shine Bright**

**with**

***Spike Lee, Kevin Smith, Tim Daly, Gabrielle Union, Harley Quinn Smith,***

***Tyler Posey, James Purefoy, Anna Gunn, Alysia Reiner,***

***Sarah Megan Thomas and Nate Parker***

***Park City, UT (January 7, 2016)*** – Today, The Creative Coalition announces that **Spike Lee** (*Michael Jackson's Journey from Motown to Off the Wall*) and Emerging Director **Nate Parker** (*The Birth of a Nation*) will join other 2016 Spotlight Initiative Award honorees *Yoga Hosers'* **Kevin Smith, Harley Quinn Smith, Tyler Posey** and *Equity's* **James Purefoy, Anna Gunn, Alysia Reiner,**

**and Sarah Megan Thomas.** The Creative Coalition's 2016 Spotlight Initiative Awards Gala Dinner will take place at the Kia Supper Suite by The Church Key in Park City, Utah.

**Details are as follows:**

**Who:**

**Confirmed talent includes actor and President of The Creative Coalition Tim Daly** ("Madam Secretary"), **Spike Lee** (*Michael Jackson's Journey from Motown to Off the Wall*), **Kevin Smith** (*Yoga Hosers*), **Harley Quinn Smith** (*Yoga Hosers*), **Tyler Posey** (*Yoga Hosers*), **James Purefoy** (*Equity*), **Anna Gunn** (*Equity*), **Alysia Reiner** (*Equity*), **Sarah Megan Thomas** (*Equity*), **Gabrielle Union** (*The Birth of a Nation*), **Sam Neill** (*Hunt for the Wilderpeople*), **Margo Martindale** (*The Hollars*), **Nate Parker** (*The Birth of a Nation*), **David Alan Basche** ("The Exes"), and others TBA.

**What:**

**The 2016 Creative Coalition Spotlight Initiative Gala Awards Dinner**

**When:**

**Saturday evening, January 23, 2016**

**7:30 pm – Press Call**

**8:00 pm – Red Carpet/Photo Ops/VIP Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres**

**8:30 pm – Dinner and Awards**

**Where:**

**Kia Supper Suite by The Church Key**

**(Cisero's, 306 Main Street)**

**For ticketing and sponsorship information, CLICK HERE**

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The event will be a private gala awards dinner hosted at the Kia Supper Suite by The Church Key, a pop-up takeover of Cisero's Ristorante on Main Street. Kia Sorento, Maestro Dobel® Tequila, and Johndrow Vineyards will be supporting sponsors of the annual gala event with the menu and kitchen helmed by Chef Steven Fretz of L.A.'s popular restaurant, The Church Key.

**\*\*\*THIS IS AN INVITATION-ONLY, TICKETED EVENT. ALL PRESS MUST BE CREDENTIALLED WITH [MKelley@TheCreativeCoalition.org](mailto:MKelley@TheCreativeCoalition.org). SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED\*\*\***

***ABOUT THE CREATIVE COALITION AND THE SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE:***

The Creative Coalition ([www.TheCreativeCoalition.org](http://www.TheCreativeCoalition.org) <<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ShowPage.aspx?3439313031377L31333438353434>>) is the premier nonprofit, nonpartisan 501 (c)(3) social and public advocacy organization of the arts and entertainment community. Founded in 1989 by prominent members of the creative community, The Creative Coalition is dedicated to educating, mobilizing, and activating its members on issues of public importance. Actor Tim Daly serves as the organization's President. The Spotlight Initiative Awards are a prestigious honor in the independent film arena. For over a decade, these honors have been bestowed during the Sundance, Cannes, and Toronto Film Festivals. Recent recipients include Dustin Hoffman, Kathy Bates, Eddie Izzard, and Josh Lucas for *Boychoir*; William H. Macy and John Hawkes for *The Sessions*; Kevin Spacey, Demi Moore, Paul Bettany, Jeremy Irons, Zachary Quinto, Penn Badgley, Simon Baker, and Stanley Tucci for *Margin Call*; Vera Farmiga for *Goats*; Maggie Gyllenhaal for *Hysteria*; and directors Quentin Tarantino, Taylor Hackford, George Hickenlooper, Lee Daniels, Roland Emmerich, and Barry Levinson. Other Spotlight Award winners include Sean Penn, Robin Williams, Whoopi Goldberg, Jane Alexander, Harry Belafonte, Russell Simmons, Cicely Tyson, Marcia Gay Harden, Melissa Leo, Elijah Wood, Anna Kendrick, Ellen Barkin, Alan Arkin, Tracy Morgan, Kate Bosworth, Jane Lynch, Shailene