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Circle of Influence Awards to Honor Eight Prominent Atlantans

Event will Showcase Documentary "MAYNARD", Honoring the Life of Maynard Holbrook Jackson

ATLANTA, Ga. – Eight prominent Atlantans will be recognized and honored for their efforts and influence in positively impacting the Atlanta community. These Atlanta leaders include Ryan Wilson, Shanti Das, Charmaine Ward, Donata Russell Ross, Karmetria Burton, Reverend Dr. Kevin Murrell, Paris 'P.K.' Kirk, and Janeé Bolden.

The event will take place November 30, from 6p.m.- 9:30p.m., at The Gathering Spot located at 384 Northyards Blvd. NW, Building 100, Atlanta, Ga.

Created by Jerome Hutchinson, Jr. Founder & Chief Servant Officer of ICABA (International Career and Business Alliance) and Sophie Gibson, Founder and President of VIVO360, Inc., and Reach Your Higher Self (RYHS), the Circle of Influence Awards will recognize local residents who, through their personal platforms and endeavours, demonstrate a record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in a particular profession, discipline, organization or community cause.

The Circle of Influence will screen the trailer of the documentary film entitled *MAYNARD*. This film chronicals the life of the man, the politician, and the game changer who became Atlanta's first Black Mayor. The film is produced by Wendy Eley Jackson and Maynard Holbrook Jackson III; and is directed by Academy Award nominee, Emmy Award winner, and four-time Peabody Award winner Sam Pollard (Slavery by Another Name, Three Little Girls, When the Levees Broke, Frank Sinatra, August Wilson, and, just recently, Sammy Davis, Jr "I've Gotta Be Me.")

Honorees and awards include:

Mayor Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr. Award – Presenter, Maynard Holbrook Jackson III,

- Mr. Ryan Wilson, Co-Founder & CEO The Gathering Spot.

Health and Wellness Award

- Ms. Shanti Das, Founder/CEO Press Reset Entertainment Founder, Silence the Shame.

Outstanding Corporate Woman Award

- Ms. Charmaine Ward, Director of Corporate Relations, Georgia Power.

Business Journey Award

- Ms. Donata Russell Ross, Chief Executive Officer Concessions International, LLC.

Empowerment Leader Award

- Dr. Karmetria Burton, General Manager-Strategic Programs Supply Chain Management, Delta Air Lines.

Outstanding Spiritual Leader Award

- Reverend Dr. Kevin Murriel, Senior Pastor Cliftondale United Methodist Church.

Digital Entertainment Award

- Paris 'P.K.' Kirk, CEO and Founder, Propel Management, LLC

Digital Journalism Award

- Janeé Bolden, Managing Editor, Bossip.Com

The Circle of Influence Awards will be presented by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau (GFLCVB). "We are excited to support this effort and look forward to engaging with attendees of the reception," said Albert Tucker, Senior Vice President for Multicultural Affairs for the GFLCVB. (www.sunny.org)

For more information or to register and purchase tickets, visit [CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE AWARDS](#).

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