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**JERRY WEINTRAUB, DANICA PATRICK AND WALTER SCOTT JR.  
HONORED AT MUHAMMAD ALI'S CELEBRITY FIGHT NIGHT XVI**

**GLENN FREY WAS HEADLINE PERFORMER**

PHOENIX, AZ. (March 22, 2010) – On Saturday, March 20, 2010 stars and athletes from around the country converged on the J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona for **Muhammad Ali's Celebrity Fight Night XVI**. Grammy-award winning producer and American Idol judge **Randy Jackson** made a special introduction of Muhammad Ali who celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> year on the world stage in 2010. With Muhammad Ali on stage, producer **Jerry Weintraub** was presented with the Muhammad Ali Celebrity Fight Night Humanitarian Award, celebrated race car driver **Danica Patrick** received the Sports Achievement Award, and businessman and philanthropist **Walter Scott Jr.** received the Muhammad Ali Celebrity Fight Night Entrepreneur Award. GRAMMY® Award winning leading lady of country music, Reba McEntire returned for her fifth year as emcee and performed a four song set for the enthusiastic room.

The packed crowd was also treated to a host of performances under the direction of multiple GRAMMY® Award winning musical director **David Foster** including former American Idol contestant **Michael Johns, Charice** and **The Canadian Tenors**. **Sam Moore** took the stage with 8-year old violinist Brianna Kahane to perform a touching rendition of “Danny Boy” and after a generous bidder offered \$25,000 to hear him sing one of his signature songs he surprised the audience with a performance of “Soul Man” which prompted Randy Jackson to join him on stage to play bass. Comedians **Chris Tucker** and **Melissa Peterman** also entertained the crowd with jokes and impromptu performances throughout the evening. GRAMMY® Award winning **Glenn Frey** of the legendary Eagles closed out the show with a five song set that included hits

“Peaceful Easy Feeling,” “The One You Love,” “Tequila Sunrise,” “Heartache Tonight,” and “The Heat Is On”.

The event also featured cocktails, a silent auction, an elegant dinner and an exciting live auction featuring one-of-a-kind luxury items. The live auction featured items such as dinner at Reba McEntire’s Beverly Hills, CA home which went for \$900,000 – three bidders paid \$300,000 each for a chance to dine with the country superstar, a vacation in Tuscany and dinner with Andrea Bocelli which went for \$500,000 and dinner in Los Angeles with Billy Crystal and Robin Williams which sold for \$300,000, with a matching donation of \$250,000 added to the winning bid to help the children of Haiti. Celebrity Fight Night XVI raised a total of \$5 million benefitting the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, as well as several other worthy charities.

The Muhammad Ali Celebrity Fight Night Awards are presented annually to acknowledge leaders in the sports, entertainment and business communities who best represent the qualities associated with the Champ and his fight to find a cure for Parkinson’s disease. In recent years Michael Phelps, Donald Trump, Steve Nash, John Elway, Sharon Stone, Robin Williams, Jim Carrey, Magic Johnson, Tony Hawk, Billy Crystal, Michael J. Fox, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Chevy Chase, Forest Whitaker, Jack Nicklaus, Kevin Costner, Wayne Gretzky, Joe Montana, Barry Bonds, Emmitt Smith, Kurt Warner, Evander Holyfield, Chris Evert, and Jerry Colangelo have received these awards. Additional award recipients have included Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling, Luis Gonzalez, Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks, and Bob Emfield and Tony Margolis, Founders of Tommy Bahama. Each year dozens of celebrity guests attend the event that has raised nearly \$65 million dollars in 16 years.

### **About Celebrity Fight Night**

Celebrity Fight Night Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1994 by Jimmy Walker and has been supporting the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, as well as several other worthy charities.

[www.celebrityfightnight.org](http://www.celebrityfightnight.org).

Sponsors of this year’s event included CA, Climatec, US Airways, Casino Arizona, FedEx, Flight Options, and Elite Home Technology.

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