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CHILD/TEEN STAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED

AT 31st ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS

NORTH HOLLYWOOD ---It was a day to remember for child and teen stars of film and television who gathered Sunday at the Beverly Garland Holiday Inn Hotel for the 31st Annual Young Artist Awards. Coming from all parts of the United States and Canada and even from as far away as India, the young TV and film stars were dined and entertained. But most of all the lucky ones walked away with top honors for work they did in 2009.

In the Feature Film Category Max Records received top honors as Leading Young Actor for his work in Where The Wild Things Are and Abigail Breslin won for Leading Young Actress for My Sister's Keeper. Feature Film Supporting Young Actor honors went to Ty Wood for The Haunting in Connecticut and Sofia Vassilieva and Jessica Carlson tied for Supporting Young Actress. Vassilieva won for My Sister's Keeper and Carlson won for Vampires Assistant. Ensemble Cast honors went to the film Shorts with its young stars Jimmy Bennett, Jake Short, Devon Gearhart, Leo Howard, Jolie Vanier and Trevor Gagnon. Capturing Best Performance in an International Feature Film was Leonard Proxauf and Leonie Benesch of Germany for the film The White Ribbon.

Joey Luthman won for Best Young Actor in a Short Film for Save the Skeet and Madison Leisle for Young Actress in the same category for City of Lights. And Joey Pollari won for Leading Young Actor in a TV Movie, Miniseries or Special for Skyrunners. In the same category Leading or Supporting Young Actress went to Tori Barban for The Christmas Hope and Supporting Young Actor honors went to Alex Ferris for Living Out Loud.

For Best Performance in a TV Series the awards went to Calum Worthy, Leading Young Actor for Stormworld and Ryan Newman won for Leading Young Actress, for Zeke and Luther. Ryan Malgarini won Supporting Young Actor honors for Gary Unmarried with his co-star in Gary Unmarried, Kathryn Newton, winning for Supporting Young Actress.

Guest starring honors for a young actor 14 and over went to Nate Hartley for Hannah Montana while Billy Unger won Guest Starring Young Actor 13 and Under for Mental and Emily Evan Rae won for Guest Starring Young Actress for Private Practice.

Recurring Young Actor 14 and Over in a TV Series went to Mick Hazen for As the World Turns while Colin Ford won for Recurring Young Actor 13 and Under for Supernatural and Haley Pullos won Recurring Young Actress honors for General Hospital.

In the ensemble category for performers in a TV Series the honor this year went to Modern Family with its young stars Rico Rodriguez, Nolan Gould and Ariel Winter. Jordan Nagal won for Best Performance in a Voice-Over Role for Up and Matthew Knight win for Best Performance in a DVD Film for Gooby. Lastly, Sterling Beaumon won for Best Performance in Live Theater for Big - The Musical.

For more information go to the organization's web site youngartistawards.org.

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