



Humanitarian Award



Pierre Bruneau

After studying at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Pierre Bruneau worked at radio station CJTR Trois-Rivières in 1972 and at CKAC Montréal from 1973 to 1980. In 1976, he joined TVA as a news anchor. Since 2001, he has hosted the 6 p.m., 5 p.m. and noon editions of TVA Nouvelles. A perennial favourite with the public, he has won 20 MétroStar/Artis awards for best news presenter.

Over the course of his career, Pierre Bruneau has covered more than 30 municipal, provincial and national election nights, including 25 as a TVA anchor, and has moderated close to a dozen election debates. He has also hosted multiple special broadcasts. In 2002, he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal to acknowledge his outstanding contribution to his community. The following year, he was inducted into the Canadian Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in recognition of his long career in broadcasting. In 2004, he was named Knight of the Ordre de la Pléiade, Ordre de la Francophonie et du dialogue des cultures. The awards continued in 2006, with Sélection du Reader's Digest naming him "Public Personality of the Year" for his involvement with children with cancer. In 2008, he was named Officer of the Ordre national du Québec, and in 2012, he was appointed to the Order of Canada, the highest civilian honour in the country. In November 2014, Pierre Bruneau was named most trusted

Québec personality in a survey conducted by Ipsos Reid for Sélection du Reader's Digest. The following year, he also received IPSOS/ICO public confidence awards in the charitable sector and information and journalism sector categories.

In 1990, following the death of his son Charles, he joined together with parents and friends of children with cancer to create the Fondation Charles-Bruneau. Five years later, the Centre de cancérologie Charles-Bruneau opened its doors at the CHU Sainte-Justine thanks to fundraising efforts and support from generous partners.

Today, the Fondation Charles-Bruneau is proud to be the largest funder of pediatric cancer research in Québec. Charles-Bruneau facilities can also be found at the four university hospitals that treat children with cancer: the CHU Sainte-Justine, the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS, the CHU de Québec-Université-Laval and the Montréal Children's Hospital. The 3000 Québec children diagnosed with cancer each year now receive treatment in a Charles-Bruneau centre or unit using state-of-the-art technology.

Pierre Bruneau has been actively involved in the foundation since its creation and participates in the Tour CIBC Charles-Bruneau each year. He has also climbed Kilimanjaro (twice), Everest base camp, Machu Picchu and the Great Wall of China.



Catherine Variety Sheridan Award

Yvon Deschamps & Judi Richards

A humorist who makes us laugh and always moves us, Yvon Deschamps is a man of conviction and heart. Although he defines himself as “retired” since his 75th birthday, he is still very socially present defending those less fortunate.

Judi Richards, his spouse since 1971, was first a classical ballet dancer, choreographer, then backing vocalist, singer in the group Toulouse then solo artist, host, author, composer and performer, and a businesswoman with a humanist personality, wholehearted and committed.

Volunteer work of Judi and Yvon

1970 to 1973 Yvon sat on the board of OXFAM CANADA, and was one of the founders of OXFAM QC, serving from 1973 to 1980

1972: touched by the giving philosophy and the work of volunteers at le CHAÎNON, home for women in great difficulty in Montreal, Yvon agreed to be their spokesperson, thus giving visibility to these women living in the shadows. He was faithful to them for 30 years.

Judi, in full swing with her popular singing group TOULOUSE, embarked with Yvon the Chaînon adventure in 1977 and remained for 25 years hosting bazaars, and creating the Judi Richards Foundation to organize fundraisers. The last 5 years she was on their CA.

In 1984, from its second year of existence, Yvon became the DEFI SPORTIF's spokesperson, creating media response for the 720 athletes in spite of their physical and mental handicaps. Yvon was faithful for 15 years. Today it is the largest sporting event for athletes with disabilities in Canada hosting more than 7,000 athletes.

Judi created their dynamic theme song, «JUSQU'AU BOUT» heard hundreds of times during the competitions every year in early May.

Yvon created the Yvon Deschamps Foundation in 1977 to share his money with the less fortunate. Yvon and Judi were directors for 10 years.

Moved by deaf people who did not hear her voice, Judi learned LSQ (Québec official sign language) In 1989, she sat on the Board of Directors of the Foundation for the Deaf of Quebec and wrote and directed the theme song for CQDA (Centere Québécois for hearing deficiencies) “Everything is in our hands” for their 20th anniversary in 2000.

She has created and directed the song «Complices au fil du temps» in collaboration with the Status of Women's Council for March 8, 1999 and the theme «Ne laisse pas tomber» for the Show de la Réussite, show for studies perseverance, sung by 200 young people in the art program, between 2011 and 2016. Judi sat for 10 years on board of directors of the copyright management company ARTISTI. 1998 2008.

Seeing the CHUM's new hospital and research complex as an important social project, Yvon becomes spokesperson for the during the 5 years preceding the official opening in 2017.

Coming from a working-class district of the city, in 1985, Yvon Deschamps was persuaded to join the Center-Sud Sports and Community Association as chair of the fundraising campaign. Today Yvon is still their spokesperson. He describes the Center as magical for the 70% of young people in the neighborhood who visit every day. Yvon created the Yvon Deschamps Center-Sud Foundation in 2014 to enable the Center to realize its ambitious goals. The Centre -Sud has also given his name to the main entrance hall.

Judi is VP of the Yvon Deschamps Center-Sud Foundation and VP of Artists for Peace, who promote peace through the arts.



A Tribute to **Michael R. Forman**

Michael R. Forman, Chairman of the Board and CEO of The Decurion Corporation, passed away on January 29, 2019. Decurion is the parent company to ArcLight Cinemas, Pacific Theatres, Robertson Properties Group, and Hollybrook Senior Living. He was born April 11, 1935 in Seattle, Washington to William and Dorothy (Danz) Forman. He moved to Los Angeles after attending Stanford University, where he received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1957.

A notable philanthropist, Mr. Forman's charitable activities included serving as international chairman of the board of Variety-The Children's Charity; as a life trustee of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, and as trustee emeritus of the American Film Institute. He also worked with the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, where he was Vice-President and the Founders Chairman of the Los Angeles area. He continued to work with the Los Angeles Committee for the Weizmann Institute, where he was chairman of the Southwest Area, until shortly before his death.

He lent his time and support to a number of other organizations and causes. He had served as a trustee of the American University, located in Washington, D.C.; trustee of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; President of the Foundation of Motion Picture Pioneers; President of the Stanford Athletic Board of Stanford University; and a Director of the California Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Forman was preceded in death by his parents William and Dorothy. He is survived by his spouse, Malsi Doyle; sister, JoAnne Mars; his sons, Christopher (Margaret) and Thomas (Doris); his daughter, Suzy; his grandchildren Tait (Nessa), Rafe, Parker, and Dylan; his niece Jana Levy (Doug, Sophie and Emma); and extended family.