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Hosts Announced for 24th Annual Business Excellence Awards

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce announced the hosts for the 24th Annual Business Excellence Awards presenting by *The Windsor Star*. Houida Kassem (Today's Windsor, Houida and Friends) will join Rhys Wyn Trenhaile (filmmaker, actor, and real estate agent at Manor Realty Ltd.) as emcees at the 24th Annual BEAs on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the Caesars Windsor.

Rhys Wyn Trenhaile, BSc., JD. is a real estate agent at Manor Realty Ltd., leading a small team of sales professionals that each focus on a particular niche of real estate. He is well known and respected for the sale of residential homes and his team are collectively best known for selling all forms of income properties (e.g. apartment buildings, commercial plazas etc.). When not busy wheeling and dealing real estate, Rhys follows a passion for filmmaking, both as a producer and an actor. His credits include 2 seasons as a lead actor on YTV's immensely popular hit "Extreme Babysitting", and a producer on such films as NBC-Universal's "The Scarehouse" (North American release date October 31st, 2014). And most importantly: he likes his beer dark and his wine red.

A busy, devoted mother of two sons, Houida Kassem was born in London, Ontario, but raised in Windsor. She began her career working in media, in January 1999 on the show, "Plugged in." With a gift to interact with the public, Houida quickly moved from reporter to show host as well as producer – interviewing the likes of Nelly Furtado and Sam Roberts, live from the Canadian Juno Awards on more than one occasion. Along with being the Host and Producer of Today's Windsor, Houida launched a new show called Houida And Friends. "The View" type format is also cohosted by Melanie Gardin, Nancy Duffy and Karen Hall. It features lifestyle and entertainment type segments that will educate, inform and enlighten the audience. The show airs on Channel 11, Friday's and Sundays at 7.

An Elegant Soiree is the theme for the 24th Annual Business Excellence Awards. The event allows the entire community to celebrate the achievements of our distinguished lineup of Windsor-Essex businesses, professionals, and entrepreneurs. Award recipients will be announced during a gourmet dinner and show.

Award winners in 10 categories will be announced on April 23, 2014 at the Business Excellence Awards. Also included in the awards ceremony are the recipients of the Believe Windsor Essex and ATHENA Awards.

Save \$10 by purchasing Early Bird Tickets. Tickets are currently on sale for \$125 plus HST until March 21, 2014 and are available at www.windsorchamber.org.

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