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The Fragrance Foundation Honors IFF Perfumer Sophia Grojsman with Perfumer of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (June 7, 2016) - International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (NYSE:IFF) (Euronext Paris:IFF), a leading innovator of sensory experiences that move the world, today celebrates Sophia Grojsman, perfumer and industry legend, as she is honored with The Fragrance Foundation Perfumer of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award. Each year, the Fragrance Foundation recognizes the global industry and its outstanding creative achievements in the world of perfumery during its renowned industry event held at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall.

"Our Sophia is a living legend. She has inspired the world of beauty with her vibrancy and unparalleled ability to create simple scents and turn them into global phenomena," said Nicolas Mirzayantz, Group President, Fragrances, IFF. "An act of generosity, her fragrances are universal. She was a pioneer in understanding what women wanted and crafted superior fragrances that ignited deep emotional experiences. She is one of the most successful and iconic perfumers of our generation, and we are proud she has been recognized with this exceptional award by the industry she loves."

Sophia began her legacy as an IFF lab technician in 1966 and stayed with the company for nearly fifty years, creating more than 30 bestselling fine fragrances. In her early years, she worked with some of the greatest IFF perfumers of the time – Ernest Shiftan, Josephine Catapano and many others. Continuing the tradition of empowerment, Sophia inspired fellow perfumers, customers and consumers with her uncompromising commitment to beauty and sensuality and her deep passion for creating timeless scent experiences.

"When I think about a fragrance, I think of it as an expression of both myself and the person with whom I am working with at the moment. It is an exceptional experience to have been able to use my talents to make people happy for so many years," said Sophia. "During my time at IFF, they gave me a chance to explore and tell stories of femininity and strength, and I loved it. Being named The Fragrance Foundation Lifetime Achievement awardee is an honor and I am proud to share it – because fragrance is for everyone."

Among her many accomplishments and accolades, Sophia was honored with the *Achiever Award* by Cosmetic Executive Women (CEW) in 1994; the *Living Legacy Award* by the American Society of Perfumers in 1996, and the *Lifetime Achievement Award* by CEW in 1999. Additionally, many of her creations and collaborations have been recognized by The Fragrance Foundation as inductees into its Fragrance Hall of Fame.

Please note a few of these fragrances below (collaborators are also listed, as appropriate):

A Lab On Fire *Rose Rebelle Respawn* (2013)
Calvin Klein *Eternity* (1988)
Celine *Magic* (with Alain Astori)
Christian *LaCroix* (shell bottle, 1999)
Elizabeth Arden *True Love*
Elizabeth Taylor *Diamonds and Rubies*
Estee Lauder *Beautiful* (1985)
Estee Lauder *Spellbound* (1991)
Estee Lauder *White Linen* (1978)
Frederic Malle *Outrageous* (2007)
Lancôme *Tresor* (1990)
Lancôme *Tresor Sparkling* (2007, with Alienor Massenet)
Laura Biagiotti *Sotto Voce*
Gloria Vanderbilt *Vanderbilt*
Prescriptives *Calyx* (1986)
Yves Saint Laurent *Paris* (1983)
Yves Saint Laurent *Parisienne* (2009, with Sophie Labbé)
Yves Saint Laurent *Paris Premieres Roses* (2003, with Dominique Ropion & Laurent Bruyere)
Yves Saint Laurent *Yvresse* (formerly *Champagne*, 1993)
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