**Sean De Freitas Introduction**2016 Steve Kemble Leadership Award

Sean De Freitas developed his passion for events at the age of nine in his home country of Trinidad and Tobago. He took his love for costumes and nurtured it into developing one of leading companies in the world, specializing in creative design, décor, floral, and entertainment for clients such as James Taylor, Jennifer Lopez, Tony Bennett and more!

While doing this, Sean showed us all that a great leader’s courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position.

He built his business by believing as great leaders do: you can do what I cannot do; I can do what you cannot do, but ***together*** we can do great things!

Sean has showed us that leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others. Sean you have empowered and inspired so many to greatness! I know you believe as I; before you are a leader, success is about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is about growing others.

As a leader, you have demonstrated to so many in this industry what is possible!

Personally, I feel you have lived by knowing that the more you have been inspired by others that the more people you will inspire!

Sean, the most powerful leadership tool any of us has is our own personal example. Through your personal example, you have shown us Leadership is unveiled by vision, driven by passion, activated by planning, and actualized by a tireless pursuit.

Bill Gates, I feel got it exactly right when he said, “As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.” Sean you have done this over and over again by empowering people to follow their passions and by serving as an example. Thank you for all you have given so many. You are truly a gift, and I am honored to present you with the 2016 Steve Kemble Leadership Award.