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QUEEN OF DENMARK

HONORS DANNY KAYE

On the personal order of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Danny Kaye today was awarded the Knight's Cross of the First Class of the Order of the Dannebrog, an honor that is rarely bestowed upon foreigners. The presentation was made on the Queen's behalf by Royal Danish Consul General Henning Kristiansen at a colorful ceremony at the Consul General's Brentwood home.

Kaye, who has visited Denmark many times and who coincidentally will be in Copenhagen later this month to conduct the Royal Danish Symphony Orchestra in a UNICEF benefit concert, was cited for his "30 years of tireless devotion to UNICEF." The citation also noted that "his warm and sensitive portrayal of Denmark's own Hans Christian Andersen has long since endeared him to the Danish people, reflecting those rare qualities of gentle humor and inner strength which have enabled him to become the Pied Piper to the children of the world. He is truly a giant of his time."

The order of the Dannebrog was instituted in 1671 by Denmark's King Christian V. The Dannebrog (literally, "red cloth") is the Danish national flag, the oldest such in Europe, dating back to the 13th century. The oldest surviving Dannebrog, from 1427, is missing and believed to have been destroyed in the air raids of World War II.

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