

Solomon named to journalism Hall of Fame

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Birmingham photographer Linda Solomon, well known as the “photographer of the stars” for all the Hollywood celebrities she photographs, has added another achievement to her resume.

Solomon is one of three persons to be inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame on April 17 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Michigan State University.

She will join award-winning broadcast journalist Bob Giles and newspaper editor and publisher Ken Winter as the newest members of the Hall of Fame.

Solomon was cited by the Hall of Fame for “capturing international acclaim and the essence of celebrated personalities through natural light and a lens.” Solomon also is being honored for the many programs she has initiated with young people to introduce them to photography as a way to express themselves.

“I have been working with children for over

20 years,” Solomon said. Most recently she started a program with children in Tucson to use photography to help cope with the tragic shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and others in January.

Solomon is also proud of the work she did to help rescue the Birmingham Eccentric when it was announced the paper was going to shut its doors two years. Solomon played a key role in rallying local celebrities and members of the community to support the Eccentric.

That her efforts were successful is shown by these words written here.

Solomon began her photography career at the Birmingham Eccentric and still has the first photo she had published in the paper in her office.

“I believe very strongly in volunteerism ... helping the community,” she said.

And while she has become a [leading](#) photographer of celebrities in Hollywood,

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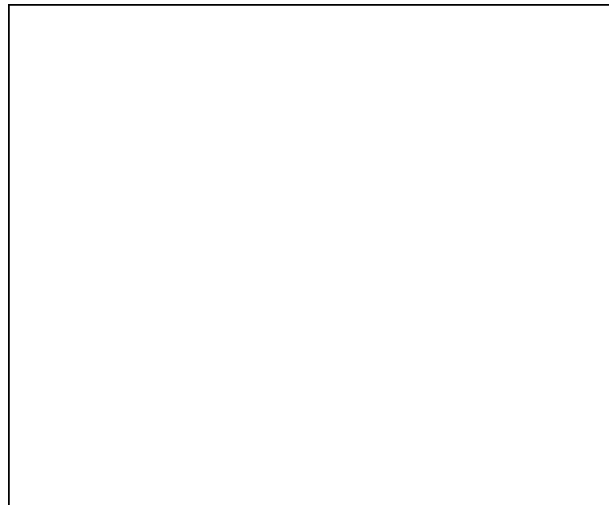
she remains true to her Birmingham roots, still maintaining an office in town and a home nearby in Bloomfield Township.

"I feel very proud," she said of being inducted into the Hall of Fame. "I'm in very good company."

Since 1985, the Hall of Fame has recognized reporters, editors, publishers, owners, photojournalists, broadcasters and educators throughout the state "who have advanced the legacy of a free and responsible press and who have inspired others with their lasting contributions to Michigan journalists."

Tickets for the induction ceremony are available at \$55 for individuals and \$400 for a table of eight. For more information, contact Margie Anderson, School of Journalism, Michigan State University, (517) 353-6430 or e-mail ander186@msu.edu.

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