

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

55TH ANNUAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS



ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS EVENING HOST: Scott Russell

A Canadian Screen Award and Gemini Award-winning broadcaster and acclaimed author, CBC Sports Veteran for more than 25 years, Scott Russell has covered a multitude of high-profile sporting events including 16 Olympic Games, most recently covering the Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Games. With an unparalleled knowledge and enthusiasm for amateur sport, Scott serves on the CBC Sports Initiative on Women in Sport, the Canadian Olympic Committee's Education Committee, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, the Public Policy Forum on Value-Based Sport, the Paralympic Foundation of Canada, and the International Centre for Olympic Studies at Western University. We are honoured to welcome back tonight's host... Scott Russell.

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Land Acknowledgement - Welcome: CHIEF BILL WILLIAMS

Chief Williams is one of Sixteen Hereditary Chiefs of Squamish Nation. He has been at every corner of his traditional lands and is one of the few people in Squamish Nation who was raised in Traditional teachings in a home where Squamish was prime language spoken every day.

Entertainment sponsored by the BC Lottery Corporation

Hip Pocket Jazz Trio
Vancouver Police Pipe and Drum Band

Volunteers

We are grateful to all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy into producing the Presidents' Awards and the 55th Annual Athlete of the Year Awards.

Athlete of the Year Awards' Selection Committee

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Back to Front Left to Right: Farhan Lalji, Tom Berridge, Jennifer Keith, Michelle Collens, Len Corben, Blair Lowther, Jason Beck, Gary Kingston, Sue Griffin, Bernie Pascall, Dan Riccio
*please note additional members not available for photo.