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# American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT) Announces National and Local Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup> Winners

# Grand Award Winners to be Announced at Annual Awards Gala Featuring Broadcasting and Cable's Biggest Names

February 25, 2004 (McLean, VA) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) is pleased to announce the 2004 winners of the Annual Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup>. National Award winners will be presented at a black-tie Gala in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, June 22, 2004. Local Market Award winners will be announced at a luncheon on Monday, June 21, 2004, also at the New York Hilton Hotel. The Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup> (also known as the Gracies<sup>®</sup>) recognizes exemplary programming created for women, by women and about women in all facets of electronic media.

Each year, the Gracies Gala attracts the best and the brightest in radio, television, cable and new media. This year, from *HBO/Sex and the City's* Sarah Jessica Parker and *CBS News'* Lara Logan to *WE: Women's Entertainment/Mix It Up's* Courteney Cox and *CNN's* Larry King, the National Gracie Allen Award winners represent a broad cross-section of outstanding actors, producers, writers and correspondents (see attached sheet for complete list of National and Local Market winners).

On the Local Radio Front, Magic 106.7/WMJX host Candy O'Terry took the Individual Achievement Award for Program Host honors, as well as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's WHYY, for *Home Health*, which was awarded in the Best News Feature - Soft News category. WABC-New York received an award for *Protect Our Children: At Home and in the Street* for Best Television Children/Adolescent Program while Dallas' KERA-PBS was awarded in the Best Television News-Single Entry category for *Women in Power*.

"The Gracies' recognition of exemplary programming inspires excellence in all facets of electronic media. This year's list of winners is a reflection of the depth of the talent serving our industry," stated AWRT 2003/2004 President, Melodie Virtue, attorney/owner, Garvey Schubert Barer.

"Year after year we continue to experience the profound impact that programming for, by and about women has on our society. Thank goodness there exists an event to recognize the great work of women in our industry," added AWRT Executive Director Maria Efantis Brennan.

The Gracies are presented by the Foundation of AWRT, the philanthropic arm of AWRT that supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Gracie Allen Awards, established in 1975, honor programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable and webbased media, including news, drama, comedy, commercials, public service, documentary, and sports.

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Tickets for the Gala are \$225 for AWRT Members, \$250 for Non-Members, and \$300 (if available) at the door. Tickets for the Luncheon are \$140 for AWRT Members, \$165 for Non-Members, and \$175 (if available) at the door. Tickets for the Gala and Luncheon can be purchased online at www.awrt.org.

Sponsored tables are available ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. For more information, please contact Shaughna Giracca at (703) 506-3290, ext. 7164.

For more information about the Gracie Allen Awards, please visit <u>www.awrt.org</u>.

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**About AWRT:** The year 2001 marked the 50th Anniversary and a golden highlight for American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) Inc., the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing the impact of women in the electronic media and allied fields. Headquartered in the Washington, DC-metropolitan area, AWRT carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource to its members and the industry at large. Founded in 1951, AWRT works to improve the quality of electronic media; promote the entry, development and advancement of women in the media; serve as a medium for communication and idea exchange; and become active in community concerns.

**About The Foundation of AWRT:** The Foundation of AWRT is the philanthropic arm of American Women in Radio and Television, supporting educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Foundation of AWRT has created partnerships and joint-initiatives with the National Middle School Association, the Emma Bowen Foundation, the American Red Cross and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation of AWRT. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns including most recently *AWRT Empowering America* which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this initiative, the Foundation of AWRT has adopted needy urban middle schools around the country and provided educational donations derived from collateral based on the *Empowering America* program. The Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs including the Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup>, a live, New York-based gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.

For more information about AWRT and the Foundation of AWRT, including membership, call its headquarters at (703) 506-3290, or visit its web site at <u>www.awrt.org</u>.

## 2004 Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup> National Award Winners

www.justicelearning.org Best Interactive Web Site NPR's Justice Talking/NY Times Learning Network

**Now with Bill Moyers: Web Site** *Outstanding Collaboration Between Broadcast and Interactive Web Site* Public Affairs Television

Lia Knight The Lia Show Individual Achievement Award for Best Program Host (Radio) Jones Radio Networks

Sheila Dolan (Satellite Sisters) In the Cut Individual Achievement Award for Best Reporter/Correspondent (Radio) ABC Radio Networks

Radio Tales: Arabian Nights Outstanding Entertainment Program – Drama (Radio) XM Satellite Radio/Sonic Theater, Channel 163/Generations Productions LLC

**Golf and Gender Discrimination** *Outstanding Talk Show (Radio)* NPR's Justice Talking

The Infinite Mind-Domestic Violence Outstanding Public Affairs Program (Radio) Lichtenstein Creative Media

Mass Graves Best News Story - Single Entry (Radio) CBS

ABS News: Radio - The Wiggles Best News Feature - Soft News (Radio) ABC Network

America at War Best News Story – Series (Radio) CBS Radio News

Special 23rd Birthday Party for Ms. Liu Di, Detained Beijing Cyber Writer Best News Feature - Hard News (Radio) Radio Free Asia Mandarin Service

Kosovo's Pied Piper: The Liz Shropshire Story Best News Feature - Soft News (Radio) Common Ground Radio Sarah Jessica Parker Sex and the City Individual Achievement for Best Female Lead - Comedy HBO Original Programming

Doris Roberts Everybody Loves Raymond Individual Achievement for Best Female Supporting Actor - Comedy HBO Independent Production and Worldwide Pants Inc.

Mariska Hargitay Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Individual Achievement for Best Female Lead - Drama -Series Wolf Films in association with Universal Network Television

Jessica Lange Normal Individual Achievement for Best Female Lead - Drama -Special HBO Original Programming

Lauren Ambrose Six Feet Under Individual Achievement for Best Female Supporting Actor - Drama HBO Original Programming

Rita Rudner Ask Rita Individual Achievement for Best Program Host-Entertainment Ritmar TV Inc.

Eva LaRue All My Children Individual Achievement for Best Female Lead - Daytime Drama Collins and Associates PR

Rene Syler Breast Cancer Awareness Series Individual Achievement for Best Anchor CBS News / The Early Show

Courteney Cox Mix It Up Individual Achievement for Best Producer WE: Women's Entertainment Lara Logan The Early Show Individual Achievement for Best Reporter/Correspondent CBS News

Nancy Grace Individual Achievement for Best Program Host-News Court TV

Without a Trace Outstanding Entertainment Program - Drama Warner Brothers TV Prod. Inc.

**2003 WNBA Launch - This Is Who I am** Best Advertising Single Entry NBA Entertainment

**Women and the Badge** *Outstanding Entertainment Program – Reality* Oxygen Media

**Women on Top: Hollywood and Power** *Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program* AMC

Court TV Salutes Everyday Heroes - Women Who Keep America Safe Best Public Service Campaign Court TV

Land and Sea: Built From Scratch Best Magazine Show Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Catherine Crier Live Outstanding Talk Show Court TV

Sex and the City Outstanding Entertainment Program - Comedy HBO Original Programming

**CNN's On the Story** *Outstanding Public Affairs Program* CNN

Inside Stuff Outstanding Sports Program NBA Entertainment

That's So Raven Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program Disney Channel

A Special Place – Gilda's Club PSA Best Public Service Single Entry Women in Film/Dallas ABC News Special-"Fat Like Me: How to Win the Weight War" Outstanding Special Program ABC-TV Network

Re-modeling (From Extremely Perfect) Best Documentary - 30 Minutes or Less CBS News / 48 Hours Investigates

The Central Park Jogger – An exclusive NBC News Special Best Documentary - 31 - 59 Minutes NBC News

**The Nazi Officer's Wife** Best Documentary - 60 Minutes or More A&E

Honeymoon Interrupted Best Public Service Commercial Davis\*Glick Entertainment

**The Division** *Outstanding Entertainment Program - Drama* Lifetime Television

Who We Admire - Robert Macauley and Americares Best News Story - Single Entry NBC News

Candy Crowley - War Stories Best News Story - Series CNN

Sharmeen Obaid Terror's Children Individual Achievement for Best Reporter/Correspondent Discovery Times Channel

Life In The Fast Lane Best News Feature - Hard News NBC News

Good Morning America-Robin's Fantasy Best News Feature - Soft News ABC-TV Network

**WNBA** Best Advertising Campaign Oxygen Media

**The Fifth Estate: The Bishop of Bountiful** *Outstanding Investigative Program* Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Larry King Live - A Tribute to Katherine Hepburn Outstanding Talk Show CNN

**Gift of Life** Best News Story - Series NBC News

From the Eyes of Babes Best News Feature - Soft News CNN

## Intimate Portrait: Christiane Amanpour

*Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program* Lifetime Television **Tracey Ullman in the Trailer Tales** *Outstanding Special Program* HBO Original Programming

## Pandemic: Facing AIDS

(America Undercover Special Series) Best Documentary - 60 Minutes or More A Moxie Firecracker Production in association with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and HBO

**Bipolar Children** 

Best News Story - Single Entry CBS Evening News with Dan Rather

# 2004 Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup> Local Market/Public Access/Student Award Winners

#### Candy O'Terry

Individual Achievement for Best Program Host (Radio) Market: Local -1-25 Magic 106.7 / WMJX Boston, MA

## Hersday

Outstanding Entertainment Program – Comedy (Radio) Market: Local -1-25 WBLI West Babylon, NY

Exceptional Women Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program (Radio) Market: Local - -25 Magic 106.7 / WMJX Boston, MA

Esther: The Feast of Masks Outstanding Special Program (Radio) Market: Local - 1-25 WGBH Educational Foundation Boston, MA

Giles & Moriarty Outstanding Talk Show (Radio) Market: Local - 1-25 CBS Radio News New York, NY

**Women Firefighters** Best News Story - Single Entry (Radio) Market: Local - 1-25 KNRC AM 1150 Denver, CO

Home Health Best News Feature - Soft News (Radio) Market: Local - 1-25 WHYY Philadelphia, PA

Marica Neville Burke Individual Achievement for Best Program Host Market: Local - 1-25 KCNC-TV, News 4 Denver, CO

Angela Shelley Individual Achievement for Best Producer Market: Local - 1-25 KCET, KQED, KPBS, KVIE Los Angeles, CA

#### Linda Lorelle

Individual Achievement for Best Reporter/Correspondent Market: Local - 1-25 KPRC-TV Houston, TX

Hollywood Exposed Outstanding Entertainment Program - Reality Market: Local - 1-25 KING-TV Seattle, WA

Ann Wood: Pilot Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program Market: Local - 1-25 New England Cable News Newton, MA

## Northwest Backroads Great Escapes

*Outstanding Magazine Program Market: Local - 1-25* KING-TV Seattle, WA

**The Experiment: Gay and Straight** *Outstanding Reality Show* 

Market: Local - 1-25 WFLO-TV Fox/CAN TV Chicago, IL

Breast Cancer:

Road to Recovery Outstanding Public Affairs Program Market: Local - 1-25 WABC - TV New York, NY

Xtreme Colorado Sportswomen

*Oustanding Sports Program Market: Local - 1-25* KCNC-TV, News 4 Denver Denver, CO

Protect Our Children: At Home and in the Street Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program Market: Local - 1-25 WABC - TV New York, NY

Where Love Lives

Best Documentary - 30 Minutes or Less Market: Local - 1-25 New England Cable News Newton, MA

## Mysteries of the Vatican

Best Documentary - 60 Minutes or More Market: Local - 1-25 KTRK-TV Houston, TX

## Busco Trabajo/Cooperativa

Best News Story - Single Entry Market: Local - 1-25 Univision KDTV Channel 14 San Francisco, CA

## Hands On: Healing Healthcare

Best Documentary – 31-59 Minutes Market: Local - 1-25 KCET, KQED, KPBS, KVIE Los Angeles, CA

#### El Silencio De las Campesinas

Best News Story - Series Market: Local - 1-25 Univision Phoenix, AZ

## Karma Prevails

Best News Feature - Hard News Market: Local - 1-25 WCO-TV Minneapolis, MN

## One-Room School House

Best News Feature - Soft News Market: Local - 1-25 New England Cable News Newton, MA

#### Women In Power

Best News Single Entry Market: Local - 1-25 KERA-PBS/NPR, Dallas Dallas, TX

## Shattering the Silence WTHR-TV Best Public Service Campaign

Market: Local - 1-25 Indianapolis, IN

## Where Did You Hear That?

Best Advertising Campaign Market: Local - 1-25 KERA-PBS/NPR Dallas, TX

## The Pam Stone Show

Outstanding Entertainment Program – Comedy (Radio) Market: Local - 26+ WLNK-FM Charlotte, NC

### Seed Money

Outstanding Public Affairs Program (Radio) Market: Local - 26+ Voices of Our World – Maryknoll Maryknoll, NY

## Craig

Best Advertising Campaign (Radio) Market: Local - 26+ Studio Center Las Vegas, NV

## **Robin Dallafior**

Individual Achievement for Best Producer Market: Local - 26+ Cox 10 New Orleans, LA

## Sam Houston: The Volunteer Exile

*Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program Market: Local - 26*+ Nashville Public Television Nashville, TN

## Legacy - the Halifax Explosion

*Outstanding Magazine Program Market: Local - 26*+ Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Toronto, ON

## Our Lives

*Outstanding Talk Show Market: Local* - 26+ News 12 Connecticut Norwalk, CT

## Connect!

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program Market: Local - 26+ Wood TV Grand Rapids, MI

#### Super-Sizing Our Kids: NC's Epidemic of Overweight Children

Best Documentary - 30 Minutes or Less Market: Local - 26+ WRAL-TV Raleigh, NC

## Texas on the Air

Best Documentary - 31 - 59 Minutes Market: Local - 26+ KVUE-TV Austin, TX

## **Designed for Worship**

Best Documentary - 60 Minutes or More Market: Local - 26+ Nashville Public Television, Inc. Nashville, TN

## The Parenting Show With Buddy and Lisa

Outstanding Talk Show Market: Local - 26+ WCTC-AM 1450, Somerset, NJ

#### **Beyond the Walls**

Best Documentary - Series Market: Local - 26+ NSFA-TV News Montgomery, AL

## **Passing Without Progress**

Best News Story - Single Entry Market: Local - 26+ WWL-TV New Orleans, LA

## IS DNA Enough?

Best News Feature - Hard News Market: Local - 26+ KFOR-TV Oklahoma City, OK

#### **Unforgettable Bonds**

Best News Feature - Soft News Market: Local - 26+ WWL-TV New Orleans, LA

#### **Diet Danger**

Outstanding Investigative Program Market: Local - 26+ KFOR-TV Oklahoma City, OK

## Wood TV8-Park Parties with Maranda

Best Public Service Campaign Market: Local - 26+ Wood TV Grand Rapids, MI

## Sabrina - Brighter Choice Charter School

Best Advertising Commercial Market: Local - 26+ Time Warner Cable Advertising Albany, NY

## Ann Fessler

Individual Achievement for Best Producer Market: Public Television Maryland Public Television Owings Mills, MD

#### Mary Magdalene

Outstanding Magazine Program Market: Public Television PBS-Thirteen/WNET New York New York, NY

## A Cancer Rainbow: Snapshots From My Journey

Outstanding Public Affairs Program Market: Public Television Beckstein Productions North Potomac, MD

## Ten Sisters: A True Story

Best Documentary - 30 Minutes or Less Market: Public Television WILL - TV (PBS) Urbana, IL

#### Gold Star Mothers: Pilgrimage of Rememberance

Best Documentary - 31 - 59 Minutes Market: Public Television WILL - TV (PBS) Champaign, IL

## West 47th Street

Best Documentary - 60 Minutes or More Market: Public Television Lichtenstein Creative Media New York, NY

#### **Women in Engineering** Best News Feature - Soft News Market: Public Television Persephone Productions Baltimore, MD

## **Roy Bedichek's Vanishing Frontier - Trailer**

Best News - Single Entry Market: Public Television KERA Dallas, TX It's Great to Be Here Best Advertising Campaign Market: Local - 26+ WEWB-TV, WB45 Albany, NY

#### Coming Home

Outstanding Public Affairs Program (Radio) Market: Public Radio Distributed by PRI Washington, DC

## **Reconsidering the Fifties**

Best Documentary - 31 - 59 Minutes (Radio) Market: Public Radio Soundprint Media Center Laurel, MD

## North Carolina Voices: Touched By War

Best News Story – Series (Radio) Market: Public Radio WUNC-FM Chapel Hill, NC

## **Girls Rock**

Best News Feature - Soft News (Radio) Market: Public Radio 90.3 WPLN, Nashville Public Radio Nashville, TN

## **Burying Breezy**

Best Documentary - 30 Minutes or Less (Radio) Market: Public Radio Chicago Public Radio Chicago, IL

#### Shelley Irwin-The WGVU Morning Show

Individual Achievement for Best Program Host (Radio) Market: Public Radio WGVU Grand Rapids, MI

#### **Gwen Ifill**

Individual Achievement for Best Program Host Market: Public Television PBS Arlington, VA

#### Molly Shiels

Individual Achievement for Best Reporter/Correspondent (Radio) Market: Student WFUV FM Bronx, NY

#### Alice Gainer

Individual Achievement for Best Anchor (Radio) Market: Student WFUV FM Bronx, NY

#### Lauren Maloney

Individual Achievement for Best Anchor Market: Student LSC-TV News 7 Lyndonville, VT

#### Fatal Mistakes

Best Documentary - 31 - 59 Minutes Market: Student Seated in the Rowan University Radio / TV Film Manalapan, NJ

## **Cell Phone Towers**

Best News Story - Single Entry Market: Student West Burke, VT