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PRESS RELEASE

**VICE-PRESIDENT AL GORE TO RECEIVE
2007 INTERNATIONAL EMMY® FOUNDERS AWARD**

New York, March 26, 2007 — The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences will present the 2007 International Emmy® Founders Award to former United States Vice-President Al Gore, it was announced today by Academy President & CEO, Bruce L. Paisner. The Award recognizes Mr. Gore's role in launching cable/satellite channel Current TV and his ongoing effort to alert the world to one of the great challenges of our time, global warming. Mr. Gore will accept the Award at the 35th International Emmy® Awards Gala, November 19, 2007 in New York City. The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences is the largest organization of broadcasters in the world, with members from nearly 70 countries and over 400 companies.

"The Academy presents the Founders Award to an individual or organization which crosses cultural boundaries to touch our common humanity- how perfect a definition for Al Gore," said Mr. Paisner. "We in the media industry are honored that one of the world's leading political figures has joined our global community of broadcasters."

As Vice-President of the United States (1993-2000), Gore led Administration policies on telecommunications and actively championed causes such as the environment and the growth of the Internet. In August 2005, he co-founded Current TV, the first TV network created by, for and with young adults. Rather than a traditional network with primetime shows and a set schedule Current offers short-form programming, that is surprising and riveting. Its nonfiction videos, called "pods" explore the people, places, happenings and hot-button issues of interest to young adults. The programming covers subjects rarely found on TV, and in a voice young adults recognize--their own. Current reaches over 50 million households worldwide, and is available in the US through Direct TV, Time Warner Cable, Comcast and Dish Network and in Ireland and the UK on BSkyB and Virgin Media.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which, like Current TV, strives to create a global conversation through the powerful medium of television," said Al Gore, Chairman of Current TV.

Mr. Gore is also the author of *An Inconvenient Truth*, the best-selling book on the threat of and solutions to global warming, and the subject of the movie of the same title, which has already become one of the top documentary films in history and winner of two Academy Awards.

Founded in 1969, the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences is the largest organization of global broadcasters in the world, with over 500 members from nearly 70 countries and over 400 companies. The Academy was chartered with a mission to recognize excellence in television programming produced outside of the United States, and it presents the International Emmy® Award to programs in eleven categories: Arts Programming; Best Performance by an Actor; Best Performance by an Actress; Breaking News; Children & Young People; Comedy; Continuing News Coverage; Documentary; Drama Series; Interactive Channel, Interactive Program, Interactive Service, Non-Scripted Entertainment; TV Movie/Mini-Series.

The Academy is a unique, independent organization including the world's top television and media leaders who come together to exchange ideas, discuss common issues and promote new strategies for the future development of quality global television programming. Each year, the Academy produces the International Emmy World Television Festival and the International Emmy® Awards Gala in New York City. The Festival screens programming from around the world, featuring presentation and panels from leading producers and directors who speak about their work. The International Emmy® Awards Gala attracts over 1,200 international figures in broadcast, entertainment and media. More information can be found online at www.iemmys.tv.

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