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# American Women in Radio & Television Announces 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gracie Award<sup>®</sup> Winners

Grand Award Winners to be Announced at Annual Awards Gala Featuring the Biggest Names in Broadcasting and Cable

February 27, 2007 (McLean, VA) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) is pleased to announce the 2007 winners of the annual Gracie Awards<sup>®</sup>. National award winners will be presented at a black-tie Gala in the Broadway Ballroom of the New York Marriott Marquis on Monday, June 18, 2007. Local market, public, and student award winners will be celebrated at a Luncheon the following day, Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the New York landmark, Tavern on the Green.

The Gracies recognize exemplary programming created for women, by women and about women in all facets of electronic media, as well as individuals who have made contributions to the industry. The Gracie Allen Awards encourages the realistic and faceted portrayal of women in entertainment, commercials, news, features, and other programs

Each year, the Gracies Gala attracts the best and the brightest in radio, television, cable, and new media. This year's national winners, including NBC/30 Rock's Tina Fey, CNN's Anchor Soledad O'Brien, CBS' Correspondent Kimberly Dozier, XM Radio's Oprah & Friends Jean Chatzky Show, Oxygen's Campus Ladies, HBO's Wanda Sykes: Sick and Tired, ABC Radio Network's Satellite Sisters, and Lifetime Television's Why I Wore Lipstick to My Mastectomy, represent a broad cross-section of outstanding actors, anchors, and programs (see attached for complete list of winners). Some of this year's local and public winners include WMJX's Exceptional Women, WFUV's Fairy Tales, and Democracy Now's Amy Goodman.

"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 growing talent serving our industry," stated 2007 Chair of AWRT, Mary Bennett, Executive Vice President, Marketing Division of the Radio Advertising Bureau.

Added AWRT President Maria Efantis Brennan, "We are thrilled with the quality of programming – the bar continues to be raised, particularly this year with a record number of Gracies entries. We're also thrilled to have Dove and the Campaign for Real Beauty return as the 2007 title sponsor."

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 Awards, established in 1975, honor programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable, and web-based media, including news, drama, comedy, commercials, public service, documentary, and sports.

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Tickets for the Gala are \$325 for AWRT Members, \$395 for Non-Members, and \$450 (if available) at the door. Tickets for the Luncheon are \$125 for AWRT Members, \$175 for Non-Members, and \$200 (if available) at the door. Tickets for the Gala and Luncheon can be purchased online at <a href="https://www.awrt.org">www.awrt.org</a>.

Sponsored tables are available ranging from \$7,500 to \$15,000. For more information, please contact Javier Cuebas at (703) 506-3290.

For more information about the Gracie Allen Awards, please visit www.awrt.org.

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**About AWRT:** The year 2007 marks the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT), the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing women in media and entertainment. 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 field; foster communication and idea exchange; and give back to the community we serve.

**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.

# 2007 Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup> National Award Winners

(In Alphabetical Order)

Radio Al-Mahaba - PSA Campaign

Outstanding Public Affairs Program ABC News Radio/Satellite Sisters

A Reporter's Notebook: Fort Hood

Outstanding Feature – Hard News ABC News Radio

A. Chris Gajilan

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Producer - News CNN

**Abuse Behind Closed Doors** 

Outstanding Interview ABC 20/20

Billie Jean King: Portrait of a Pioneer

Outstanding Portrait/Biography HBO

Campus Ladies

Outstanding Comedy Series
Oxygen Media

Cover Shot

Outstanding Reality Show City Lights Television

Crisis in Darfur -

A Conversation with Ann Curry

Outstanding Podcast NBC News

Damba's Story

Outstanding News Series CBS - The Early Show

Ellen Spiro with Troop 1500

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Director - News Mobilus Media

God Sleeps In Rwanda (Cinemax Reel Life)

Outstanding Documentary – Short Format HBO

Greer Shephard with The Closer

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - Entertainment
Turner Network Television

#### Jami Floyd

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host - News
Court TV

Jill Hennessy in Crossing Jordan

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead in a Drama Series
NBC

Jordana Spiro in My Boys

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead in a Comedy Series
Turner Broadcasting System (TBS)

Katherine Kelly

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - Entertainment
Harpo Radio, Oprah & Friends

Kim Komando in The Kim Komando Show

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host
WestStar Talk Radio Network

Kimberly Dozier

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
CBS News

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

Outstanding Drama Series NBC

Lisa Birnbach with Patrick Borgen

Outstanding Talk Show Greenstone Media

Lisa Birnbach with Robin Williams

Outstanding Comedy Show Greenstone Media

Marisa Tomei in Rescue Me

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series
Sony Pictures Television/FX Networks

**Mary Carillo** 

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Program Host NBC Olympics

# My World: At Home on Cape Cod/Officer Candidate School

Outstanding Portrait/Biography Show Soundprint Media, Inc.

# Nick News: Celebrating 15 Years of Nick News

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program Nickelodeon/ MTV Networks

#### Niecy Nash

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host - Entertainment
Style Network

# North Korea: Into The Shadows

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format ABC News

#### **Outside the Lines**

Outstanding Sports Program ESPN

#### Paula Zahn Now: Dana Reeve: A Tribute

Outstanding Feature – Soft News CNN

# Phyllis Nagy in Mrs. Harris

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Director - Entertainment
HBO

#### Soledad O'Brien

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Anchor CNN

#### **Solitary Confinement**

Outstanding News Series NPR

# Supersize the Supermodel

Outstanding Commercial - Single Entry Oxygen Media

#### Tammy Haddad

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Producer - News MSNBC

# The Ethanol Fix: Breaking America's Addiction to Oil

Outstanding Magazine Program Bloomberg TV

# The Fantasia Barino Story: Life Is Not a Fairy Tale

Outstanding Drama-Special Lifetime Television

#### The Jean Chatzky Show

Outstanding Special XM Radio/Oprah & Friends

#### The Lydia Caco Story - Cancun Revealed

Outstanding Investigative Program ABC News Nightline

#### The New Adventures of Old Christine

Outstanding Comedy
Warner Brothers Television/CBS

#### The Suze Orman Show

Outstanding Talk Show CNBC

#### Tina Fey in 30 Rock

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead in a Comedy Series
BWR Public Relations/NBC

#### **Tresstify**

Outstanding Commercial – Campaign Oxygen Media

#### **Troop 1500**

Outstanding Documentary – Long Format Mobilus Media

#### True Believer with Condolezza Rice

Outstanding Interview CBS

#### Voices of Our World: The Oppressed Majority

Outstanding Public Affairs Program Maryknoll

#### Wanda Sykes: Sick & Tired

Outstanding Special - Comedy HBO

#### Wendie Malick in The Big Day

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series
Sony Pictures Television

#### What Happened to Julie?

Outstanding Feature – Hard News NBC News/Dateline

# Why I Wore Lisptick to My Mastectomy

Outstanding Drama-Special Lifetime Television

## WNBA Greatest Moments Presented by AOL.com

Outstanding Interactive Web Site NBA Entertainment and AOL

#### Women at War: Coming Home

Outstanding Special-Drama WE TV

# Women In Science

Outstanding Feature – Soft News ABC News

# 2007 Gracie Allen Awards<sup>®</sup> Local, Public and Student Award Winners

(In Alphabetical Order)

# A Burden to be Well: Sisters and Brothers of the Mentally III

Outstanding Documentary - Short Format

**WFCR** 

Market: Public Amherst, MA

#### A Crown for Kathrina

Outstanding Documentary - Mid-Length Format

KING-TV

Market: Local 1-25 Seattle, WA

#### **Amy Goodman**

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host
Democracy Now! Productions, Inc.

Market: Public New York, NY

# **Amy Nay**

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Program Host News 12 Westchester Market: Local 1-25 Yonkers, NY

#### Ashley Eicher

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host

Market: Student Nashville, TN

#### **Beauty Beneath the Skin**

Outstanding Special Program

KTRK-TV

Market: Local 1-25 Houston, TX

#### **Best Friends: The Power of Sisterhood**

Outstanding Special Program Creative Expansions, Inc.

Market: Public New York, NY

# Breast Self Exam: Kevyn & Colleen

Outstanding Talk Show Hubbard Radio Network Market: Local 1-25 St. Paul. MN

# **Broken Glass: The Crystal Meth Explosion**

Outstanding Documentary - Short Format

Rowan University Market: Student Glassboro, NJ

#### CBC News at Six - Mixed Marriage

Outstanding Feature – Soft News Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Market: Public Toronto, ON

## CBC News: The National - Land, Gold and Women

Outstanding Documentary - Mid-Length Format

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Market: Public Toronto, ON

#### Childhood Lost and Found

Outstanding Documentary - Mid-Length Format

WHYY

Market: Public Philadelphia, PA

#### Claudette Colvin

Outstanding Feature – Soft News North Carolina Public Radio - WUNC

Market: Public Chapel Hill, NC

#### **Command Mistake**

Outstanding Investigative Program

WISH TV

Market: Local 1-25 Indianapolis, IN

# **Creative Block**

Outstanding Magazine Show Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Market: Local 1-25

Toronto, ON

#### Credit Card Debt: A Student's Perspective

Outstanding Interview Program Washington State University

Market: Student Pullman, WA

#### Daily Lessons: Inside Western Guilford High School

**Outstanding News Series** 

North Carolina Public Radio - WUNC

Market: Public Chapel Hill, NC

# Dina Babbitt: The Fight for her Lifesaving Artwork

Outstanding Feature - Hard News

Market: Student Washington, DC

### **Diving Truk Lagoon**

Outstanding Sports Program
Urban American Outdoors
Market: Local 26+
Kansas City, MO

#### **Exceptional Women**

Outstanding Portrait/Biography WMJX, Magic 106.7 Boston Market: Local 1-25 Boston, MA

#### **Exceptional Women**

Outstanding Public Affairs Program WMJX, Magic 106.7 Boston Market: Local 1-25 Boston. MA

#### **Fairy Tales**

Outstanding Talk Show WFUV 90.7 FM Market: Public Bronx, NY

# **Family Matters**

Outstanding Public Affairs Program California Connected Market: Local 1-25 Los Angeles, CA

## Friends Campaign

Outstanding PSA Campaign KERA Market: Public Dallas, TX

#### **Ghana Child Trafficking**

Outstanding Feature – Hard News World Vision Report Market: Local 1-25 Federal Way, WA

# Gifts of Life

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program KING-TV Market: Local 1-25 Seattle. WA

# Girl with the Apple

Outstanding Feature – Soft News News 12 Long Island Market: Local 1-25 Woodbury, NY

#### **Gracias Papa**

Outstanding PSA Campaign Air Health Market: Local 1-25 Silver Spring, MD

# HAND: Arts and Humanities Partnering with Medicine

Outstanding PSA - Single Entry
Health and Arts Network at Duke (HAND)
Market: Local 26+
Durham. NC

# Hersday Montage, BLI in the Morning

Outstanding Comedy Program 106.1 WBLI Cox Radio Long Island Market: Local 1-25 West Babylon, NY

# Into The Light

Outstanding Portrait/Biography Market: Public Austin, TX

# Janet's Planet

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program
Janet's Planet, Inc.
Market: Local 26+
Hendersonville, TN

## Jets Football for Women

Outstanding Sports Program WFUV Market: Public Bronx, NY

#### **Joy Wellington**

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Producer - News WOOD TV Market: Local 26+ Grand Rapids, MI

#### Justice for Kelsey

Outstanding Investigative Program KTUL-TV Market: Local 26+ Tulsa. OK

#### Ladies of The Land

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format Market: Student New York, NY

#### Lauren Cardillo

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - Entertainment
Running Down Dreams Productions
Market: Public

Alexandria, VA

#### Marcia Neville Burke

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Program Host KCNC-TV, CBS 14

Market: Local 1-25 Denver. CO

#### Mary Rabago

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Anchor KTVW 33

Market: Local 1-25 Phoenix, AZ

# Maya & Miguel

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program Scholastic Media Market: Public New York, NY

#### Megan Blondel

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Anchor 90.7 FM WFUV Market: Student Bronx. NY

#### **Melissa LaPointe**

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Producer - News News 12 Connecticut Market: Local 1-25 Norwalk, CT

# **Motherhood Lost: Conversations**

Outstanding Talk Show
George Mason University Television
Market: Student
Fairfax. VA

# New Breast Cancer Risk Test

Outstanding Feature – Hard News KFOR-TV

Market: Local 26+ Oklahoma City, OK

# **Oregon Territory**

Outstanding Public Affairs Program
Oregon Public Broadcasting
Market: Public
Portland, OR

#### Sacred Sleep

Outstanding Feature – Hard News KNTV Market: Local 1-25 San Jose, CA

#### Shelley Irwin

Individual Achievement Award Outstanding Program Host WGVU Market: Public Grand Rapids, MI

# **Talking Volumes**

Outstanding Special Program Minnesota Public Radio Market: Public St.Paul. MN

# The Bay Area Jefferson Awards

Outstanding Series KPIX Market: Local 1-25

San Francisco, CA

## The Faces of Breast Cancer

Outstanding Series KRDO-TV Market: Local 26+ Colorado Springs, CO

#### the fifth estate: Failing Jeffrey

Outstanding Investigative Program Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Market: Public

Toronto, ON

# The Queen of Cappahayden

Outstanding Feature – Soft News Media Chick Market: Local 26+ St. John's, NL