

# **ENDURING LOVE SPECIAL OLYMPICS THREE TALK & RECEPTION**

## **Three Talk Panelists**

### **Timothy P. Shriver, Ph.D.**

*Chairman of the Board*

As Chairman of Special Olympics, Timothy Shriver serves 2.5million Special Olympics athletes and their families in more 165 countries. He has helped transform Special Olympics into a movement that focuses on acceptance. Inclusion, and respect for individuals with intellectual disabilities in all corners of the globe. In his 11 years at the helm of Special Olympics, Shriver launched the organization's most ambitious growth agenda, leading to the recruitment of over 1.5 million new athletes around the world.

Before joining Special Olympics, Shriver was and remains a leading educator focusing on the social and emotional factors in learning. He has worked in substance abuse prevention, violence, dropout prevention and teen pregnancy prevention. He created the New Haven Public Schools' Social Development Project, now considered the leading school-based prevention effort in the United States, and co-founded the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the leading research organization in United States in the field of social and emotional learning, Shriver currently chairs CASEL.

Shriver earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University, a Master's degree in Religion and Religious Education from Catholic University, and a Doctorate in Education from University of Connecticut.

### **James S. Grossman**

*President, Boise Developments*

Jim is the founder and developer of Hidden Springs, Idaho, a 2,000 acre, 1,000 home, national award winning, environmentally sensitive master plan community, northwest of Boise. He also founded Boise's first non-parochial independent K-12 school now known as RiverStone Community School. He is currently developing Eagle River, a 100 acre mixed-use project including medical center, hotel, retail and office space. He was as well the Idaho State Director of the Kerry-Edwards 2004 campaign. Jim graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science from The Colorado College. He is an internationally ranked ski, snowboard, kayak & paraglide competitor and instructor.

Jim and his wife Pirie Grossman are both co-chairs for the Special Olympics World Winter games in Idaho USA. They are responsible for planning, funding, organization and execution of the event.

## **Eddie Barbanell**

*Special Olympics Athlete, Actor and Board Director*

Eddie Barbanell has been a Special Olympics athlete for nearly 20 years, competing in volleyball, tennis, bowling, and basketball for his local Special Olympics team in Ft. Lauderdale (Florida, USA), The Tamerack Bulldogs. Barbanell is also an actor, co-starring with Johnny Knoxville in the 2005 film "The Ringer."

## **Yang Lan**

*Chairperson*

*Sun Media Group Holdings China*

Lan Yang, a household name in China, is one of this country's leading television journalists and the founding chairperson of Sun Media Group Holdings Limited, a public-listed media company in Hong Kong.

In 1990, at the age of 22, Ms. Yang started her TV career by co-hosting "Zheng Da Variety Show" on China Central Television. It became one of the most watched shows, attracting some 200 million viewers each week. From 1996 to 1997, her weekly magazine show, "Yang Lan Horizon" was syndicated to over 50 local TV channels in China, a breakthrough in this country's television industry.

From 1998 to 1999, Ms Yang joined Phoenix TV in Hong Kong as an executive producer and anchor. In 2000, she and her husband, Bruno Wu, launched Sun TV as the first thematic satellite channel on history, biography and culture in the Greater China area. Now it has reached over 35 million households in the mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Her company has been named as one of the top 300 and 200 best small cap companies in the world by Forbes Global magazine in 2000 and 2001 respectively. On Sun TV, she hosts "Yang Lan One on One", an interview show with leaders around the world.

Ms Yang served as a Goodwill Ambassador for Beijing's bidding for 2008 Olympic Games and one of the speakers in the final presentation to the IOC in Moscow where Beijing won the bidding. She also serves on the board of China's Green Foundation, China's Youth and Children Foundation and the Dean's Advisory Board of the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) of Columbia University in New York City. She has been a major supporter for Special Olympics spearheading the Global Family Forum initiatives within China.

## **Three Talk Co-Chairs**

### **Dominic Ng**

*East West Bank Chairman*

Dominic Ng is Chairman, President and CEO of East West Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of East West Bank - the second largest commercial bank headquartered in Los Angeles. Ng is the recipient of numerous awards, including United Way of Greater Los Angeles Creating Pathways Out of Poverty and Spirit of Los Angeles awards; the Asia Society of Southern California's Chairman's Award; The California Society of CPA's Outstanding Member in Industry Award; and Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year - Financial Services Award. The Los Angeles Times in 2006 named Ng among Southern California's 100 most powerful people. Appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Ng serves on the California Commission for Jobs and Economic Growth and is the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Occidental College. Ng currently serves on the boards of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Los Angeles Branch and Mattel, Inc. Ng's former affiliations include the Anderson School of Management at UCLA, Board of Visitors; Asia Society of New York, Board of Trustees; California State Treasurer's Financial Institutions Advisory Committee; and the Villaraigosa Mayoral Transition Team, among many others.

Dominic is an advisor for Patrons of Three and also a Special Olympics Honoree for Southern California.

### **Cherie Liem**

*Three on the Bund Chair*

Cherie Liem is the Chair of Three on the Bund and the Executive director of GITI Group, a diversified group with real estate development, manufacturing and consumer lifestyle presence in China and SE Asia partnering with world-renowned brands throughout the Asia Pacific region. Cherie Liem earlier worked as a research associate at the Harvard Business School and was Director of East-West Bank in California. She published an award-winning book on an American-Chinese Architect, and was among the co-authors of a book published by the World Economic Forum. She serves on the International and China Advisory Boards for Columbia University and MIT Sloan School of the Management respectively, on the China Disabled Persons Foundation Board, China's largest foundation, and is among the founding members of the Global Philanthropic Circle with Synergos Institute in New York. Ms Liem initiated initiatives for HIV AIDS awareness in Indonesia for GT organization which won awards from UNAIDS and International Labor Organization. She is also a frequent organizer of international and education forums including THREE Talk and Patrons of THREE philosophy at THREE ON THE BUND. Cherie Liem is a recipient of Baiyulan Award from the Shanghai government.

She received her Bachelor in Engineering Science and Economics from Oxford University, and her Master in Business Administration from Columbia Business School.