



STMA welcomes author and entertainer Roy Firestone to Conference in San Antonio

By Patrick Allen

Michael Jordan. Muhammad Ali. Ted Williams. Great names. Legends of their respective sports. And Roy Firestone has interviewed them all.

George Brett. Dennis Rodman. Barry Bonds. Tough men. Yet Firestone elicited enough emotion from each to draw them to tears in his interview chair.

Larry King. Jay Leno. Howard Stern. More big names. And those are just three of the people that Firestone has bested in various award categories for 7 Cable ACE Awards and 6 Emmy's.

Frank Sinatra. Lou Rawls. The Four Tops. Some of the most influential talents in the history of the music industry. And Firestone has opened for each one: as a PERFORMER.

Some people sing. Some people dance. Some sing AND dance. Roy Firestone sings, dances, talks, listens, writes, impersonates, jokes, jabs, ducks, dodges, but most importantly delivers. Who know what kind of cook he is, but I'd bet he gives grandma a run for her money.

Since he was first the sports anchor for KCBS in Los Angeles, then moving to ESPN and their show "UpClose" in 1985, Roy has interviewed more than 5,000 celebrities ranging from the mundane to the maniacal to the megastar. ■

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To be considered for service, please fill out this form and return it to STMA headquarters by Dec. 31. Appointments will be made no later than the STMA Spring Board meeting in March. ■

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Deadline Extended to Dec. 31, 2006.



Live & Silent Auctions Need You!

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE), STMA's charitable arm hosts a live and a silent auction during the Annual Conference and Exhibition. We need your help to make our auctions successful, both with items we can auction off and by participating in the bidding process.

We accept almost anything you or your organization has to offer. Donations can include team gear, logo items such as shirts, hats, jackets, autographed baseballs and footballs, and vendor products (mowers, field rakes, fertilizers, etc.)

Please send all donations to the STMA Show office, 28, Pelham St., Newport, RI 02840, or contact Tom Curran, 954-786-4138, or Steve Torske, 402-472-4638. Donations at the Conference are also welcome.

Proceeds from the auctions fund the SAFE scholarship program, allowing the recipients to attend the conference, and provide two \$4,000 awards to the winners of the STMA Student Challenge, which is presented in partnership with SAFE and supported by Platinum Sponsor Hunter Industries. The auction dollars also contribute to the sports turf research fund. Once that fund reaches a threshold, projects will be funded. ■