



MUSIC: ANDREA BOCELLI AND VERONICA BERTI AWARDED IN NEW YORK FROM UNCA

The couple will receive the "UNCA Global Citizens of the Year" for their constant engagement through the Andrea Bocelli Foundation.

Andrea Bocelli and his wife Veronica Berti will be awarded in New York today Tuesday December 16th, during the UNCA Awards 2014, an event that gives prestigious awards to journalists who have told with excellence the activities of United Nations all around the world during the year.

Andrea and Veronica will receive the "UNCA Global Citizens of the Year" for their constant engagement with the Andrea Bocelli Foundation that, since 2011 has been working to ensure that people and communities living each day with difficulties because of illness, poverty, and social exclusion, in Developing Countries, but also in Italy, can express at best their capabilities by building projects having an immediate and signifying impact.

The evening will be attended by UN officials, including UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, diplomats and journalists from around the world. During the event we will be awarded also Sting and his wife Trudie Styler with "UNCA Global Advocates of the Year". UNCA, founded in 1948, is a non-profit organization that represents more than 250 journalists from around the world, covering the activities of the United Nations at the UN headquarters in New York.

Among the previous winners are former US President Bill Clinton, Sir Richard Branson, Angelina Jolie, Ted Turner, Jeffrey Sachs, Nicholas Cage, Mira Sorvino, John Prendergast, Raymond G. Chambers with Professor Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Forest Whitaker and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Last year, the Association honored Stevie Wonder for his work in favor of people with disabilities and Michael Douglas as Messenger of Peace for disarmament. It gave also an award to Emmanuel Jal, musician of the South Sudan and former child soldier, and to Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, for their defense of peace through music.

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