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American Women in Radio & Television Announces 33rd Annual Gracie Award[®] Winners

*Grand Award Winners to be Named at Annual Gala
Featuring the Biggest Names in News and Entertainment*

February 20, 2008 (McLean, VA) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) is pleased to announce the 2008 winners of the annual Gracie Awards. National award winners will be presented at a black-tie Gala, hosted by E! News anchor and managing editor **Giuliana Rancic**, in the Broadway Ballroom of the New York Marriott Marquis on Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Local market, public and student award winners will be announced later this week.

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 awards program also encourages the realistic and multifaceted portrayal of women in entertainment, commercials, news, features and other programs

Each year, the Gracies Gala attracts the best and brightest in radio, television, cable and new media. This year's national winners—including Disney Channel/*Hannah Montana*'s **Miley Cyrus**, TNT/*Saving Grace*'s **Holly Hunter**, Fox/*American Idol*'s **Cecile Frot-Coutaz**, NBC/*Heroes*' **Ali Larter**, NBC News' **Hoda Kotb**, Harpo Radio's **Dr. Maya Angelou**, CBS News' **Nancy Giles**, CNN's *Heroes-An All Star Tribute*, Lifetime's *Army Wives*, Oxygen's *Who Cares About the Girls*, CNBC's *The Suze Orman Show*, WE TV's *Wedding Central* and mtvU's *Half of Us Special*—represent a broad cross-section of outstanding actors, anchors, stories and programs (see attached for a complete list of winners).

“The strength and diversity of this year's Gracie Award winners is a testament to the vital presence of women in the industry,” stated 2007/2008 Chair of AWRT, Mary Bennett, Executive Vice President, Marketing Division of the Radio Advertising Bureau. “We are honored to shine a spotlight on them.”

Added AWRT President Maria Efantis Brennan, CAE, “Every year we think we can't possibly have a more distinguished group of Gracie Award winners, and every year we're surprised and honored by the overwhelming response from our industry. We're also thrilled to have Dove and the Campaign for Real Beauty return as the Gracies' 2008 title sponsor.”

The Gracies are presented by the Foundation of AWRT, the philanthropic arm of AWRT, which 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 \$395 for AWRT Members/\$500 for Non-Members and can be purchased online at www.awrt.org.

Sponsored tables are available ranging from \$7,500 to \$20,000. For more information, please contact Erin Mote at (703) 506-3290.

For more information about the Gracie Awards, please visit <http://www.awrt.org/awards/gracies.html>.

About AWRT: The year 2008 marks the 57th 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[®], a live, New York-based gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women. visit its web site at www.awrt.org.

2008 Gracie Allen Awards®

National Award Winners

(In Alphabetical Order)

Ali Larter in *Heroes*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Supporting Actress - Drama Series

Universal Media Studios

Annette Fournoy with *Oprah and Friends*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Producer - News Series or Special

Harpo Radio

Army Wives

Outstanding Drama

Lifetime Television

Ashleigh Banfield

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Anchor News or News Magazine

Court TV

Black History Month: Jay-Z

Outstanding Commercial - Single Entry

mtvU

Cecile Frot-Coutaz with *American Idol*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Producer - Entertainment Series or Special

Fremantle Media North America/Fox

Child Brides: Stolen Lives

Outstanding Interactive Web Site

NOW on PBS

CNN Heroes-An All Star Tribute

Outstanding Special Program

CNN

CNN Presents: God's Warriors

Outstanding Documentary – Long Format

CNN

Conversations with Carlos Watson

Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program

Run Rabbit Run Productions

Darfur Refugee Women

Outstanding Feature - Hard News

World Vision Report

Debra Messing in *The Starter Wife*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Female Lead - Mini-Series

USA Network

Dr. Maya Angelou with *Oprah and Friends*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Host - Information

Harpo Radio

Dr. Phil Show

Outstanding Interactive Web Site

Dr. Phil Show

E True Hollywood Story-Kathy Griffin

Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program

E Network

End Violence Against Women Campaign

Outstanding Public Service Announcement - Campaign

Lifetime Television

ESPN SportsCenter-The Fugees

Outstanding Feature - Soft News

ESPN

Florence Henderson in *The Florence Henderson Show*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Host - Information or Entertainment

Retirement Living TV

Gail Mancuso with *30 Rock*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Director - Entertainment Series or Special

NBC

Greenspan: Power, Money & the American Dream

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-length Format

CNBC

Half of Us Special featuring Mary J. Blige

Outstanding Public Affairs Program

mtvU

Hoda Kotb

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Host - News Program

NBC News

Holly Hunter in *Saving Grace*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Female Lead - Drama Series

Turner Network Television

Judy Davis in *The Starter Wife*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Supporting Actress – Mini-Series

USA Network

Lia Knight in *The Lia Show*

Individual Achievement Award

Outstanding Host - Entertainment

Jones Radio Networks

Maid School

Outstanding Interview Program
CBS News

Mary Laurence Flynn

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - News Series or Special
NBC News

Miley Cyrus in *Hannah Montana*

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead - Comedy Series
(Children/Adolescent)
Disney Channel

More Time

Outstanding Magazine Show
Meredith Corporation/More Magazine

Nancy Giles

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
CBS News Sunday Morning

Nancy Miller with *Saving Grace*

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - Entertainment Series
Turner Network Television

**NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams -
The Forgotten**

Outstanding Feature - Hard News
NBC News

One2One with Kay Yow

Outstanding Sports Program
CBS College Sports

Orphans Rescued

Outstanding Feature - Hard News
CBS News

Paula Deen with *Paula's Home Cooking*

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Host - Information or Entertainment
Follow Productions/The Food Network

Pushing Daisies

Outstanding Comedy
Warner Bros. Television/ABC

Queen Latifah in *Life Support*

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead - Drama Series or Special
Home Box Office

Rory Kennedy with *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Director - News Series or Special
Home Box Office

Sarah's Brain

Outstanding Series
CBS News

Sexual Abuse of Native American Women

Outstanding Investigative Program
NPR

Showbiz Tonight: Better with Age

Outstanding Magazine Show
Headline News

Susan Sheperd with *11 Central Avenue*

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - Entertainment Series or Special
800 LB Productions

The Backyardigans

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program
Nickelodeon

The Gayle King Show

Outstanding Talk Show
Harpo Radio

The Internet and Civil Rights in China

Outstanding Series
Radio Free Asia Mandarin Service

The Satellite Sisters

Outstanding Comedy
Satellite Sisters

The Suze Orman Show

Outstanding Talk Show
CNBC

The World According to Giles and Moriarty

Outstanding Interview Program
CBS Radio News

Tina Fey in *30 Rock*

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead - Comedy Series
NBC

Tu Pride: Melissa, Talesha, Elan

Outstanding Commercial - Campaign
MTV Tr3s

Wedding Central

Outstanding Reality Show
WE TV

What Killed Rebecca Riley?

Outstanding Investigative Program
CBS News

Where's Molly?

Outstanding Feature - Soft News
CNN

Who Cares About Girls

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-length Format
Oxygen Media

Youth Voices From Katrina

Outstanding Documentary
Youth Radio