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## Former Tonight Show bandleader to be honored by Arts & Business Council

Philadelphia native Kevin Eubanks, best known as the leader of The Tonight Show Band, will be honored by the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia with its highest award on Friday, April 29 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

"While achieving widespread fame, Kevin Eubanks continues to be a force here in Philadelphia," says Karen B. Davis, President and CEO of the Arts & Business Council. "By continuing to be a terrific reflection on our region, Kevin has been chosen to receive our Anne d'Harnoncourt Award for Artistic Excellence."

A graduate of the Settlement Music School in Philadelphia, Eubanks led the Tonight Show Band from 1992 to 2010. "For 18 years, viewers could turn on their televisions every night and see and hear a great source of pride for Philadelphia. That's what this award is all about," Davis adds.

Eubanks was recognized as the BMI Classic Theme Composer in YEAR and has received an honorary doctorate degree from the Berklee College of Music in Boston. He comes from a family of musicians, many of who are residents of the Philadelphia region.

Last year, Eubanks was honored at the annual Sound of Philadelphia night organized by music producers and YEAR Award for Excellence Recipients Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff. He has also been inducted into the Philadelphia Music Alliance's Walk of Fame.

Eubanks' CD, *Zen Food*, debuted in the top five of the Billboard Jazz Chart when it was released in November 2010 and is his fastest selling work ever.

The Annual Awards Luncheon of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia honors local leaders in the arts and business as well as arts partnerships. In addition, five business volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the arts and culture sector will be recognized.

Eubanks' award is named after Anne d'Harnoncourt, who led the Philadelphia Museum of Art for over 25 years until her death in 2008. The Philadelphia law firm of Cozen O'Connor sponsors the award.

KPMG and Safeguard Scientifics sponsor this year's event.

KPMG LLP. The audit, tax and advisory firm is the US member firm of KPMG International Cooperative ("KPMG International"). KPMG International's member firms have 138,000 professionals including more than 7,900 partners in 150 countries. Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (NYSE:SFE) provides growth capital and operational support to entrepreneurial and innovative life sciences and technology companies.

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia, an affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, develops relationships between business and the arts for the mutual benefit of both and in support of the advancement of the Greater Philadelphia Region. For information on registering for the April 27 Awards Luncheon, visit [www.artsandbusinessphila.org](http://www.artsandbusinessphila.org) or call 215.790.3620.