



MELISSA ETHERIDGE TO BE HONORED BY
EIF'S WOMEN'S CANCER RESEARCH FUND ATSAKS FIFTH AVENUE'S UNFORGETTABLE EVENING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

WHO: **Melissa Etheridge, Ellen DeGeneres, The Black Eyed Peas, Diane Lane, Lisa Kudrow, Josh Duhamel, Angie Harmon, Jason Sehorn, Natalie Cole, Lisa Rinna, Harry Hamlin** along with EIF's WCRF honorary Chairs **Rita Wilson** and **Tom Hanks** and **Kate Capshaw** and **Steven Spielberg**, EIF's WCRF co-founders **Kelly Chapman Meyer, Jamie Tisch, Anne Douglas, Quinn Ezralow, Marion Laurie**, Saks Fifth Avenue Chief Executive Officer **Steven I. Sadove**, Mercedes Benz President and Chief Executive Officer **Paul Halata**.

WHAT: Saks Fifth Avenue's Unforgettable Evening, benefiting the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Women's Cancer Research Fund (EIF's WCRF), raises much needed funds each year for revolutionary cancer research, and recognizes one remarkable individual for his or her unwavering commitment to the cause. Breast Cancer survivor, **Melissa Etheridge** will receive the *2006 Courage Award* on behalf of her work to further cancer research and education. Since her diagnosis in October 2004, Ms. Etheridge has served as a strong role model for families affected by this disease and throughout her recovery she has dedicated her time and resources to helping raise awareness for breast cancer.

Dr. Anna Barker, Deputy Director, National Cancer Institute & Deputy Director for Advanced Technologies and Strategic Partnerships will make a special appearance to applaud the work of EIF WCRF Breast Biomarker Discovery Project. Oversight committee members and project scientists attending the event include **Dr. Rick Klausner, Dr. Lee Hartwell*, Dr. David Baltimore*** and **Dr. Ellen Sigal**.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of this fundraising event. Past recipients of this prestigious award include: **Nicole Kidman, Anne Douglas, Rosie O'Donnell, Rita Wilson, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Sir Elton John, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas, and Stella McCartney**

This year's event will be mc'd by **Ellen DeGeneres** with a special performance by the GRAMMY-award winning artists **The Black Eyed Peas** produced by **Ken Erlich Productions** with co-production support from **Grassroots Productions** and **Thirty-Three Productions**.

*Nobel Laureate

WHERE: Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel Beverly Hills

WHEN: Wednesday March 1st, 2006
Press Call: 6pm
Arrivals: 7pm

About EIF's Women's Cancer Research Fund

The Women's Cancer Research Fund, a program of the Entertainment Industry Foundation, was established by Honorary Chairs Rita Wilson, Tom Hanks, Kate Capshaw and Steven Spielberg, along with co-founders Kelly Chapman Meyer, Anne Douglas, Quinn Ezralow, Marion Laurie, and Jamie Tisch. WCRF supports innovative research, education, and outreach directed at the development of more effective approaches to the early diagnosis, treatment and prevention of all women's cancer.

About the Entertainment Industry Foundation

As the philanthropic leader of the entertainment industry, the Entertainment Industry Foundation has distributed hundreds of millions of dollars – and provided countless volunteer hours – to support charitable initiatives addressing some of the most critical issues facing society today. Visit eifoundation.org

About Saks Fifth Avenue:

Saks Fifth Avenue Enterprises, a member of the Saks Incorporated group of stores, comprises 54 stores throughout the United States, 53 Off 5th outlet stores, and saks.com, the company's e-commerce site.

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