

Former WNET president Iselin honored by Queen Elizabeth II

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NEW YORK — John Jay Iselin, former president of WNET and president of the Marconi fellowship foundation at Columbia University, has been recognized by Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to British television in the United States.

Sir Thomas Harris, the British consul general, said Friday that the queen made the announcement on Thursday and that Iselin would receive the honorary CBE in Washington on June 9.

CBE stands for Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, an order founded in 1917 by King George V to recognize service by civilians in World War I. The order now honors

civilians and military personnel.

Iselin brought programs like "Monty Python's Flying Circus," "Upstairs, Downstairs" and "Pride and Prejudice" to WNET while its president from 1972 to 1987 and teamed with British production units to launch the "Nature" series.

Iselin called the honor "a tribute to broadcasting of a high order that is truly the work of many hands in a collaborative effort."

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