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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

**SELF Magazine Honors Girl Be Heard Executive Director
Jessica Greer Morris
Tonight at 6th Annual "Women Doing Good" Awards**

September 11, 2013, New York, NY - Girl Be Heard's (www.girlbeheard.org) Co-Founder and Executive Director Jessica Greer Morris, is a recipient of SELF Magazine's 2013 **Women Doing Good Award** which will also recognize **Shakira, Padma Lakshmi**, Scandal's **Katie Lowes** at Apella, 450 East 29th Street, in New York City, hosted by The Today's Show's Hoda Kotb.

Each year, SELF magazine honors women who have dedicated their lives to improving the lives of others: globally, nationally and within their communities. More info:

www.self.com/women-doing-good

"This huge honor validates our work as teachers and mentors at Girl Be Heard," says Morris. "I dedicate this award to every one of the courageous Girl Be Heard actors, writers and spoken word poets who use theatre to speak out for change, whether they are survivors of bullying, incest, gun violence or sex trafficking."

"Jessica is a selfless leader who gives of herself tirelessly to impact girls personally and globally," says **Monique Coleman**, United Nations youth Champion and renowned star of High School Musical. "Jessica inspires all of us to step outside of our comfort zones and use our gifts for good. She is an inspiration to me."

Under Morris's leadership, Girl Be Heard's company of young women (most of whom are from underserved areas of New York City) have performed at the White House, State Department, United Nations and in schools, community centers and theatres across the country. In addition to being named one of Newsweek's "150 Fearless Women Who Shake The World" last year, Morris has received critical acclaim for her work with Girl Be Heard in The New York Times, The New Yorker, NPR, Ebony Magazine, Backstage, Huffington Post, WBAI, NY1, WNBC, and outlets across the globe. She has given TED Talks and given keynote speeches at Stanford University and other prestigious universities. See Morris's [TED talk, I'm Sexy and I Know It or Women You Should Know.](#)

Nigel Barker, Host of The Face and America's Next Top Model, is on the Founders Circle of Girl Be Heard and lauds Jessica's work and that of the girls she serves. "Her passion is contagious and spreads through Girl Be Heard performances and into every audience blessed to hear them speak. Compassion for others starts with yourself and Jessica understands that love is where it all begins."

Join the movement at www.girlbeheard.org and share this inspiring night!

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