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PIONEER PUBLISHER AND COMMENTATOR HERMENE HARTMAN

HEADLINES 2013 HERMAN KOGAN MEDIA AWARDS MAY 7TH

Local Journalists Honored at 24th Annual Event

CHICAGO, ILL. (March 4, 2013)—Chicago publisher Hermene Hartman will keynote the 24th Annual Herman Kogan Media Awards Tuesday, May 7 at Petterino’s Restaurant, 150 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago. The Kogan Awards honor Chicago journalists who cover the courts, the police, lawyers and the legal profession. The event is open to the public. To reserve your place, call 312-554-2013. Tickets are \$60 and major credit cards and checks are accepted.

Hermene Hartman

One of the most significant and influential Black women in American media and publishing, Hermene Hartman founded *N’DIGO* in 1989 and has seen the magapaper become a stalwart of urban Chicago publishing. It included the first published interview with then-Illinois Senator Barrack Obama and has led in reporting of years joining such magazines as *Jet* and *Ebony* to give urban readers a rounded picture of their community.

A celebrated interviewer, Hartman’s style has been described as somewhere between Barbara Walters and Diane Sawyer, always asking the “right questions” and providing insightful comments. She is a frequent contributor to CNBC, CNN, FOX, WVON, ABC, NBC, WGN, and National Public Radio. Her daily commentary “Views of the Heart,” on Clear Channel (WVAZ – 102.7 Chicago), has aired since 1997. In recent years, she has become a blogger for both the “Huffington Post” and “Chicago NOW.”

In a joint venture with WVON AM, *N'DIGO* hosts Breakfast of Champions Business Breakfasts which have hosted luminaries from business, sports, entertainment, media and politics including: Johnnie Cochran, Vernon Jordan, Magic Johnson, Senator Barrack Obama, Kathy Hughes, Linda Johnson Rice, and Desiree Rodgers.

Annually for the last 18 years, the *N'DIGO* Foundation (a 501c3) has hosted the benefit The *N'DIGO* Gala providing funding for academic scholarships. Held at major Chicago cultural institutions such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Civic Opera House and the Arie Crown Theater, the Foundation has provided some \$3 million in 288 scholarships to local students. Performers at the benefit have included: Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Three Mo Tenors, George Benson, Nancy Wilson and Jerry Butler, Jennifer Holiday, Seal, The Impressions, and Aretha Franklin. Tributes have been awarded to Muhammad Ali, Johnnie Cochran, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Kathy Hughes, Leone Bennett, Rev. Johnnie Coleman, the late John Hope Franklin, Eunice Johnson, Bishop Arthur Brazier, Rev. Jeremiah Wright and many others.

Hartman holds degrees in sociology, philosophy of education, psychology and business and has served both as a professor and as Vice Chancellor of External Affairs at City Colleges of Chicago.

In demand as a lecturer, guest speaker, and panel moderator, she is the author of two books, *A Lasting Impression* a Collection of Photos of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a book of poetry, *Love Moods*.

About the Kogan Awards

The Herman Kogan Media Awards Competition was established in 1989 to honor local journalists and legal affairs reporting. The competition celebrates the life of Herman Kogan, whose career spanned more than 50 years and included experience as a reporter, feature and editorial writer, editor, author, historian, biographer, literary critic, radio host and television executive. During its 24-year history, the award luncheon has attracted such speakers as Studs Terkel, Roger Ebert, Carol Marin, and other Chicago notables.

All journalists in the Chicago metropolitan area are invited to submit entries for the competition in four categories, Print (Feature Writing and Beat Reporting), Broadcast and Online. The judging panel is comprised of lawyers, judges, editors and lay persons knowledgeable about legal affairs

and journalism.

Winners of the Kogan Award may choose a college or university journalism program to receive a \$1000 scholarship in their names.

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