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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND HOST

Welcome to the 29th Annual SUNSHINE Awards Program. Tonight we dedicate this program to Dr. Hollis "Chalkdust" Liverpool for his 52 years of contribution to the performing arts, education and humanity. I welcome you to share this very special evening with us and the talented nominees of the 2017 SUNSHINE Awards.

In celebrating the rich and diverse culture of the various regions, we also strengthen the bond of friendship and harmony throughout our world. We recognize the cultural ties, sometimes through heritage, even though there are differences in the various customs and art forms.

The support of our communities and sponsors has enabled the SUNSHINE Awards Organization to move forward with its vision. I express my thanks and appreciation for their support. To our host and co-host, our families, and the SUNSHINE Awards team, I offer my thanks and appreciation for their hard work over the years. I also congratulate all the men and women whose talent we have come to honor and celebrate tonight at this very special and unique event.

Let us continue to do all we can with our God-given talents to make our world a better place.

Sincerely,

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Every day we are reminded of the beauty of the landscapes, the creativity of the people and the richness of culture throughout the regions. For eight consecutive years, United has sponsored the SUNSHINE Awards, demonstrating the airline's commitment to the preservation and celebration of cultural heritage and the art forms.

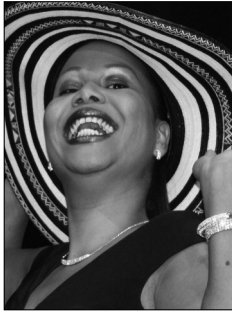


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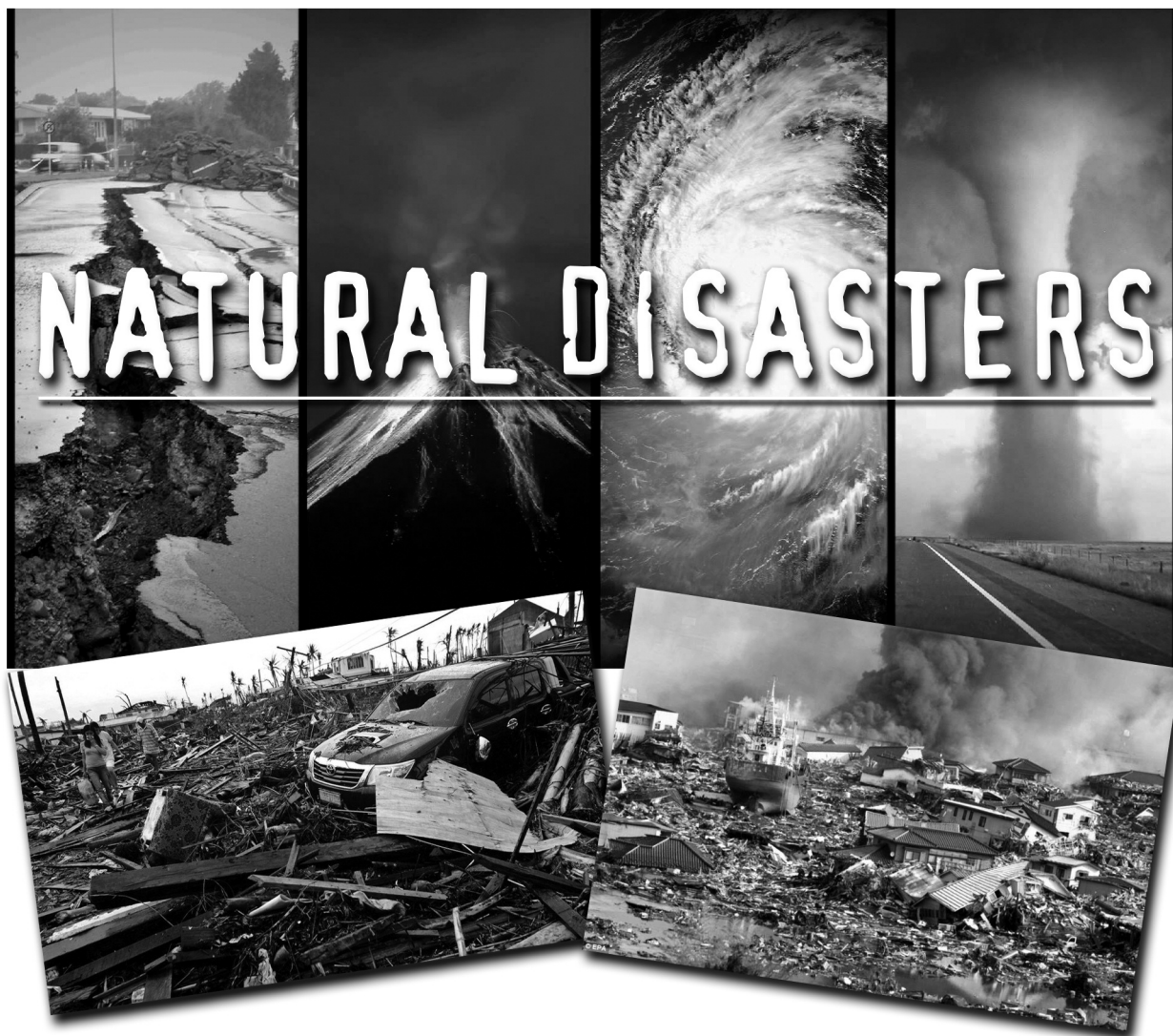




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Elio Villafranca - Cuba

Steinway Artist, pianist and composer Elio Villafranca was born in San Luis, Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Since his arrival in the U.S. in mid-1995, he has been at the forefront of the latest generation of remarkable pianists, composers and bandleaders, recording extensively as a band leader and collaborating in many different projects. In 2010, he received a Grammy Nomination in the Best Latin Jazz Album of the Year category, and in 2008 he was nomination by Jazz Corner as pianist of the year. In 2014 Mr. Villafranca was recipient of the first Jazz at Lincoln Center Millennium Swing Award.



Adriano Santos - Brazil

Adriano Santos is at the epicenter of New York's contemporary Brazilian drummers. His playing style is typified by a natural clarity, swing and deep-seated groove in the tradition of Airto Moreira and Milton Banana. In 2010, he received three nominations in various categories for the Latin Jazz Corner Best of 2010 Awards. He also shares his knowledge about Brazilian music teaching at Columbia University, New York University, and for the past fifteen years at the renowned Drummers Collective Music School in NYC.



Charles Dougherty - Jamaica

An arranger, songwriter and producer who recorded and toured with some of the world's most talented performing artists including Stevie Wonder, Monty Alexander, Melba Moore, Jonathan Butler, Paul Simon, the Mighty Sparrow and Byron Lee. He arranged and co-wrote with Barry Eastmond the award-winning documentary about the late presidential candidate Shirley Chisholm. He also wrote the song entitled "The Girl of My Dreams" for two-time Grammy nominee Jonathan Butler.



Dr. Eugene Novotney - United States

As a percussionist and composer, Dr. Eugene Novotney has performed and presented lectures and master classes in North America, South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and Africa. He is recognized internationally as a composer of contemporary percussion music, and his compositions are widely performed as standards of the literature. He is currently a Professor of Music and Director of Percussion Studies at California State University-Humboldt, and is the founder and coordinator of the 'Percussion in World Music' program for the California State University Summer Arts Program.





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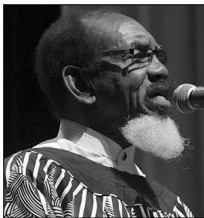
Pooja Narang - Canada / India

Born and raised in Toronto, Canada, Pooja began her dance journey from the age of 4. She studied the classical forms of Bharatanatyam, Kathak and Odissi dance as well as the traditional and acrobatic form of Bhangra in the villages of Punjab, India. She founded the Pooja's Dance Company in 2006. Her choreography has appeared in several major motion pictures, including Bollywood Blockbusters and HOLLYWOOD FILMS, "THE ACCIDENTAL HUSBAND" & "THE GOLD BRACELET."



Miguel del Aguila - Uruguay

Three-time Grammy nominated American composer born 1957 in Montevideo, Uruguay. In more than 115 works that couple drama and driving rhythm with nostalgic nods to his South American roots, he has established himself among the most distinctive and highly regarded composers of his generation. His music has been performed worldwide by over 96 orchestras, by thousands of ensembles and soloists, and recorded on 34 CDs



Dr Hollis "Chalkdust" Liverpool - Trinidad & Tobago

Dr. Hollis Urban Liverpool better known as the Mighty Chalkdust or Chalkie was educated at Patience Hill R. C. and Nelson Street Boys' R.C. primary schools, St. Mary's College, the Government Training College for teachers (GTC), the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A. He holds a Trained Teacher's Certificate, a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education, a B.A. in History and Sociology, an M.A. in World History, an M.A. in African History, a Certificate in Philosophy and a Ph.D. in History and Ethnomusicology. He is currently a Senior Academic Fellow with the University of Trinidad and Tobago Academy for Arts, Letters, Culture and Public Affairs. Dr. Liverpool has written a multiplicity of papers and several books, including his masterpiece: Rituals of Power and Rebellion. He performed the art of calypso for over 52 years and won the Trinidad and Tobago Calypso Monarch competition nine (9) times.



Sandra Andria DesVignes-Millington - Trinidad & Tobago

Sandra, affectionately known as Singing Sandra, is no stranger around the world to the performing arts stage. She has been making her contribution to the performing arts and humanity since 1984. Her very unique style combined with her poignant social commentaries often compels one to reflect on the realities of life. In 1987, she won the Calypso Queen of the World Competition. In 1992, she won the Calypso Queen of the Universe Competition and she won the Trinidad and Tobago Calypso Monarch in 1999 and 2003.





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Congratulations to all the Awards nominees and recipients and new inductees into the SUNSHINE Awards Hall of Fame.



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I congratulate the nominees and recipients of the 2017 SUNSHINE Awards. Your celebration tonight underscores the importance of education and the performing arts to our world. Keep soaring!!!





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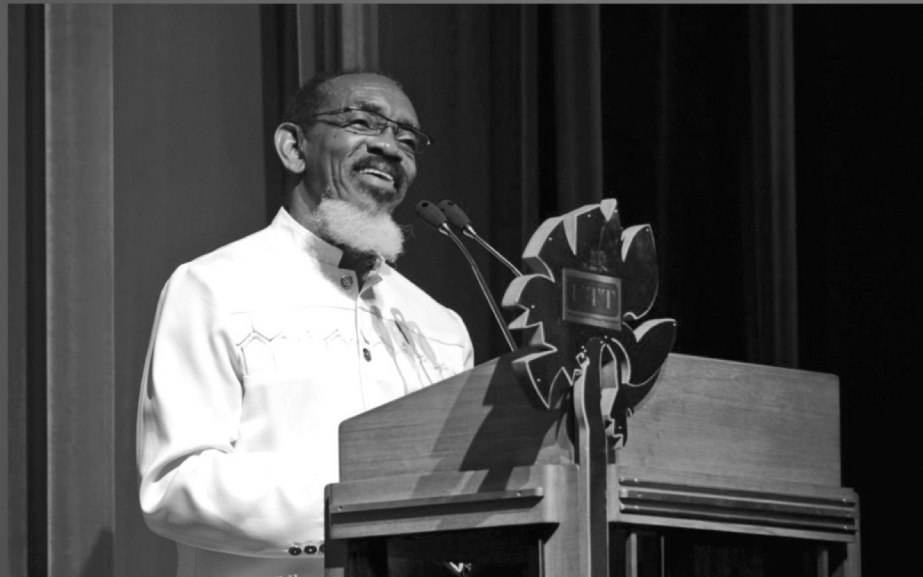


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We congratulate Gil Figaro and the SUNSHINE Awards team for bridging cultures around the world in the spirit of friendship and harmony. We look forward to supporting the SUNSHINE Awards Program in the future.



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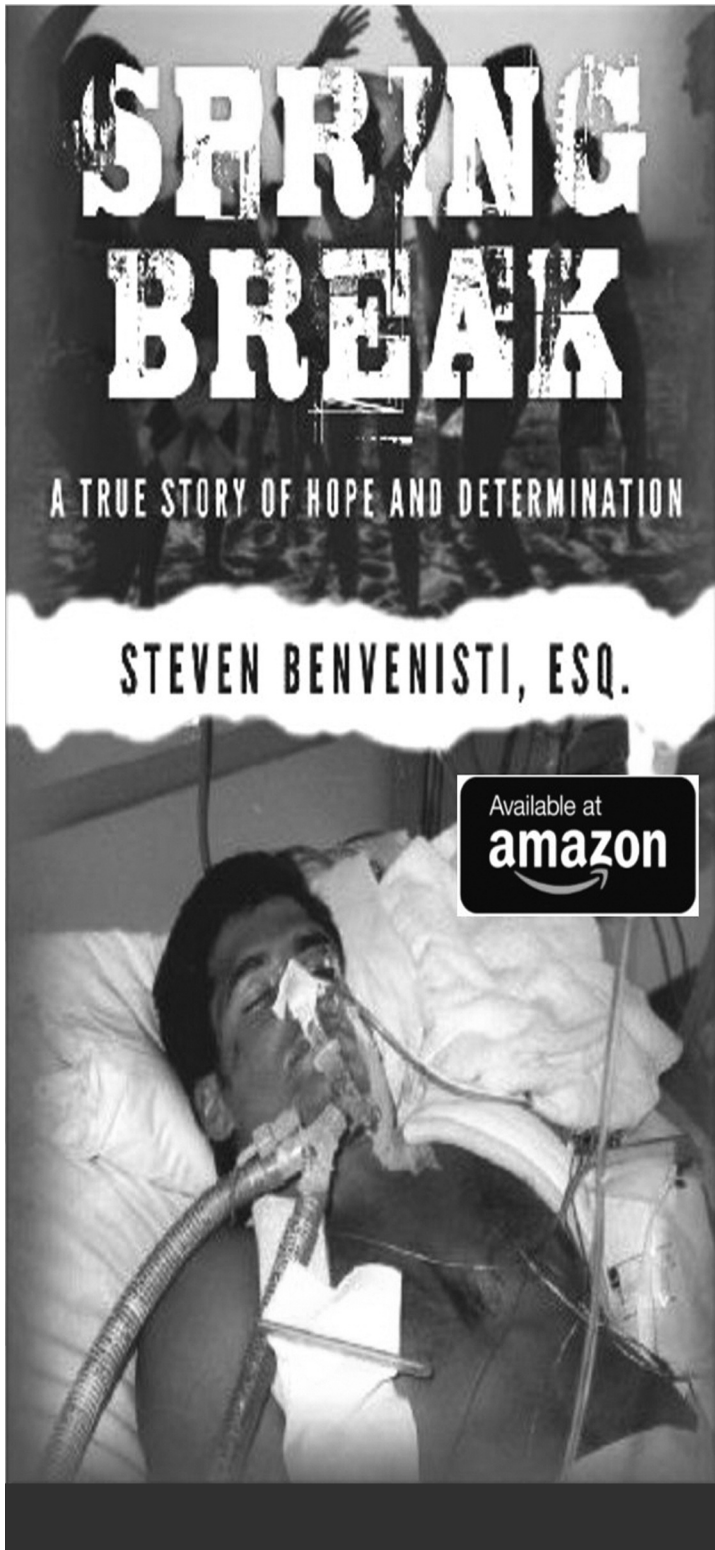
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Imagine the worst event that could ever happen to you; something so horrific that death is a welcome alternative.

That's exactly what happened to Ben, an all-American college student, athlete, future homecoming king, president of the honors society, fraternity brother, all while having a great relationship with his girlfriend and family. Life could not have been better.

Unfortunately, it all came to a screeching halt during his college spring break in Daytona Beach, when a drunk driver crashed into him while he was walking.

As an attorney, Ben's case touched me like no other. It was so gruesome, so unthinkable devastating, that to this day I still get chills just thinking about it. Yet, all who followed this case have agreed that this story has inspired and changed them forever.

And so I made a promise that if I won, I would share the story of this powerful and inspiring case with the public in the hopes of ending drunk driving and D.U.I.

Spring Break is a true story of inner strength and courage, which also provides a secret so precious that it not only saves lives, it guarantees success no matter what the challenge is.

Steven Benvenisti, Esq. is an award winning personal injury attorney whose practice is devoted exclusively to representing drunk driving and personal injury victims. He is included in the less than 3% of attorneys in his state as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney. He is partner at the law firm of Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. and is on the National Board of Directors of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.)



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