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National Inventors Hall of Fame induction ceremony to air on PBS 45 & 49

KENT, Ohio — May 17, 2007 — PBS 45 & 49 will broadcast highlights from the National Inventors Hall of Fame induction ceremonies that were held on May 4 and May 5 in Akron. The Fire of Genius: 35th Annual Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will air on Sunday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

The following seven living inventors and their inventions were featured at the ceremony:

- Paul Baran, digital packet switching
- Emmett Chappelle, bioluminescence techniques
- John Franz, Roundup® herbicide
- Leroy Hood, DNA sequencer
- Paul Lauterbur, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Peter Mansfield, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Robert Metcalfe, ethernet

Another group of inventors received posthumous recognition at the ceremonies. They included Peter Goldmark, who created the long-playing record; Godfrey Hounsfield, who invented the CAT scanner; and Otto Wichterle, inventor of the soft contact lens.

Inventors may be nominated by anyone for induction into the Hall of Fame, but they must hold a U.S. patent to be considered. The nominee's invention must have contributed to the welfare of society and have promoted the progress of science and the useful arts.

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About the National Inventors Hall of Fame

The not-for-profit National Inventors Hall of Fame is the premier organization in America dedicated to honoring and fostering creativity and invention. Each year a new class of inventors is inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition of their patented inventions that make human, social, and economic progress possible. Founded in 1973 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the National Council of Intellectual Property Law Association, the Hall's permanent home is Akron, Ohio, where the inventors in the Hall are honored and from where it administers its national programs, including Camp Invention®, Club Invention®, Invent Now® and the Collegiate Inventors Competition®.

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