



THE
MILTON
FRIEDMAN
PRIZE FOR
ADVANCING LIBERTY
BIENNIAL DINNER
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

The Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty, named in honor of perhaps the greatest champion of liberty in the 20th century, is presented every other year to someone who has made a significant contribution to advancing human freedom. The late Nobel laureate Milton Friedman agreed in 2001 to lend his name to the prize. In a statement at the time, Friedman said: “Those of us who were fortunate enough to live and be raised in a reasonably free society tend to underestimate the importance of freedom. We tend to take it for granted. It has made us in the West more complacent, so having a prize emphasizing liberty is extremely important.”

The Milton Friedman Prize is recognized as the leading international award for acknowledging contributions to the promotion of individual liberty. It is a privilege to present the 2025 Prize on May 1 in Washington, DC.

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The board of directors of the Cato Institute requests the pleasure
of your company at a dinner in honor of the 2025 recipient
of the Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty.

Master of Ceremonies

Peter Goettler

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Award Recipient

The Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty

Charles Koch

Chairman and Co-CEO of Koch, Inc.

Featured Speaker

Patrick Collison

Co-founder and CEO, Stripe

in conversation with **Ryan Bourne**, R. Evan Scharf Chair for
the Public Understanding of Economics, Cato Institute

Award Presentation

To Be Announced

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Reception at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Ave. NW
T Street Entrance
Washington, DC

Cocktail Attire



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PAST RECIPIENTS

2023

Jimmy Lai

Hong Kong entrepreneur
and freedom activist

2021

The Innocence Project

Nonprofit dedicated to
exonerating the wrongfully
convicted

2018

Las Damas De Blanco

Cuban human-rights group

2016

Flemming Rose

Danish journalist and author

2014

Leszek Balcerowicz

Former deputy prime
minister and finance minister
of Poland

2012

Mao Yushi

Chinese economist

2010

Akbar Ganji

Exiled Iranian writer and journalist

2008

Yon Goicoechea

Leader of a student movement
in Venezuela

2006

Mart Laar

Former prime minister of Estonia

2004

Hernando De Soto

Peruvian economist and
property-rights activist

2002

Peter Bauer

British development economist

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