



ROB RIGGLE TO HOST NFL HONORS

Annual Awards Show to Take Place at Northrop at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on the Eve of Super Bowl LII

Emmy-nominated actor and comedian **ROB RIGGLE** will take the stage as host of **NFL HONORS** on Saturday, Feb. 3 at Northrop at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The two-hour primetime awards special recognizing the NFL's best players, performances and plays from the 2017 season will air nationally at 9 PM ET/PT on NBC.

Riggle announced the news this morning on his social media with the following video:
<https://tinyurl.com/ybl2pv94>.

Riggle, who recently retired from the Marine Corps Reserve after 23 years of service, has been a staple in comedic film for more than 15 years. Widely known for his memorable roles in films such as *The Hangover*, *Step Brothers*, and *The Other Guys*, Riggle can currently be seen in Warner Bros.' *12 Strong*, his first dramatic turn opposite Chris Hemsworth, Michael Shannon and Michael Peña. Following up with another dramatic role, Riggle will co-star Bella Thorne and Patrick Schwarzenegger in Open Road Films', *Midnight Sun*, opening March 23, and he is currently in production on Universal's upcoming comedy, *Night School*, opposite Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish, which is set to release September 28.

Riggle is also a mainstay in television. Known for his four-year stint as a correspondent on the Emmy Award-winning *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, he went on to be a cast member on *Saturday Night Live* and currently appears in a recurring role as "The President of the Navy" in the Adult Swim comedy-action series *NTSF:SD:SUV::*. Other television credits include *30 Rock*, *The Office*, *Arrested Development*, *Modern Family*, *The League* and *New Girl*.

In addition to his various film and television appearances, Riggle is a stand-up comedian and improv actor who spent seven years studying, teaching and performing at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater. Riggle began his comedy career in 1997 while still on active duty in the Marine Corps, serving in Marine Corps Aviation and later in Public Affairs on active duty and in the Marine Corps Reserve. During his 23-year military career, Riggle was deployed to Afghanistan, Albania, Kosovo and Liberia and earned more than 22 medals and ribbons.

NFL Honors, which debuted in Indianapolis in 2012, is an annual event hosted from the Super Bowl city the evening before the AFC and NFC champions meet. Riggle joins **ALEC BALDWIN**, **KEEGAN-MICHAEL KEY**, **SETH MEYERS** and **CONAN O'BRIEN** on the list of award-winning celebrities to host the NFL's awards show.

Music for the show will be performed by vocalist-instrumentalist **SPENCER LUDWIG**. The trumpeter, singer, and songwriter wowed audiences at a string of festivals, including Lollapalooza and Austin City Limits, in 2017, and opened for Bebe Rexha on her North American and European tours. Ludwig signed a worldwide record deal as a solo artist with Warner Bros. Records in 2015 and was previously the featured trumpeter for the multi-Platinum band Capital Cities.

The show includes the announcement of **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS'** annual accolades and the newest **PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME** class. Preceding NBC's telecast, NFL Network will air "Super Bowl Saturday Night" at 8 PM ET covering all the sights and sounds from the Red Carpet at *NFL Honors*.

The full list of awards that will be presented is:

AP Most Valuable Player	Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year presented by Nationwide
AP Coach of the Year	AP Comeback Player of the Year
AP Offensive Player of the Year presented by Microsoft	AP Defensive Player of the Year
AP Offensive Rookie of the Year	AP Defensive Rookie of the Year
Bridgestone Elite Performance Play of the Year	FedEx Air & Ground Players of the Year
Salute To Service Award presented by USAA	Courtyard's Greatness on the Road Award
Deacon Jones Award	Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award
Built Ford Tough Offensive Line of the Year	Castrol EDGE Clutch Performer of the Year
Touchdown Celebration of the Year	Game Changer Award presented by Secret

NFL Honors is an NFL Network production in association with Rock Garden Media. For more information about *NFL Honors*, fans may visit <http://www.nfl.com/honors> and follow the #NFLHonors conversation on Twitter.

Media who wish to cover *NFL Honors* and/or would like a place on the Red Carpet must apply for credentials at NFLCommunications.com. After signing in, click on "Event Credentials" under the "Events" section of the homepage and select 2018 NFL Honors. If you do not already have an account with NFLCommunications.com, you will need to register. Credentials and space on the red carpet are limited so early registration is suggested. The credential deadline is **Tuesday, January 30**. Please be advised your Week of Game or Super Bowl Media Credential will **not** grant you access to NFL Honors. A separate credential is required in addition to a Week of Game credential.

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