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Tickets on sale for First Amendment Event

Tickets are on sale for the 2018 Nackey S. Loeb First Amendment Awards, featuring keynote speaker Gov. John Kasich.

The November 15 event at the Palace Theatre supports the non-profit Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications and honors a New Hampshire person or organization, nominated by the public, who go above and beyond in working to protect free speech and free press.

Kasich finished second in the 2016 New Hampshire Presidential Primary. He has said he is keeping all options open for the 2020 Republican primary. Like previous keynote speakers for the annual event, he is donating his appearance to support the Loeb School. The event, a week after the November mid-term elections, will feature a Town Hall format, in which Kasich will take questions from the audience.

Tickets range from \$50-\$100. They are available at palacetheatre.org, or by calling 603-668-5588,

The non-partisan Loeb School was founded in 1999 by Nackey S. Loeb, the late president and publisher of the New Hampshire Union Leader and Sunday News. Its classes and workshops attract middle-schoolers to retirees. Instructors from media outlets and businesses around the state teach topics such as the First Amendment, journalism, photography, broadcasting, social media and public speaking.

Past recipients of the First Amendment Award include former state Attorney General Philip McLaughlin, former Keene Sentinel Executive Editor Thomas Kearney, The Laconia Citizen, former legislator Daniel Hughes, former Dover City Councilor David Scott, Londonderry High School Journalism Adviser Mary DeWinkleer, First Amendment attorney William Chapman, ConVal School Board member Gail Pierson Cromwell, The Portsmouth Herald, David Lang and the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire, The Telegraph of Nashua, slain journalist James Foley, former Portsmouth Police officer John Connors, Timberlane Regional School Board member Donna Green, open government activist David Pearl and the citizens' group Right to Know New Hampshire.

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For more information, or to nominate someone for the First Amendment Award, visit www.loeb.school.org or call 627-0005.

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