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The Greater Cleveland Sports Commission is proud to announce that Scott Van Pelt, ESPN SportsCenter anchor and host of *The Scott Van Pelt Show,* will host the 2011 Greater Cleveland Sports Awards on February 2, 2012 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel.

Scott Van Pelt joined ESPN in spring 2001 as the network's lead professional golf reporter. He has since become a *SportsCenter* anchor and host of a weekday afternoon show on ESPN Radio, while remaining the lead reporter and host of the network's coverage of golf's grand slam events.

In July 2009, *The Scott Van Pelt Show* made its debut on ESPN Radio and simulcast on ESPN2 and ESPN2 HD. Previously, Van Pelt was co-host of ESPN Radio's *Tirico & Van Pelt* each weekday afternoon. The simulcast moved to ESPNEWS in September 2011.

Van Pelt joined ESPN from The Golf Channel (TGC) where he was an anchor and reporter for the sport-specific network from 1994-2000. Soon after joining TGC's on-air team, Van Pelt's reporting skills helped him to move up the ranks quickly. At TGC, he was the co-host of *Golf Central*
,
Leaderboard Report
and occasional host of
Viewer's Forum
– all signature studio programs for the network.

Over his career, Van Pelt has covered all the major golf tournaments – the Masters, the U.S. Open, the British Open and the PGA Championship. Following Tiger Woods' victory at the 1997 Masters (his first at the tournament), Van Pelt conducted an exclusive half-hour interview with the young Woods for a critically acclaimed network special, *Tiger Woods: In His Own Words.* He has also covered numerous USGA events, NCAA Men's and Women's championships, BUY.COM Tour events and Senior PGA Tour events.

Van Pelt began his sports broadcasting career at WTTG-TV (FOX) in Washington, D.C., in 1990. He worked in WTTG sports studio production department contributing content for the station's *The 10:00 News*, *Sunday Night's Sports Extra* and specials on the Washington Redskins.

A native of Brookville, Maryland, Van Pelt graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in radio/television and film.

Van Pelt will join the list of former Sports Awards emcee greats including Mike Tirico, Kirk Herbstreit, Jim Nantz, Bob Costas, Dan Patrick, Chris Rose, Roy Firestone, Greg Gumbel, Robin Roberts and Bill Walton.

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Athlete of the Year, Professional Athlete of the Year, 2011 Best Moment in Sports, the Cleveland Clinic Courage Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominees are chosen by the local media and finalists are selected by the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards committee. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on autographed sports memorabilia and unique entertainment experiences in the silent auction.

Tables to the benefit are $7,500 for platinum; $5,500 for gold; $2,500 for silver or $250 per individual ticket. The Golden Ticket raffle, which will award one lucky sports fan two season tickets to each of the 2012 Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers and Indians home games, is also now on sale. Only 300 tickets will be sold with the winner to be announced live at the Sports Awards. Tickets and additional information are available online at **www.Cleveland.com/sportsawards** or by calling the Sports Commission at
216-621-0600
. Proceeds from the event will help benefit the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission.