

23rd Annual World Brain Mapping Foundation “Gathering for Cure.” (GFC) AWARD

Crystal room, Millennium Biltmore Hotel

April 17th, 2026

Run of Show Rev. 04/13/2026

Full Scripts (document two)

	1:00	Producers and Directors on site/Step and repeat, Red Carpet set up
	2:00	Stage Manager on site
	2:45	Set Flowers on tables, dress tables
	3:00	Announcer on site/Prompter on site
	3:00	Rehearsal with full crew, Arash, Co-Hosts (Drs. Kateb and Sinicropi)
Act 1	6:00	Cocktail Red Carpet Event (until 8:00 pm)-Trip starts playing at the red
	7:30	Tech Check: Arash, Harry, Stefano, Announcer, Prompter, TD, Sound, David,
E0	6:45-7:15	Iranian Dancers (Elizabeth McCafferty and the team/Queenship entertainment) performance at the
	***	Finger food will be served from 6-7:30 PM
S0	7:30	Still 0: WBMF Logo
	7:30	Banquet Doors Open/
A 1	7: 32	ANNOUNCER 1: Please take your seats
A 2	7:35	ANNOUNCER 2: 2 nd , please take your seats
A 3	7:36	ANNOUNCER 3: Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Sir Earl Toon from the world-renowned band Kool & the Gang, greeted by the co-hosts: Drs. Kateb, Sinicropi, and Kloor; Video run Sir Earl Toon-Kool and the Gang-2026 Gathering for the Cure (GFC) Gala Videos & Movies on Vimeo
	7:36	<i>Mr. Sir Earl Toon on the stage</i>
F1	7:40	<i>Soup to be served</i>
E1	7:40-8:00	Musical Keynote: Sir Earl Toon performs
A4	8:00	ANNOUNCER 4: welcomes WBMF cofounders, President Dr. Kateb and Vice President Dr. Vicky Yamamoto

A5	8:02	<p>Welcoming message by Drs. Yamamoto and Kateb, introducing the co-hosts, Drs. Harry Kloor and Stefano Sinicropi introduce the list Initiative funded by WBMF and talk about how the Palisades and Altadena fires have impacted the organization, its members, and ask for donations and support</p> <p>(video of the drive to our headquarters will be shown in the background)</p> <p>The ANNOUNCER 5 asked attendees to scan the QR code and donate to the</p>
A6	8:03	<p>ANNOUNCER 6: Introducing Co-Host Dr. Harry Kloor (member of the board of WBMF) and Stefano Sinicroppi (24th president of SBMT)</p>
	8:05	<p>Dr. Kloor and Dr. Sinicropi set up intro initiatives, and fundraising, reminding everyone why we are here to celebrate pioneers who have saved lives and raise funding to expand veterans and soldiers with traumatic brain injury, which is one of the key initiatives of our foundation to help wounded soldiers and veterans (WBMF Veteran Neurotech initiative)</p> <p>Please donate through the QR code on the podium - Auction and QR code reminder</p>
A7	8:06	<p>ANNOUNCER 7: Introduce Dr. Ret. Colonel Dr. Mike Roy, Director of Internal Medicine, Uniform Services University Health System (USUHS). Past president of SBMT and chair of the military medicine subcommittee of</p>
	8:07	<p>Dr. Roy makes comments about the military medicine subcommittee helping veterans and wounded soldiers in the past 23 years through neurotech innovation and science. Bringing state-of-the-art science</p>
	8:10	<p>Dr. Mike Roy: Veterans and wounded soldiers' neurotech initiative Veterans and Wounded Soldier Neurotech Initiative of The World Brain Mapping Foundation (WBMF) 0:26-4:28</p>
	8:15	<p>Drs. Kateb and Sinicropi set up the stage for the Humanitarian award by discussing initiatives such as our Ukrainian field Hospital support or the earthquake in Turkey. SBMT members have been at the forefront of humanitarian missions globally, and this year, we are honoring Dr. Adam Hamawy, an Army Combat surgeon, humanitarian, educator, and candidate for the NJ Congressional district. Announcing the 2026 Humanitarian Award</p>
	8:17	<p>Dr. Hamawy Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC3XFp8rpmk</p>
	8:20	<p>Dr. Hamawy will get off the stage and accept the award</p>
	8:23	<p>Acceptance speech</p>

	8:25	Photography and Dr. Hamawy will get off the stage
F2	8:26	Salad to be served
A8	8:25	ANNOUNCER 8: sets up Beacon of Courage and Dedication Award, raising awareness about neurological disorders such as Multiple Sclerosis, brain trauma, and spinal cord injury, and introduces Dr. Vicky Yamamoto and Dr. Mike Roy. These patents have advanced science, technology, innovation, and policy for veterans and civilians.
A9	8:26	ANNOUNCER 9: Introducing 4 patients who have participated in treatments that have revolutionized the treatment of spinal cord and brain injuries, Multiple Sclerosis, as well as policies Slide on the screen with their pictures Here we are standing to celebrate
	8:28-31	1) Ms. Christina Demerilli for her national and global advocacy role in advancing better policies for neurotech innovation
	8:31-34	2) Ms. Adriana Mocan for her role in raising awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS) at the national and global level and committing to a pioneering and experimental <u>bone marrow transplantation</u> , which is shown to be effective.
	8:34-37	3) Mr. Scott Imbrie for committing to an experimental <u>Brain-Computer Interface (BCI)</u> due to spinal cord injury, now implemented in more than 50 patients.
	8:37-40	4) Katie Roper , who was saved by the SBMT network of neurosurgeons and dedicated her life to raising awareness for traumatic brain injury
		3-minute storytelling and acceptance speeches per person
	8:40-42	<i>Staff came to the Dance area (because patients are in wheelchairs) and handed over the award to</i>

E2	8:42	ANNOUNCER 10: Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome singer Mae Mae Gad, who the cohosts, Drs, will greet. Kateb, Sinicropi, and Kloor
	8:58	Mae Mae is getting off the stage
	9:00	ANNOUNCER 11: Introducing Dr. Babak Kateb and Vicky Yamamoto, who will explain the Pioneer in Medicine award and its recipients, Drs. Thomas Sudoff, Richard Burt, and Denise Federenko
	9:04	Video about Richard Burt https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/1059115498/5ad85ea114 https://vimeo.com/1059113218/1d31f44812 https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/1059109422/df13039eb4
	9:08:	Video about Dr. Denise Federenko Dr. Fedorenko, recipient of the 2026 Pioneer in Medicine award, World Brain Mapping Foundation
	9:10	Video about Thomas Sudoff https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKIk3hf8efY
	9:10	Acceptance speeches (2 minutes each)
	9:16	Pictures and off-stage acceptance speeches and pictures
S2	9:17	<i>Video 3: BTIP 4:18 (cute 11 sec. from the beginning and 9 sec. from the end):</i> Brain Technology and Innovation Park BTIP (Operation warp-speed for treating neurological disorders) - YouTube
F3	9:17	Dinner will be served Photo taken from the crowd.
A10	9:21	Announcer 12: Introducing the 23rd President of SBMT, Dr. Stefano Sinicropi, Namath Hussain , and Dr. Abilash Haridas (22 nd President of SBMT), who explain the importance of emerging technologies and innovation in clinical neuroscience. Drs Namath and Haridas set up a discussion about the importance of fast-tracking therapeutics such as Brain Computer Interface (BCI), and it is important to highlight such work by
	9:23	Videos 4 and 5 (Blackrock Neurotech): Welcome to Blackrock Neurotech Nathan Copeland shakes Barack Obama's hand with Blackrock Neurotech's BCI: The NeuroPort Array
V3	9:24	Drs. Babak Kateb, Stefano Sinicropi, Abilash Haridas, and Namath Hussain welcome Mr. Marcus Gerhardt (co-founder and CEO) and Dr. Florian Solzbacher (Co-founder and Chief Science Officer) to the stage
A9	9:25	<i>Staff came to the stage and handed over the award to Dr. Kateb, Hussain, Haridas, and Sinicropi, who presented the award; Marcus accepted the</i>

	9:27	<i>Acceptance speech by Marcus</i>
S 3	9:30	Still 3: Marcus' photography leaves the stage
S4	9:30	<i>Still 4: WBMF logo on the screen, background music</i>
E3/ A13	9:30	ANNOUNCER 13: Sir Earl Toon
	9:45	Sir Earl Toon comes off the stage
	9:46	Drs. Sinicropi and Kateb: Set up Pioneer in Healthcare policy award ; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufq9BRL4dtU
A14	9:48	ANNOUNCER 14: Introduction of Governor Gavin Newsom; award presentation
F4	10:00	Dinner plates to be taken and Dessert to be served
A15	10:05	ANNOUNCER 15: Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Honorable Congresswoman Judy Chu
	10:10	Congresswoman comes to the stage <i>Staff came to the stage and handed over the award to Dr. Babak Kateb, SBMT President Elect, Dr. Stefano Sinicropi, Dr. Vicky Yamamoto, Dr.</i>
	10:12	Congresswoman's picture taken on the stage
	10:12	Congressman leaves the stage
E4	10:13	ANNOUNCER 16: Introducing Mr. Toby Gad and Mr. Nadav Philips
	10:15	Toby and Nadav are on the stage, ready to perform
	10:35	Toby and Nadav are coming off the stage after pictures with the hosts
	10:35	Dr. Mike Chen (8 th President of SBMT). Vicky Yamamoto (20 th President and executive director of SBMT; recipient of 2022 Golden Axon Award) and Deborah Zelinsky (21 st President of SBMT; recipient of 2023 Golden Axon Award) come to the stage, and Dr. Yamamoto and Chen set up the stage for the Golden Axon leadership award, discussing global policy through Neuroscience 20 with a focus on patient care

A16	10:37	Announcer 16: Recipient of 2024 Golden Axon Leadership Award: 23rd President of SBMT, Dr. Namath Hussain, for his remarkable leadership and advancing neuroscience globally, Mr. Stephan Themis, for his dedication toward securing SBMT Information technology and cyber security in the past 23 years, Dr. Gulio Pasinetti, for his leadership, innovation, and dedication to the field of neurodegenerative disease, including Alzheimer’s disease, as well as his remarkable leadership as a member of the board of SBMT, Dr. Shiva Raparsad, Chief Operating Officer of SBMT for his outstanding services in past two years as research scientist, scientific program manager and chief operating officer.
	10:37	Video of Stephan Themis: Nexo Film 4K Videos & Movies on Vimeo
	10: 40	Award recipients come to the stage
	10:48	Dr. Namath Hussain, Dr. Shiva Ramparsad, Dr. Guilio Pasinetti, and Stephan Themis receive the award from Drs. Sinicropi and Babak Kateb and give acceptance speeches (2 min each)
S9	10:50	Still 9: Photography-Award recipients leave the stage
V9	10:51	Kateb Scholarship and Student Fellowship Program: Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics' (SBMT) KATEB Scholars Fellowship and Intership Program
	10:55	Drs. Shiva Rampersad (COO of SBMT) and Dr. Claudia Kirsch (VP of Education of SBMT) will announce the award recipients. Announcement of the Kateb Scholars program endowed; Dr. Kateb, Afsaneh Kateb, and Dr. Yamamoto come to the stage.
	10:56	The Kateb Scholars program was established after the passing of General Jabbar Kateb in 2023, who inspired his son, Dr. Babak Kateb, to establish WBMF 23 years ago in order to help veterans, wounded soldiers, and Civilians with neurological disorders.
	10:58	Dr. Kateb will talk about the importance of mentorship (his picture with his late father will be displayed on the screen), announcing the program, and explaining the details DR. Yushun (Sean) Zeng acceptance speech
S12	11:00	Still 12: Photography-Students leave the stage and the podium. Students get off the stage

E4 A16	11:01	ANNOUNCER 16: Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome the one and only legendary Kool and the Gang star, Sir Earl Toon Harry 15: Reminder to award winners, VIPs to meet at red carpet and post award interview;
	11:20	Music plays/Roll End Credits on the screen with the names of the production
	11:25	Drs. Kateb and the entire board of SBMT and WBMF are on stage, closing the program. VIPs and award winners on the red carpet for an interview
	12:00	Tech show take down

● 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

MILITARY MED

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Sex Differences in Brain Injury: Brain age and Chronological Age

- John Coetzee

📍 Room 404 B

MS & ALS

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

iPS Cells for ALS

- Richard Burt, MD

📍 Room 406 A

SPINE/PMNR

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Knowing the Unknown: Telemedicine for Human Beings About to Start the Journey to Mars

- Parvez Fatteh M.D.

📍 Room 409 B

NEUROSURGERY

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Beyond Anatomy: The Role of Hemodynamics in Venous Sinus Stenosis

- Ali Alaraj

📍 Room 409 A

NEUROTECH I

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Development of Bioadhesive and Wearable Focused Ultrasound Transducer System for Long-Term Neuromodulation

- Huiliang Wang

📍 Room 411

NEUROTECH II

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Wireless Closed-Loop Neuromodulation Systems for Bladder Function Restoration

- Zhengwei Li

📍 Room 403 AB

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