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LOUISE BLOUIN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES HONOREES FOR THE EIGHTH ANNUAL LOUISE BLOUIN FOUNDATION AWARDS

- PETER C. AGRE, MOHAMED EL-ERIAN, AND SHIRIN NESHAT ARE AWARDED FOR THEIR
EXEMPLARY GLOBAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS -

New York, NY - The **Louise Blouin Foundation** (LBF) is pleased to announce the honorees of the eighth annual **Louise Blouin Foundation Awards** at the **2012 Blouin Creative Leadership Summit**, a forum in strategic partnership with the **United Nations Office for Partnerships**, on **Thursday, September 20, 2012** at the **Metropolitan Club** in **New York City**. This year's recipients, Nobel laureate **Peter C. Agre**, PIMCO CEO **Mohamed El-Erian**, and renowned artist **Shirin Neshat**, will be celebrated at the prestigious gala ceremony, alongside **Louise Blouin**, Chairman of the Foundation, and the evening's Master of Ceremonies, **Felicia Taylor**, anchor-correspondent for **CNN's World Business Today**.

The award recognizes creative leadership and excellence in an industry for work that has had positive social and political impacts at local and global levels:

Dr. Agre is being awarded for his extraordinary contributions to the fields of biochemistry and molecular biology, as a researcher and theorist, as well as for his mentorship to students that has encourage intellectual curiosity and facilitated high-level worldwide discussion.

Mr. El-Erian was selected for his visionary leadership that has inspired scholars and policymakers, as well as for his contributions to PIMCO, a global investment firm that has redefined the standard for managing risk, bonds and investments. Additionally, his experience as an academic and economist, and his published works, have facilitated effective strategies in addressing critical economic challenges in the wake of the international financial crisis.

Ms. Neshat will be recognized for her seminal work in the field of visual arts, photography and film. Her provocative vision unmask the complex socio-political, religious and psychological dimensions of Iranian society, evoking ideas of loss, meaning, and memory.

Previous award recipients include **Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto**, **His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan**, **President Bill Clinton**, **President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson of Iceland**, **President Bingu wa Mutharika of Malawi**, **Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen of Finland**, Nobel laureates **Richard Axel**, **Edmund Phelps** and **Sir Paul Nurse**, Intel Corporation Chairman **Dr. Craig Barrett**, One Laptop Per Child founder **Nicholas Negroponte**, Telmex Chairman and Chief Executive **Carlos Slim**, Wikipedia founder **Jimmy Wales**, contemporary artists **Jeff Koons**, **Alex Katz**, **Ilya** and **Emilia Kabakov** and **Chuck Close**, Pritzker Prize-winning architect **Richard Meier**, theatre director **Peter Sellars**, soprano **Renée Fleming** and designer **Bruce Mau**, amongst others.

An online auction featuring artworks, meetings and internships with delegates, as well as experiential packages, will supplement the events held from **October 4-25, 2012**. The auction 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/arthope>

The Blouin Creative Leadership Summit engages approximately 100 international directors of global agencies, leading CEOs, Nobel laureates, technology innovators, media magnates, celebrated artists and architects, and pioneering researchers in a two-day cross-disciplinary think-tank summit to exchange best practices and strategies amongst an unparalleled group of world leaders to meet the challenges and opportunities of globalization. Since 2006, the Blouin Creative Leadership Summit has been developed with the support and expertise of the United Nations Office for Partnerships. For a full list of BCLS participants and panel topics, or to register to attend, please visit: www.creativeleadershipsummit.org

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Louise Blouin Media is the leading global media company focused on art, culture, luxury and lifestyle sectors. The latest product, **Blouin News** (www.blouinnews.com), is a ground-breaking, internationally-engaged news site that combines cutting-edge curation with expert analysis to offer time-sensitive audiences crucial content from a global perspective. Additional media properties range from in-depth reporting and coverage of the art market in **Art+Auction**, to the insider art scene in **Modern Painters**, to the breaking news and analysis on **Blouin ARTINFO**, which recently introduced eleven new international editions including **Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Russia**, and the **United Kingdom**. In addition, Louise Blouin Media owns and operates art publisher, **Somogy**; art market analytic tool, **Blouin Art Sales Index**; **Global Consulting and Communications Services** – a global branding, consulting and communications group.

For live updates, images and videos of the evening, follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/BCLSummit) and Facebook (facebook.com/BCLSummit) and join the conversation by using #BCLSummit.

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