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In one of the most diverse group of honorees ever, an internationally renowned musical couple and a former dean of network news correspondents are among the broadcasters who will be inducted into the Richard M. Fairbanks Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony to be held in October. Bill and Gloria Gaither and retired CBS News correspondent Phil Jones will be joined by five other native or adopted Hoosiers who, through their chosen radio and/or television careers, have had significant and historic impact on their communities, state and world.

Newly elected inductees to the Hall of Fame include **Bill and Gloria Gaither**, winners of eight Grammy Awards and more than two dozen Dove Awards and recent recipients of the SACHEM Award, the state's highest honor. Together, they have written more than 700 songs and have built Gaither Music Co. in Alexandria, Indiana, where they produce their radio and television programs, into a thriving center of the gospel music industry.

**Phil Jones** was a reporter-correspondent for CBS News for over three decades. He reported from the Vietnam battlefields, presidential campaigns, Watergate investigation, Nixon resignation and the impeachment and trial of Clinton. A native of Fairmount, Indiana, he was considered the dean of broadcast correspondents reporting on Congress from 1977-89 and was White House correspondent 1974-77.

**Arthur Angotti, Jr.** was president and CEO of Artistic Media Partners, a radio broadcast company he founded in Indianapolis in 1988. AMP currently numbers 11 radio stations in Bloomington, Lafayette and South Bend which serve as the flagships for the Indiana, Purdue and Notre Dame sports networks. He formerly served as president of Wabash Cablevision and played a role in bringing cablevision to Indiana.

**Sam Simmermaker** has more than 50 years of broadcast experience, 47 of them with WCSI, Columbus, Indiana, where he has been News and Sports Director and play-by-play man. He twice has been honored as the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Sportscaster of the Year and is a member of both the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Jerry Arnold's** 41-year broadcast career continues at Midwest Radio in Terre Haute as director of engineering, where he administers the technical needs of three FM and one AM station. He has had many technical articles published in both *Radio World* and *QST* magazines and was instrumental in installing one of the first radio automation systems in Terre Haute while chief engineer of WTHI-AM/FM. When the use of satellite-delivered programming began to grow, he invented and manufactured a device that allowed users of two different radio networks to be able to interface the new delivery mode to existing equipment.

**Hal Fryar** began his broadcasting career as an announcer, emcee and writer as a teenager in Indianapolis in the mid 1940's. By 1960, after graduating from Indiana University and then developing his entertainment talents as host of programs geared to young audiences in radio and TV in Ohio for several years, he started a 12-year run in Indianapolis as a stumbling, fumbling and loveable character known as *Harlow Hickenlooper* for entertaining segments presented in between the *Three Stooges* offerings on WFBM-TV. He still makes public appearances for a whole new generation of young viewers.

**Chuck Marlowe** has enjoyed a long career as a sportscaster in his hometown of Indianapolis. He was the television play-by-play man for Indiana University basketball games for over 25 years and hosted the *Bob Knight Show* on WTTV for 29 years. He also was heard on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's world-wide radio network broadcasts of the 500 Mile Race for 26 years.

Induction ceremonies will be held October 2 at The Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel, Indiana, following a reception and dinner. The video presentation for each of the inductees then will be added to a permanent display housed at the Indiana State Museum. Reservations for the banquet may be made by contacting the Indiana Broadcasters Association, 3003 E. 98<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 161, Indianapolis, IN 46280 or [indba@aol.com](mailto:indba@aol.com).