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2011 INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL of FAME A HUGE SUCCESS

SIEGFRIED & ROY and CARL SCHURZ Are This Year's Inductees at Mandarin-Oriental Banquet

NEW YORK - The *German-American Hall of Fame* honored world famous entertainers **Siegfried & Roy** of Las Vegas and American statesman, reformer, newspaper editor and orator **Carl Schurz**. This exciting dinner gala took place on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at New York's Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

The banquet was sold out weeks in advance, and the enthusiastic crowd of dinner guests jammed the Mandarin Oriental's 36th floor ballroom, cheering the induction remarks of Siegfried and Roy. The crowd also responded with loud applause as German-born American icon Carl Schurz was inducted, and as the granddaughters of two original GAMHOF inductees spoke and accepted induction certificates on behalf of their grandfathers.

Anne Eisenhower, granddaughter of former President and Five-star General **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, spoke about her beloved grandfather. Then, **Linda Ruth Tosetti** accepted her certificate and spoke about her grandfather, baseball slugger and hero **George Herman "Babe" Ruth**. President Eisenhower and Babe Ruth were inducted into the *German-American Hall of Fame* in 2008. The M.C. was CBS Host & Special Correspondent **Rita Cosby**.

The *German-American Hall of Fame* honors the most remarkable Americans of German ancestry, whose outstanding contributions to the United States have been dramatic and irreplaceable. "Siegfried & Roy and Carl Schurz demonstrate how German immigrants with quite different and diverse careers have had nationwide impact here in their adopted homeland," said *German-American Hall of Fame* Chairman William Hetzler. "Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn came to America with only their ideas and talents, and created the most visited show in Las Vegas, thrilling and entertaining tens of millions of people with their own brand of magic, even involving lions and tigers," added Mr. Hetzler. "We are very proud that Siegfried and Roy are here in New York City to be personally inducted into the *German-American Hall of Fame*."

"Carl Schurz deserves induction into the GAMHOF for quite different contributions to our nation," noted Mr. Hetzler. "What other American, let alone an immigrant, served as a Union Army General, an advisor to President Lincoln, was elected US Senator from Missouri, served as Secretary of the Interior and became the editor of America's most prominent newspapers and magazines?" Mr. Hetzler added that, "Carl Schurz had a tremendous impact on American history, witness the many landmarks, schools and highways named for him, including famous Carl Schurz Park here in Manhattan, just walking distance from our dinner." Senator Schurz's wife, Margarethe, had great impact in her own right, with her leading role in establishing the Kindergarten system in the United States.

Founded by prominent Americans of German ancestry in 2004, the *German-American Hall of Fame* was established to recognize and honor truly remarkable Americans of German extraction; to create awareness and appreciation of the huge impact German-Americans have made on the development of the United States; and to present a positive, progressive, and accurate image of Americans of German ancestry.

The title sponsor of the event was Paulaner Brauerei, a traditional Bavarian brewery from Munich. Cheering gala-goers enjoyed a toast of Paulaner beer at the beginning of the dinner.

The *German-American Hall of Fame* is an all-volunteer, virtual hall of fame.

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