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JAIME JARRIN TO RECEIVE SCULLY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Southern California Sports Broadcasters organization is pleased to announce that Spanish-language Dodger announcer Jaime Jarrin will become the third recipient of its Vin Scully Lifetime Achievement Award at the SCSB's next annual awards luncheon, scheduled for Jan. 28, 2019.

The Scully award was created three years ago. Scully himself was the first recipient, longtime Kings announcer Bob Miller the second.

Jarrin, 82, began announcing Dodger games in Spanish in 1959, making this his 60th season with the team. He became the longest-tenured announcer in major league baseball when Scully, after 67 seasons with the Dodgers, retired in 2017.

Jarrin began working as a broadcaster in his home country when he was just 16 years old, and he came to the U.S. in 1955. He was working for radio station KWKW when the Dodgers moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles in 1958 and, despite having never seen a baseball game, studied up and began announcing Dodger games the following season.

For the first six years, the KWKW announcers, who didn't travel with the team, recreated the games while listening to Scully and Jerry Doggett.

Scully once said: "How he did it, to me, is truly remarkable. To be listening in one language and then speaking it in the other, immediately, while doing the

play-by-play. He has to be truly acknowledged as the fine broadcaster that he is.”

From 1962 to 1984, Jarrín never missed a game, calling close to 4,000 games over 22 seasons. The streak was broken only when he took charge of all the Spanish-language radio coverage and production for the 1984 Summer Olympics.

Jarrin’s broadcasting career includes much more than just Dodger broadcasts. He has called more than 30 world championship title fights for radio and television stations in Latin America, and has worked many other major sports events, as well as major news events.

In 1998, Jarrin was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame as that year’s Ford C. Frick Award winner. That year, Jarrin was also honored by the National Association of Hispanic Journalists with their highest award, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and was the first recipient of the SCSB’s President’s Award.

Jarrin has racked up many other SCSB honors over the years, highlighted by his induction into the SCSB Hall of Fame in 2002.

It was previously announced that the 2019 SCSB Hall of Fame inductees will be Ann Meyers Drysdale and the late John Ramsey. Meyers Drysdale will be the first woman inductee. Ramsey, who died in 1990, was the public address announcer for the Angels, Dodgers, Rams, Lakers, Kings and USC football and basketball. .

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