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**LEAKE AND WATTS TO HOST ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
John Lithgow, Tony and Emmy Award -Winning Actor and Author
To be Honored
WABC-TV's Bill Evans to Serve as Master of Ceremonies**

Yonkers, New York September 27, 2007

Leake and Watts Services, Inc. has announced that it will host its Annual Awards Gala Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at West 112th Street), New York City.

“We take great pride in having served at-risk children and families in the Greater New York area for over 175 years. We are especially delighted to be returning to the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine for our event as Leake and Watts was located there for almost fifty years prior to moving to its current site in Yonkers in 1890,” stated **James J. Campbell**, Executive Director, Leake and Watts Services, Inc.

Leake and Watts is honoring **John Lithgow**, Tony and Emmy Award-winning actor and author for his outstanding contributions to children’s education through his best-selling books, poetry and music.

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Bill Evans, Senior Meteorologist for WABC-TV, in New York is an Emmy Award winner, author, and broadcaster for WPLJ Radio.

The evening's entertainment will be provided by the "**Songs of Solomon**" inspirational ensemble.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Hassell and **Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Obergfell** are Co-Chairs of the Annual Awards Gala.

There will be a cocktail reception at 6:30 PM followed by dinner.

Information regarding the event is available by contacting **Lorraine Browne**, Director of Development, Leake and Watts, telephone: (914) 375-8711 or LBrowne@leakeandwatts.org. For information regarding Journal advertisements, contact **Richard Schaab**, Public Relations Office, Leake and Watts, telephone: (914) 375-8789 or RSchaab@leakeandwatts.org.

Established over 175 years ago, Leake and Watts is one of the largest and most respected social service not-for-profit organizations in the country, dedicated to strengthening the resources for over 3,000 at-risk children everyday in the Greater New York area.

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