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KABC Anchor Marc Brown, KNBC Reporter Vikki Vargas, and KTTV Reporter Hal Eisner to receive top honors from Southern California broadcast journalists

(Universal City, Calif.) - Three of Southern California's most respected broadcast journalists will be honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards as part of the 73rd Annual Golden Mike Awards® show, presented by the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California. KABC anchor Marc Brown, KNBC reporter Vikki Vargas, and KTTV Reporter Hal Eisner will receive the RTNA's highest honors at its 2023 awards show in March.

Marc Brown is one of Southern California's favorite television news anchors. He's been bringing the news to the region's residents for more than three decades. Brown joined ABC7 as a reporter, but soon became a weekend anchor, and then moved to anchor many of the station's flagship evening newscasts. Brown is a Golden Mike, Emmy, Associated Press, and Radio and Television Digital News Association award winner for excellence in broadcast news.

Vikki Vargas had one of the longest tenures of any reporter on television in Los Angeles. She recently retired after an amazing 40 plus years as a reporter for NBC4, with almost all of that time in the station's Orange County Bureau. Vargas is well known for her breaking news coverage of everything from wildfires to floods. She's received numerous honors for her work, including Golden Mikes and Emmys.

KTTV's Hal Eisner has been a reporter in Los Angeles for more than four decades. He came to LA as a reporter for CNN, but moved to local stations. He's spent most of his career at FOX11 as a reporter, and also now hosts the FOX11 News In Depth program. Eisner has won Emmys, Golden Mikes, and LA Press Club. He founded Camp News, a nationally known mentoring program for aspiring broadcast journalists.

The RTNA is proud to present its 2023 Freedom of Information Award to Southern California's airborne firefighters, the helicopter pilots from different agencies throughout the region who put their lives on the line to battle wildfires.

The Golden Mike Awards are presented each year by the RTNA, the non-profit organization representing broadcast news professionals in Southern California. The awards honor the best in local broadcast journalism. The RTNA coordinates TV pool coverage of major news events in the region, fights for freedom of information causes, and provides scholarships for the next generation of broadcast journalists. It represents the Los Angeles, San Diego, Palm Springs, Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-San Luis Obispo, Bakersfield, and Fresno television and radio markets.

The Golden Mikes will be presented Saturday, March 25 at the Universal Hilton Hotel in Universal City.

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