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**KFI's Bill Handel To Receive *Broadcast Legend Award*,
KCAL's Michele Gile, KTLA's Eric Spillman to get *Lifetime
Achievement* honors at 2024 Golden Mike Awards Dinner**

(Universal City, Calif.)-One of the top radio talk personalities in the nation, and two of Southern California's most trusted television news reporters will receive special honors at the 74th Annual Golden Mike Awards® show, presented by the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California. KFI radio morning host Bill Handel will be honored with the RTNA's *Broadcast Legend Award*. KCAL reporter Michele Gile, and KTLA reporter Eric Spillman will be saluted for their decades of work with *RTNA Lifetime Achievement Awards*.

Bill Handel is a nationally known talk show host on KFI. He's been on the station for more than three decades, and hosts the top-rated *The Bill Handel Show* weekday mornings. He is an attorney, and also hosts the nationally syndicated *Handel On The Law* legal advice show, which airs on more than 340 radio stations. Handel has been inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame, and has a star on the *Hollywood Walk Of Fame*.

KCAL reporter Michelle Gile has been with the station for more than three decades, covering everything from wildfires, mudslides, to earthquakes in Orange County. She attended both UCLA and USC, and after stints in Palm Springs and Santa Barbara, joined KCAL in 1990. Gile has won Emmys and Golden Mikes for her on-air work.

Eric Spillman has been on the front lines of virtually every major story in Southern California since the early 1990's. Spillman was one of the original members of the groundbreaking KTLA Morning News when it started in 1991. He's won multiple Emmys, Golden Mikes, and AP awards for his live field reporting, and is a favorite among news viewers in the region.

The Golden Mike Awards are presented annually 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.

The Golden Mikes will be presented Saturday, March 30 at the Universal Hilton Hotel in Universal City.

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