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The best of City and Regional Magazines

NATIONAL CITY AND REGIONAL MAGAZINE 2011 AWARD WINNERS

Texas Monthly, *Portland Monthly* and *Memphis* magazines won the coveted general excellence awards in their circulation categories in the 26th Annual National City and Regional Magazine Awards competition announced May 2 at CRMA's annual conference in Chicago, IL.

Los Angeles, *Philadelphia* and *Texas Monthly* magazines were the top winners, each earning five awards. *Chicago* and *Minnesota Monthly* magazines also won multiple prizes, each with two awards. Eight other magazines — *417* (Springfield MO), *Atlanta*, *B-Metro* (Birmingham, AL), *Boston*, *Cincinnati*, *Columbus Monthly*, *Evansville Living* and *The Washingtonian* — won single awards.

Texas Monthly captured the Civic Journalism award for Pamela Colloff's "Innocence Lost." The story, about the wrongful conviction of Anthony Graves for the murder of six family members, led to Graves' release. *Texas* also won for its 50-page report on how to solve the thorny immigration issue, as well as for Excellence in Writing and Multimedia. Among its prizes, *Philadelphia* was recognized for "Savior of the City," Sandy Hingston's profile of journalist Buzz Bissinger, for a feature story about the metamorphosis of a mob hitman and for Writer of the Year (Robert Huber). *Los Angeles'* Steven Banks took home the Designer of the Year award. *Los Angeles* was also honored for Criticism, Columns, Excellence in Design and E-Newsletter. The Reporting award went to *Atlanta* magazine for its story on assisted suicide, and *Chicago* took home the prize for Excellence Online.

Two small-market magazines — *417* (Springfield, MO) and *B-Metro* (Birmingham, AL) were first-time winners. *417* was recognized in the leisure lifestyle category for its "Asian Food Lovers' Guide" and *B-Metro* magazine in photography for "The Mythic Backyard," Liesa Cole's images that explore childlike exploration and wonder.

More than 85 judges representing publications such as *Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire*, *The American Prospect*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Fitness*, *Taste of Home*, *Budget Travel*, *Men's Health*, *The New York Times*, *Bon Appétit*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *National Geographic Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Whole Living Magazine*, *Outdoor Life*, *Country Gardens*, and *USA Weekend*, and journalism professors from the Missouri School of Journalism selected the finalists.

The competition is open to members of CRMA and other city and regional magazines throughout North America that qualify. The contest is a 26-year-old national competition and has been coordinated by the University of Missouri School of Journalism on behalf of CRMA for the past 15 years.

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The 2011 nominees and winners (• listed first in bold) include:

General Excellence I (circulation fewer than 30,000)

- **Memphis Magazine** [May, October, November]
- Berkshire Living [March/April, September, November]
- Honolulu Magazine [August, September, November]
- Madison Magazine [April, May, November]
- Main Line Today [September, October, December]

General Excellence II (circulation of 30,000 to 60,000)

- **Portland Monthly** [January, November, December]
- Cincinnati Magazine [May, June, November]
- Milwaukee Magazine [January, November, December]
- Seattle Met [July, August, December]
- St. Louis Magazine [May, June, August]

General Excellence III (circulation more than 60,000)

- **Texas Monthly** [July, November, December]
- 5280 Magazine [May, November, December]
- Chicago Magazine [August, September, December]
- Los Angeles Magazine [February, September, October]
- Yankee Magazine [March/April, July/August, September/October]

Criticism

- **Los Angeles Magazine** Steve Erickson
"Fatal Attraction"
"Darkness Visible"

“Modern Maturity”

D Magazine

Willard Spiegelman
“Bittersweet Symphony”
“Out With the Old”
“Critic as Booster”

Milwaukee Magazine

Tom Bamberger
“Raising the Bar”
“Radical Fun”
“Driving Lessons”

Orange Coast Magazine

Preston Lerner
“Crash Dummies”
“Seeing Red”
“The Cool Cruiser”

Texas Monthly

Christopher Kelly
“Stop the Blitz”
“Life Cycle”
“This is Series Business”

Food or Dining Writing

• **Minnesota Monthly**

Dara Moskowitz Grumdahl
“**Best Barbecue**”
“**Small Wonder**”
“**The Kids Are All Right**”

Chicago Magazine

Jeff Ruby
“Piece Offerings”
“Secrets of Their Success”
“From Goat to Hero”

Portland Monthly

Karen Brooks
“Pod Perfection”
“2010 Best Restaurants”
“Little Big Buzz”

Rhode Island Monthly

Karen Deutsch
“Dining Out: Cook & Brown Public House”
“Cheap Eats!”
“Rise & Shine”

The Washingtonian

Todd Kliman
“Hi, I’ll be Your Server Tonight”
“Mix Masters”
“Thinking Big”

Column

- **Los Angeles Magazine**

Mark Lacter
“What Gives?”
“Home Wrecker”
“The Well Runs Dry”

Boston Magazine

Eileen McNamara
“Ill Wind”
“Bad Medicine”
“The Getaway”

Chicago Magazine

Jeff Ruby
“The Deep Dish I Knew”
“Hit Parade”
“Justice is Bland”

Los Angeles Magazine

Anne Taylor Fleming
“Foul Territory”
“Child of L.A.”
“Love Struck”

Philadelphia Magazine

Sandy Hingston
“The End of My Leash”
“A Clean Sweep”
“Moving Day”

Reporting

- **Atlanta Magazine**

Charles Bethea
“Final Exit”

5280 Magazine

Maximillian Potter
“Power Broken”

D Magazine

Laray Polk
“Dallas’ Evil Genius”

Texas Monthly

Skip Hollandsworth
“That’s Oil, Folks!”

The Washingtonian

Shane Harris
“Own the Sky”

Personality Profile

- **Philadelphia Magazine**

Sandy Hingston
“A Savior For the City”

Chicago Magazine	Robert Sharoff "Reconstructing Harry Weese"
Los Angeles Magazine	Dave Gardetta "Tough Sell"
Rhode Island Monthly	Mark Arsenault "His Father's Son"
Texas Monthly	Katy Vine "I Believe I Can Fry"

Feature Story

• Philadelphia Magazine	Ralph Cipriano "The Hitman"
5280 Magazine	Lindsey Koehler "Gone"
Atlanta Magazine	Thomas Lake "The Golden Boy"
Chicago Magazine	Bryan Smith "The Long Fall"
Texas Monthly	Michael Hall "The Soul of a Man"

Writer of the Year

• Philadelphia Magazine	Robert Huber
Atlanta Magazine	Thomas Lake
Chicago Magazine	Bryan Smith
Indianapolis Monthly	Tony Rehagen
Texas Monthly	Pamela Colloff

Excellence in Writing

• Texas Monthly	September
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5280 Magazine	December
Chicago Magazine	May
Philadelphia Magazine	December
Yankee Magazine	July/August

Spread Design

• Minnesota Monthly	“UP North”
Atlanta Magazine	“Mother Nature’s Daddy”
Indianapolis Monthly	“The Pillar”
Philadelphia Magazine	“Head-On Collision”
Texas Monthly	“Innocence Lost”

Feature Design

• Philadelphia Magazine	“High Times”
Birmingham Magazine	“We Make Birmingham”
Indianapolis Monthly	“Best Restaurants”
Los Angles Magazine	“Into California’s Vast and Wild and Wonderful Desert”
Minnesota Monthly	“Unsolved Mysteries”

Redesign

- **Boston Magazine**
- Cleveland Magazine
- Honolulu Magazine

Photography

- **B-Metro Magazine** **“The Mythic Backyard”**

Liesa Cole

5280 Magazine

“Wing Men”
Tyler Stableford

Indianapolis Monthly

“Home Courts”
Tony Valainis

Los Angeles Magazine

“Wind Fall”
Lisa Lewis

Yankee Magazine

“Maine Costal Odyssey”
Richard Schultz

Cover

• Cincinnati Magazine

December

5280 Magazine

August

Los Angeles Magazine

August

Seattle Met

July

Texas Monthly

August

Designer of the Year

• Los Angeles Magazine

Steven Banks

5280 Magazine

David McKenna

Cincinnati Magazine

Grace Saunders

Diablo Magazine

Roger Gurbani

Los Angeles Magazine

Lisa Lewis

Excellence in Design

• Los Angeles Magazine

November

5280 Magazine

October

Cincinnati Magazine

November

Seattle Met

December

Texas Monthly

November

Reader Service

• Philadelphia Magazine

“Eat! (Cheap, But Well)”

Indianapolis Monthly

“Sell Your House Fast”

Los Angeles Magazine

“The Shortest Route to Happy”

Portland Monthly

“20/20 Vision”

The Washingtonian

“Stress”

Leisure/Lifestyle Interests

• 417 Magazine

“Asian Food Lovers’ Guide”

5280 Magazine

“The 5280 Football Preview”

Chicago Magazine

“40 Reasons to Love Chicago”

Los Angeles Magazine

“Lunch in LA”

Portland Monthly

“Food Cart City”

Civic Journalism

• Texas Monthly

“Innocence Lost”

5280 Magazine

“The Education of Ms. Barsallo”

5280 Magazine

“Unwanted”

Chicago Magazine

“The Insider”

St. Louis Magazine

“Tough Kids Turning”

Special Issue

• Texas Monthly

November

Chicago Magazine	December
D Magazine	April
D Magazine	January
Los Angeles Magazine	December

Ancillary Publication I

• **Columbus Monthly**

Evansville Living

Inside Columbia

Martha's Vineyard Magazine

Memphis Magazine

Columbus Bride

Evansville Business

CEO

Island Weddings

MBQ Memphis Business Quarterly

Ancillary Publication II

• **The Washingtonian**

Boston Magazine

MPLS St. Paul

Philadelphia Wedding

Seattle Met

Bride & Groom

Home

Weddings

Spring/Summer

Bride & Groom

Community Service Project

• **Evansville Living**

Chicago Magazine

Inside Columbia

St. Louis Magazine

St. Louis Magazine

Downtown Idea Home

Action Figures

Inside Columbia's Wine & Food Festival 2010

Excellence in Nursing

Fever Fashion Show Fall 2010

Excellence Online

- **Chicago Magazine**

www.chicagomag.com

Atlanta Magazine

www.atlantamagazine.com

D Magazine

www.dmagazine.com

Philadelphia Magazine

www.phillymag.com

Texas Monthly

www.texasmonthly.com

Blog Column

- **Chicago Magazine**

Felsenthal Files

Atlanta Magazine

Field Notes

Cleveland Magazine

Cleveland Magazine Politics

Philadelphia Magazine

The Philly Post

Seattle Met

Sauced

E-Newsletter

- **Los Angeles Magazine**

Online This Week

Chicago Magazine

Chicago Guide

Chicago Magazine

Domestica

Philadelphia Magazine

The Weekender

What's Up? Annapolis

Food Flash

Multimedia

- **Texas Monthly**

MPLS St. Paul

Portland Monthly

The Washingtonian

Yankee Magazine