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**LOUISE BLOUIN FOUNDATION AWARDS CEREMONY AND GALA HONORS
CARLOS SLIM, EMILIA & ILYA KABAKOV, EDMUND PHELPS AND STEPHAN WOLFRAM**

**- HEADS OF STATE, LEADING CEOS, ENTREPRENEURS AND WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS GATHER IN
NEW YORK CITY FROM SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2011 -**

September 20, 2011 - New York, NY – Last night, on **Monday, September 19, 2011**, the **Louise Blouin**, founder of the **Louise Blouin Foundation** (LBF) hosted the seventh annual **Louise Blouin Foundation Awards Ceremony and Gala**, honoring **Carlos Slim, Emilia and Ilya Kabakov, Professor Edmund Phelps and Stephen Wolfram**. The yearly celebration is dedicated to honoring leaders in politics, science, business and the arts who have made extraordinary contributions on a global level.

Mr. Slim was selected to be an award recipient for his philanthropic initiatives with **Fundación Telemex** and **Fundación Carlos Slim Helú** that target health, education and employment, as well as for his patronage of the **Museo Soumaya**, Mexico City. Of his contribution, Mr. Slim said, “The work of my foundations is not just a social responsibility, but a personal one.”

Mr. and Mrs. Kabakov were honored for their ongoing international series, *The Ship of Tolerance*, aimed toward spreading the message of global tolerance, as well as the generous donation of their works to museums.

Professor Phelps was praised for his extensive and innovative framework in economies, entrepreneurship and employment at the **Center on Capitalism and Society, Columbia University** amongst other institutions. Finally, Mr. Wolfram was lauded for his groundbreaking contributions with **Mathematica** and **Wolfram Research** that allow for deeper research, analysis and predictive modeling, allowing knowledge to be computable and accessible, across many different fields of industry.

Approximately two hundred guests were treated to an evening of opening comments by Mrs. Blouin, heartfelt acceptances by the recipients and lively candor by the Master of Ceremonies, **Ali Velshi**.

“I believe that the only way we can develop countries is through creativity,” commented Mrs. Blouin. “To be truly innovative, we must develop our senses and build the capacity to look and to design and to feel.”

Guests included **H.E. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson** and **Dorrit Moussaief, Colonel Matthew Bogdanos, Jihad Al Wazir, Richard Attias and Cecilia Sarkozy Attias, Joshua Belsky, Deputy Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, John Henry Clippinger, Lisa Dennison, Kathleen Doyle, Asher Edelman, Jeffrey Friedberg, Christopher Getty and Bianca Pratt, Joost Hiltermann, Mathew Kabatoff, Riz Khan, Ambassador John Loeb, H.E. Earl Mack, Bruce Mau, Diana Picasso, Roland Rich, Bill Roedy, Christine Romans, Gary Snyder, Lori Wachs, Jimmy Wales, Elie Wiesel and Axel Vervoordt, Paul Wilmott, HRH Prince Dmitri of Yugoslavia, and many others.**

An online **Charity Buzz** auction supplementing the events will benefit **ART+HOPE**, a Louise Blouin Foundation initiative that supports artists who promote the use of art and culture as powerful tools for expression to compel social change. To view the full list of auction offerings or to bid on an item, visit:

<http://www.charitybuzz.com/auctions/arthope/>

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Previous honorees include **Prime Minister Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen of Finland, President Bill Clinton, Philippe de Montebello, Richard Meier, Chuck Close, Jeff Koons, Alex Katz, Anish Kapoor, Renée Fleming, Sir Paul Nurse, Yue-Sai Kan, Eric Kandel, Nicholas Negroponte** and **Jimmy Wales**, amongst many others.

The Blouin Creative Leadership Summit has been developed with the support and expertise of the United Nations Office for Partnerships. The United Nations Office for Partnerships promotes new alliances and partnerships worldwide. Working with companies, foundations and civil society organizations, the United Nations Office for Partnerships leverages their management skills, technology, and innovative delivery systems to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It engages partners on strategic issues and provides a platform for policy dialogue to effectively address global challenges.

The Louise Blouin Foundation, founded in 2004 by Louise Blouin, is an international non-profit organization that seeks to address challenges and opportunities of globalization through cultural understanding and dialogue. The globalization platform focuses on such diverse areas as international trade, foreign policy, education and the environment, through the utilization of a multidisciplinary approach that emphasizes the role of culture and the sciences to provide solutions to current and future issues.

For additional information about the Louise Blouin Foundation or the Blouin Creative Leadership Summit, please contact Eunice Kim at 646 753 9061 or ekim@artinfo.com

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