

Angel Capital Association Honors Pittsburgh-Based Angel Catherine Mott and Innovative Company Magnetic Insight

BlueTree Allied Angels Founder Catherine Mott Receives 2017 Hans Severiens Award; Magnetic Insight Wins Luis Villalobos Award

San Francisco, CA, April 27, 2017 – The Angel Capital Association (ACA), the world's leading professional association for angel investors, today announced the winners of the coveted Hans Severiens and Luis Villalobos Awards at the 2017 ACA Summit taking place in San Francisco.

Catherine Mott, founder of BlueTree Allied Angels, and BlueTree Venture Fund, was named the winner of the 2017 Hans Severiens Award, which is presented annually to recognize one individual for advancing the field of angel investing. Hans Severiens Award winners demonstrate keen leadership in bringing awareness to the vital role of angel investing and their support of entrepreneurial companies.

"We are pleased to recognize Catherine Mott's impact on the angel investment community and her achievements on behalf of so many start-ups. Her contributions have helped to vastly expand the reach, resources, quality, and diversity of angel investors and the startup economy nationwide," said John Huston, Chairman Emeritus of ACA and Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Ohio TechAngel Funds.

As of December 2016, Blue Tree Allied Angels has invested more than \$42 million in 55 startup companies, and Blue Tree Venture Fund has \$10 million under management. Mott serves on the boards of Anglr, Figure 8, Peptilogics, Imprint, and Westmoreland Advanced Materials. She holds a portfolio monitor seat with Cryothermics, Instream Media, Lube Holdings, Zone 2 Surgical, Thorley (4Moms), Cisse, and Rinovum Women's Health.

Mott represents America's angel community to the Securities and Exchange Commission by serving as a member of the SEC Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies. She is a past chairman of both ACA and the Angel Resource Institute (ARI), helping both organizations to grow and better serve the angel community. She also has been an instructor for a variety of ARI courses all over the country and beyond.

"I'm excited about Catherine's selection for the Hans Severiens Award," said Marianne Hudson, ACA's executive director. "Not only was she a stellar leader for ACA, but she helped more women become angels. She was one of the few who had the courage to 'invite herself' to angel investing more than ten years ago, and ensure many more broke through the doors, in a thoughtful and professional way."

"I am thrilled to receive this honor. This award is a reflection on those many individuals who helped me when I became an angel investor, and who provided guidance for managing outcomes and nurturing entrepreneurial companies on their way to success," said Mott.

ACA selected Magnetic Insight as winner of the 2017 Luis Villalobos Award for ingenuity, creativity, and innovation among startups. Magnetic Insight was selected based on competitive differentiation and progress toward bringing a product, service, or solution to market. Based in Alameda, CA, Magnetic Insight has introduced Magnetic Particle Imaging (MPI), the first new diagnostic imaging technique since the introduction of CT, MRI, and PET over 30 years ago.

MPI gives clinicians and scientists a precise and sensitive new tool for early diagnosis, for patient monitoring, and for research. Magnetic Insight has launched a research imaging scanner and is now developing the first clinical system. The company beat out <u>finalists</u> DesignMedix, Inc., of Portland, OR, and Peloton Technology, Mountain View, CA, for the award.

A detailed 2017 ACA Summit agenda is available here.

About the Angel Capital Association (ACA)

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