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Mallory Lewis and Beloved Puppet Lamb Chop Initiated as Honorary Members of The Los Angeles Breakfast Club®

(LOS ANGELES - April 9, 2024) – The Los Angeles Breakfast Club, a 99-year old 501(c)(3) organization based in Los Angeles, announced the initiation of Mallory Lewis, daughter of beloved children’s show host, creator, and puppeteer Shari Lewis, and cherished puppet Lamb Chop, into the club as honorary members.

Shari Lewis, renowned for her work as creator, writer, producer, host, and puppeteer of *Lamb Chop’s Play-Along* among other credits, was a thirteen-time Emmy® Award-winner, Peabody Award Honoree (1960), and recipient of the Kennedy Center Award for Excellence (1983). After the passing of Shari Lewis in 1998, Mallory Lewis, an Emmy winner herself who playfully identifies as “Lamb Chop’s sister,” began performing with Lamb Chop at live events and for charitable causes. Mallory and Lamb Chop have also been reaching new audiences on social media with over 350K followers, going viral on both Instagram ([@mallorylewisandlambchop](https://www.instagram.com/mallorylewisandlambchop)) and TikTok ([@yourfavlambchop](https://www.tiktok.com/@yourfavlambchop)).

Lewis looks forward to the recognition and celebration of her mother’s life and legacy in a forthcoming documentary, currently on the festival circuit and to be released later this year, as well as in the book Mallory recently co-authored, *Shari Lewis & Lamb Chop: The Team That Changed Children’s Television*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at the event, following Mallory’s presentation.

The initiation follows that of honorary member Disney Imagineer Bob Gurr in February of this year, and took place during the club’s April 3rd meeting at Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park, where the Club has held weekly breakfast meetings since 1965. Friendship Auditorium, named as a nod to the Club’s tagline “The Shrine of Friendship,” was dedicated in a ceremony on November 3, 1965 after being built with Club funds and donated to the City of Los Angeles.

Lewis presented and performed with Lamb Chop, sharing wisdom imparted by her mother such as "it is amazing how lucky hard working people are." Upon addressing the club, Lewis remarked "your organization is highly unusual," referring to elements of the Club's regular weekly meeting programming, which includes a buffet breakfast, sing-along songs, and a collection of silly, and often quirky, traditions.

"The visit from Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop was a special occasion that ignited childhood joy and wonder for all our members, from those in their 20s to their 90s. So many people brought their own puppets to join in on the celebration! Lewis has been a generous steward of her mother Shari Lewis' legacy, having performed with Lamb Chop for over twenty years," said Club President Mickey Corcoran, "and Lamb Chop is the Club's first sock puppet member. We're proud to count them both as part of The Los Angeles Breakfast Club!"

Photos from the event are available on the Club's website at labreakfastclub.com/press.

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About The Los Angeles Breakfast Club:

The Los Angeles Breakfast Club, a 501(c)(3) organization nicknamed "The Shrine of Friendship," is where real people meet for breakfast to become more informed, effective members of their community, by providing an educational forum for preserving, maintaining and celebrating history, culture, and community on a local level in the Los Angeles region and as applied to the broader world. The Los Angeles Breakfast Club meets weekly at 7:00 AM Wednesday mornings at Friendship Auditorium in Los Angeles, California. For more information, please visit LABreakfastClub.com/press.

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