

Broadcasting Pioneer Rick Dees, Master of Hits and Humor, to Be Celebrated as 2025 Giant of Broadcasting in New York



Washington, D.C, District of Columbia Nov 12, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - The Library of American Broadcasting Foundation (LABF) will induct trailblazer Rick Dees into its elite ranks as one of the **2025 Giants of Broadcasting & Electronic Arts**, recognizing his transformative impact on media through decades of innovation, entertainment, and cultural influence. The awards luncheon unfolds from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, at the historic Gotham Hall in New York City.

From his early days in radio, Rick Dees built a legacy of joy and connection that resonates worldwide. His iconic 1976 novelty hit **"Disco Duck,"** a Grammy-nominated track that achieved multi-platinum status with well over six million copies sold globally, won a People's Choice Award, and claimed the number one spot on the Billboard Hot 100—marked the start of a stellar career.

Dees transformed KISS-FM in Los Angeles into both the nation's highest-rated and highest-revenue-producing station, delivering extraordinary financial success to the group during his tenure. His iconic **Rick Dees Weekly Top 40** countdown continues to entertain millions as a true global phenomenon, with its seamless mix of hit music, storytelling, and wit. A 10-time consecutive Billboard Radio Personality of the Year winner, Marconi Award recipient, National Radio Hall of Fame inductee, and Hollywood Walk of Fame star holder, Dees remains a trailblazing entrepreneur and voice-over artist today, continuing to innovate through his **Rick Dees Hit Music** app—a brand expansion platform that harnesses the universal power of music to connect and engage on a visceral level—and inspiring even more new ventures that bridge generations and cultures.

"This award highlights the enduring magic of broadcasting—connecting hearts through stories and music," Dees shared. "I'm honored to be recognized alongside such visionaries and excited for what's next in this ever-evolving industry."

Alongside Dees, the 2025 honorees include award-winning actor and producer Kelsey Grammer; ABC News anchor and managing editor David Muir; retired TEGNA Inc. executive vice president Lynn Beall; communications attorney John R. Feore, Jr.; retired Cox Radio Group executive vice president Dick Ferguson; acclaimed actor Gary Sandy of WKRP in Cincinnati; and Hall of Fame sportscaster Lesley Visser. ABC News Radio's Steven Portnoy earns the LABF Excellence in Broadcast Preservation Award.

CBS News correspondent Bill Whitaker, a 2018 Giant, returns as emcee. Hosted by the LABF to preserve broadcasting heritage, the event is supported by Beasley Media Group, with Diamond sponsors TEGNA Inc. and ABC News.

Over two decades, LABF has celebrated more than 260 leaders, using proceeds to enhance its University of Maryland archive and fund Broadcast Education Association initiatives.

Contact Debbie Beagan-Carcich at debbie@giantsofbroadcasting.org or 732-245-7799 for tickets or info. Visit <https://www.tvradiolibrary.org/giants-2025> for full honoree bios.

About Rick Dees

A trailblazing entertainer, Rick Dees has shaped radio, media and pop culture as a Grammy-nominated Platinum Recording Artist with award-winning content and entrepreneurial ventures. Dive into the full Rick Dees universe from A to Z at Rick.com.

About the Library of American Broadcasting Foundation (LABF)

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For complete details about the honorees, sponsorship opportunities, tables and individual tickets, please contact Debbie Reagan-Casich, 2025 Giants of Broadcasting Event Producer at debbie@giantsofbroadcasting.org or go to www.tvradiolibrary.org/giants.

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