



**DAVID VERKLIN, CEO OF CANOE VENTURES, SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO  
*BROADCASTING & CABLE HALL OF FAME***

**Class of 2009 to be Feted October 20 During  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner at New York's Waldorf-Astoria**

**“NBC Nightly News” Anchor and Managing Editor Brian Williams to Host;  
“Entertainment Tonight’s” Mary Hart Tapped as Special Presenter**

The *Broadcasting & Cable* Hall of Fame - the premier industry event paying tribute to the pioneers, innovators and stars of the electronic arts – has named its class of 2009. The inductees will be honored during the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Tuesday, October 20th. Brian Williams, Anchor and Managing Editor of “NBC Nightly News” will host the evening. Mary Hart, a Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame alumnus since 1999, will serve as guest presenter. This new class takes its place alongside the over 300 luminaries who have been recognized in previous years by *Broadcasting & Cable Magazine*.

Hall of Fame inductees include:

- Richard Beaven – CEO, Initiative Worldwide
- Linda Bell Blue – Executive Producer, “Entertainment Tonight” and “The Insider”
- Pat Esser – President, Cox Communications
- Jorge Ramos – Anchor, “Noticiero” Univision
- Abbe Raven – President and CEO, A&E Television Networks
- Johnathan Rodgers – President and CEO, TV One
- Bob Ross – Senior Vice President, East Coast Operations, CBS Television Network
- Jack Sander – Senior Advisor, Belo Corporation
- **David Verklin – CEO, Canoe Ventures**
- Tony Vinciguerra – Chairman and CEO, Fox Networks Group

- Jeff Zucker – President & CEO, NBC Universal

“The *Broadcasting & Cable* Hall of Fame is an event that for nearly 20 years has both commemorated great television and honored television's greatest pioneers,” said Bill McGorry, Chairman of the *Broadcasting & Cable* Hall of Fame. “We are delighted to welcome the incoming class of 2009 and we look forward to a terrific evening of celebration.”

“This year’s program promises to be one of our most entertaining and fun,” added Larry Dunn, Group Publisher, Broadcasting & Cable. “Brian Williams’ unique combination of gravitas and a razor-sharp sense of humor make him an ideal choice to host the evening’s festivities. Our line-up of honorees is among our strongest ever, led by ‘Monday Night Football,’ one of the most storied franchises in American television history.”

Beneficiaries include the charitable organization Broadcasters’ Foundation of America. A safety net for radio and television professionals across the country, the foundation provides anonymous financial grants to those who are in acute need due to critical illness, advanced age, death of a spouse, an accident or other serious misfortune.

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