

2008-2009

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**Category #1 Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Spot Coverage & Breaking News** (Award to the Team of Reporters, Producers, Videographers, Editors, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

- **Spring Washout:** Lori Waldon, Executive Producer; Jessica Schmid, Eric Marshall, Producers; Terry Sater, Kathy Mykleby, Toya Washington, Mark Baden, Reporters. **WISN**

**Category #2-a. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Single Investigative Report** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Property Taxes:** Marsha Bartel, Chuck Quinzio, Lou Hinkhouse, Producers; Dane Placko, Reporter. **WFLD**
- **Murder or Suicide?:** Dan Schwab, Lou Hinkhouse, Dartise Johnson, Producers; Jeff Goldblatt, Reporter. **WFLD**

**Category #2-b. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Investigative Series** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Contingency Fund:** Marsha Bartel, Tim Smith, Dartise Johnson, Producers; Dane Placko, Reporter. **WFLD**

**Category #3-a. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Hard News Single Feature (Broadcast/Advanced Media)** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Cop Killer Coverup?:** Dan Schwab, Lou Hinkhouse, D. Osborne Gresham, Dartise Johnson, Producers; Jeff Goldblatt, Reporter. **WFLD**
- **Stop the Presses?:** Mark Saxenmeyer, Reporter/Producer; D. Osborne Gresham, Dartise Johnson, Producers. **WFLD**

**Category #3-b. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Hard News Feature Series** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Lyons Mayor:** Marsha Bartel, Chuck Quinzio, Lou Hinkhouse, Producers; Dane Placko, Reporter. **WFLD**

**Category #4-a. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Soft News Single Feature (Broadcast/Advanced Media)** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Election Night Closer:** Franci Feirstein, Producer; Dennis Sampler, Co-Producer. **WMAQ**
- **The Journey to Witness History, The 2009 Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama:** Cheryl Burton, Reporter; Jason Knowles, Doug Whitmire, Derrick Robinson, Jim Matri, Richard Hillengas, Richard Maginn, Producers; Annie Esp, Co-Producer. **WLS**
- **Marcus Leshock's American Idol Recaps for cltv.com:** Marcus Leshock, Reporter/Producer. **CLTV**

**Category #4-b. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Soft News Feature Series** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **One Tank Trips:** Roz Varon, Reporter; Rich Hillengas, Jackie Denn, Irit Nayden, Producers; Doug Whitmire, Executive Producer; Mike Locashio, Field Producer; Darah Languido, Segment Producer. **WLS**

**Category #5-a. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Health/Medical** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Keeping It Straight:** Robin Robinson, Reporter; Ann Serafin, Producer. **WFLD**

**Category #5-b. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Science/Weather/Environment** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Live Green with ABC7:** Hosea Sanders, Reporter; Sylvia Jones, Producer; Ann Esp, Associate Producer. **WLS**

**Category #5-c. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Politics/Government** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Clout Kids:** Marsha Bartel, Lou Hinkhouse, Producers; Dane Placko, Reporter. **WFLD**

**Category #5-d. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Business/Consumer** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **DOES IT WORK? Consumer Product Series:** Dan Cassuto Freilich, Reporter. **WKOW**

**Category #5-e. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Education** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Good Question:** Phil Rogers, Reporter; Richard Tai Sun Moy, Co-Producer; Suzanne Richter, Producer. **WMAQ**

**Category #5-f. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Arts/Culture/Entertainment** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **The "B" Word:** Antwan Lewis, Reporter; Pam Grimes, Producer. **WGN**

**Category #5-g. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Religion** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Power to Forgive:** Sam Sorenson, Producer; Leigh Mills, Reporter. **WMTV**

**Category #5-h. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Transportation/Traffic** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Chicago's Olympic Traffic:** Antwan Lewis, Reporter/Producer. **WGN**
- **Miracle on the Hudson:** Chris Papst, Reporter; David Clay, Paul Tavernier, Producers. **WMTV**

**Category #5-i. Outstanding Achievement within a Regularly Scheduled News Program – Specialty Report/Series: Family/Children's Issues** (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Heroin in the Suburbs:** Mark Saxenmeyer, Reporter/Producer; D. Osborne Gresham, Dartise Johnson, Producers. **WFLD**

**Category #6-a. Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs – Documentary of Current Significance** (Award to Producer)

- **Get Into The Shark Tank:** Anna Davlantes, Al Brown, Joe Chambers, Producers. **WMAQ/WTTW**

**Category #6-b. Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs – Documentary of Historic Significance** (Award to Producer)

- **Lost & Found: Legacy of USS Lagarto:** Harvey Moshman, Chuck Coppola, Producers. **Moshman Productions & Wisconsin Maritime Museum** (Aired on WTTW)

**Category #7-a. Outstanding Achievement for Informational Programs – Public Affairs/Current Affairs – Single Program (not included in a series)** (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **Asian Influences; Dream America:** Edgar Vargas, Producer; Linda Yu, Producer/Host; Judy Hsu, Ravi Baichwal, Reporters. **WLS**
- **Surviving Suicide:** Kevin Roy, Host/Reporter; Stephen Lewis, Producer. **WLS**

**Category #7-b. Outstanding Achievement for Informational Programs – Public Affairs/Current Affairs – Program Series, Single Program (in a series), or Program Segment** (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **A New Kind of Normal:** Mona Hennein, Executive Producer; Dan Meyer, Host; Ken Hulme, Reporter; Michelle Jahnke, Marilyn Heisler, Producers. **Life Focus Productions** (Aired on WYCC)
- **Trabajando Sin Drogas:** Hector Perez, Charlie Celenza, Producers; Tsi-tsi-ki Felix, Host. **Rocket Productions** (Aired on CAN-TV)

**Category #8 Outstanding Achievement for Informational Programs – Conversation/Interview Single Program or Program Series** (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **A Tribute To Bernie Mac:** Sean Long, Erika Pollard, George Blaise, Randy King, Producers. **WCIU**
- **Chicago Tribune Live:** Lissa Christman, Executive Producer; David Kaplan, Host; Jeff Nelson, Ezra McCann, Mark Harper, Eric Fogle, Brett Fisher, Mike Cappozzo, Todd Williams, Terry Cortez, Eric Greenamyre, Producers. **Comcast SportsNet Chicago**

**Category #9 Outstanding Achievement for Informational Programs – Single Magazine Program, Program Series, or Segment** (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **CPS Right Now!:** John Anderson, Executive Producer; Alicia Healy, Bridget Sarno, Producers. **Anderson Productions, Inc.** (Aired on Chicago Cable Channel 49)
- **nextTV Series:** Cheryle R. Jackson, Executive Producer/Host; Tracey Scruggs Yearwood, Supervising Producer; Michelle McKissack, Producer/Reporter; Beverly Price, Richelle Rogers, Donna Wilson, Milana Walter, Ayana Bush, Producers. **Chicago Urban League/Media Process Group** (Aired on WFLD)

**Category #10 Outstanding Achievement for Advanced Media Informational/Instructional Program or Program Segment** (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

**There are no nominations or winners in this category.**

**Category #11 Outstanding Achievement for Children's Programs – Children's/Teen Single Program or Program Series** (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **Into The Outdoors-Derailing Aquatic Hitchhikers:** Stacey Wendt-Kaisler, John Oakes, Producers; Mark Rose, Lisa Rose, Executive Producers. **Discover Mediaworks, Inc.** (Aired across Wisconsin Markets)

**Category #12-a. Outstanding Achievement for Special Event Programs - Special Event Program – Live** (Award to the Producer/Host)

- **2008 Magnificent Mile Lights Festival:** Janet Davies, Producer/Host; Crick Bowen, John M. Best, Catherine Vlahogiannis, Edgar Vargas, Samantha Zackowitz, Producers; Alan Krashesky, Hosea Sanders, Hosts. **WLS**

**Category #12-b. Outstanding Achievement for Special Event Programs – Special Event Program – Edited** (Award to the Producer/Host)

- **Chicago Auto Show 2009:** Pablo Alfaro, Carmen Vega, Executive Producers; Elda Duran, Maria Morales-Salazar, Rebecca Bodner, Maria Elena Ponticiello, Producers; Oscar Guzman, Nelly Carreño, Hosts. **WSNS**

**Category #13 Outstanding Achievement for Entertainment Programs – Arts/Entertainment Program or Program Series (Broadcast/Advanced Media)** (Award to the Producer/Host/Performer)

- **Prime Time Chicago:** Rebecca Cianci, Executive Producer; Fred Prigge, Producer; Aaron Nowakowski, Associate Producer; Bessie Tsionis, Host. **Comcast**
- **Journey To Sunda:** Billy Dec, Producer/Host/Performer; Philip Jones, Chris Robins, Arturo Gomez, Brad Young, Co-Producers. **Rockit Ranch Productions/Bridges Media**

**Category #14-a. Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – Live Sports Event/Game/Series – Unedited** (Award to the Producer/Host)

- **NBC 5 Presents: The 2008 Bank of America Chicago Marathon:** Carol Cooling, Matt Piacente, Lici Kestner, Brian Williams, Courtney Copenhagen, Geoff Glick, Tony Vitale, Producers; Bruce Treut, Wendy Talarico, Jill Bastain, Jennifer Vander Sanden, Carmen Vega, Diane Hannes, Jan Golden, Trisha DeRose, Dave Breyer, Anna Vasser, Carey Pinkowski, Mike Nishi, Tim Hadzima, Paul Farmer, Brandon Presern, Marianne Caponi, Eileen Hurley, Ed Mann, Co-Producers; Mike Adamle, Paula Faris, Marion Brooks, Zoraida Sambolin, Rob Elgas, Anna Davlantes, Mary Ann Ahern, Charlie Wojciechowski, Lauren Jiggetts, Nesita Kwan, Matt Rodewald, Ed Eyeston, Toni Reavis, Deena Kastor, Hosts. **WMAQ**

**Category #14-b. Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – Single Sports Program/Special (not included in a series) - Broadcast/Advanced Media** (Award to the Producer/Host)

- **On the Road with Ryno:** Sarah Lauch, John Barnes, Aaron Stoeckel, Brett Fisher, Producers; Luke Stuckmeyer, Host; Joe Riley, Executive Producer. **Comcast SportsNet Chicago**
- **Inside The Draft:** Greg Miller, Producer. **Chicago Bears Network**

**Category #14-c. Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – Sports Program Series Covering Sports or Based on a Sports Theme** (Award to the Producer/Host)

- **Bucks Live Pre/Post-Game:** Jeff Byle, Executive Producer; Joseph Maar, Coordinating Producer; Brent Valenti, Skip Krueger, Ryan Bartlett, Ryan Schaber, Producers; Vanessa Lambert, Associate Producer; Michael Oddino, Co-Producer; Craig Coshun, Jeff Grayson, Mike McCollow, Tony Smith, Jon McGlocklin, Jim Paschke, Hosts. **Fox Sports Net Wisconsin**
- **Bears Gameday Live:** Greg Miller, Jim Padgitt, Kevin Foy, Rommel Paraiso, Mike Vasquez, Producers; Jeff Joniak, Lou Canellis, Tom Thayer, Hosts. **Chicago Bears Network** (Aired on WFLD)

**Category #14-d. Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – Sports Segment/Feature** (Award to the Producer/Reporter)

- **Fred Merkle:** Chuck Garfien, Reporter; Sarah Lauch, Todd Williams, Producers. **Comcast SportsNet Chicago**
- **The Heart of the Matter:** Peggy Kusinski, Reporter; Richard Tai Sun Moy, Producer. **WMAQ**

**Category #15 Outstanding Achievement for Announcements/Campaigns – Public Service Announcement or Campaign** (Award to the Producer)

- **IDOT "Cops Everywhere" Campaign:** Andy Madorsky, Producer. **Lou Beres & Associates** (Aired on WBBM/WGN/WFLD/WLS/WMAQ)
- **Get Away From You:** Michael Graf, Producer. **Spot Filmworks, Ltd.** (Aired on Local Milwaukee Stations)

**Category #16-a. Outstanding Achievement for Announcements/Campaigns – News Promotion – Single Announcement or Campaign** (Award to the Producer)

- **ABC 7 News: Your News. Your Way.** Kyle Longnecker, Producer. **WLS**

**Category #16-b. Outstanding Achievement for Announcements/Campaigns – Non News Promotion - Single Announcement or Campaign** (Award to the Producer)

- **Comcast SportsNet: One Network:** Sarah Lauch, Mike Cappozzo, Mike Dahl, Jenny Cox, Steve Stroud, Producers. **Comcast SportsNet Chicago**

**Category #17 Outstanding Achievement for Announcements/Campaigns – Single Commercial Announcement or Campaign** (Award to the Producer)

- **Done:** Gretchen Praeger, Executive Producer. **Optimus** (Aired on Comcast Spotlight)
- **Smithe Babies:** Tim Smithe, Bill O'Neil, Producers. **Walter E. Smithe** (Aired on WMAQ)

**Category #18 Outstanding Achievement for Alternate Media/New Media Interactivity**

- **Tu Voz:** Tony Martinez, Producer. **WSNS**

**Category #19-a. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera: News – News Anchor** (Award to the Anchor)

- **Larry Potash** - Composite. **WGN**

**Category #19-b. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera: News – Weathercaster** (Award to Weathercaster)

- **Brian Gotter** - Composite. **WTMJ**

**Category #19-c-d. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera: News –Sportscaster/Traffic Reporter** (Award to Sportscaster/Traffic Reporter)

- **Peggy Kusinski** - Composite. **WMAQ**

**Category #19-e. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera: News – Reporter** (Award to Reporter)

- **Brad Hicks** - Composite. **WITI**

**Category #20-a. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera: Programming – Program Host/Moderator/Contributor** (Award to Host/Moderator/Contributor)

- **Marcus Leshock** - metromix on CLTV Composite. **CLTV**

**Category #20-b. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera: Programming – Play-by-Play** (Award to Play-by-Play Sportscaster)

- **Pat Foley, Eddie Olczyk** - 2008-09 Chicago Blackhawks Season Compilation. **Comcast SportsNet Chicago**

**Category #20-c. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence On Camera: Programming – Performer** (Award to Performer)

- **Damon Ranger, Gregg Potter, Rick Nielsen** - Composite. **WBBM**

**Category #21-a. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Directing - Live/Live-to-Tape** (Award to Director)

- **Michael Lasky** - Cubs Rally 2008. **WGN**

**Category #21-b. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Directing – Edited** (Award to Director)

- **James R. Wilke** - 24/7 Chicago. **24/7 Productions, LLC/James R. Wilke** (Aired on WMAQ)
- **Jeff De Vries** - Project Character Presents Magnetic: Live. **TLN**

**Category #22-a. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Videography – News** (Award to Videographer)

- **John Duong** - Yes He Can. **WNDU**
- **Kyle Porter** - Composite. **WCIU**

**Category #22-b. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Videography – Non News** (Award to Videographer)

- **Joe Chambers, Allen Forrest Brown, Maria Ruiz** - Get Into the Shark Tank! **WMAQ**
- **Kevin Foy** - Composite. **Chicago Bears Network** (Aired on WFLD)

**Category #23-a. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Editing – News** (Award to Editor)

- **Richard Tai Sun Moy** - Composite. **WMAQ**

**Category #23-b. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Editing – Non News** (Award to Editor)

- **Ryan Mayers** - nextTV change you can see. **Chicago Urban League/Media Process Group** (Aired on WFLD)

**Category #24-a-b. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Technical Achievement (Broadcast/Advanced Media)** (Award to Technical Team/Individual)

- **Carol Cooling, Jan Golden, Edward Mann, Ken Jackson, Trisha DeRose, Mark Luciano, Ed Dabrowski, Jack Sampsell, Rick Vogt, Michael Wright, Mike Adams, Mike Aiello, Tim Aiossa, Lou Albert, Jose Amigle, Ozie Baldwin, Brooke Barney, Brian Bertino, Robert Burns, Dave Campbell, Michael Carach, Steve Casey, Eli Clarke, Marc Claussen, Mike Clay, Silvio Costales, Steven Curelo, Kevin Dailey, Jaroslaw Debowski, Karen Demos, Fabio dos Santos, Garry Elghammer, Robert Ewert, Jim Faria, William Ferris, Peter Ferro, Lucho Figueroa, Connie Fisher, Andy Fontana, Dave Fraser, Mike Frehe, Allen Harris, John Hart, Dane Hendrickson, Rick Hessel, William Jennings, Tim Kairis, Ron Keir, Tim Kepner, Matt Keske, Bill Kieri, Jeffery Lauksmen, Breana Leader, Lane Lucatorto, Danny Lugo, Ken Lyles, Lici Kestner Lytle, Dan Mackaben, Kyle Maguire, Jim Malone, Robert Marfise, John Marszewski, Julio Martinez, Michael McGovern, Dan Meagher, Derrick Metcalf, Mable Miller, Antonio Montes, Vince Munyon, Marty Muzik, George Mycyk, Paul Nagaro, Paul Nickols, Bill Nuyttens, Mark Olson, Javier Pacheco, David Peters, Matt Piacente, Christopher Reed, Kevin Reilly, Kevin Reynolds, Milton Rivera, Dan Sadowski, Paul Santangelo, Chris Schwartz, Jim Sippel, Brad Smith, Greg Steinkuller, Tommy Stoic, Kenneth Stone, Bud Stuchly, Bruce Treut, Kent VanDerKolk, Joe Vinci, Sam Virgillo, Tony Vitale, Keith Warner, Brian Williams, Richard Wineinger, Jeff Winkler, Mark Woods, Nancy Yanagidate, Sergio Zavala - NBC 5 Presents: The 2008 Chicago Marathon. **WMAQ****
- **Andres Lombana - Juanes Movieepisodios. Mas Communications/Intersport/Sprint TV**

**Category #24-c. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Audio** (Award to Audio Engineer)

- **James Mancini - Composite. WTTW**

**Category #24-d. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Lighting** (Award to Lighting Director)

- **Todd L. Clark - River North Chicago Dance Company: Every Dancer Has A Story. HMS Media, Inc.** (Aired on WTTW)

**Category #25-a. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Music Composition/Arrangement** (Award to Music Composer/Arranger)

- **Steve Rashid - Lost & Found: Legacy of USS Lagarto. Woodside Avenue Music Productions, Inc.** (Aired on WTTW)

**Category #25-b. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Writing – News** (Award to Writer)

- **Marsha Bartel - Mississippi Guns. WFLD**

**Category #25-c. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Writing – Program** (Award to Writer)

- **Chuck Coppola, Harvey Moshman - Lost & Found: Legacy of USS Lagarto. Moshman Productions & Wisconsin Maritime Museum** (Aired on WTTW)

**Category #25-d. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Writing – Short Form** (Award to Writer)

- **Matt Till - U Vote! WCIU**



**Category #25-e. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Scenic Design/Set Design/Art Direction** (Award to Designer/Art Director)

- **Carlos Barrera** - Univision Talent. **WGBO**

**Category #25-f. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Graphics Animations – News**  
(Award to Graphic Designer)

- **Abel Sanchez, Al Szopinski, Dena Serpico, Kelly Vranesic, Matt Quinn, Terry Hart, Jon Fox, Neal Weisenberg, Victoria Bouchard, Will Sliger** - CBS 2 Chicago HD Redesign. **WBBM**

**Category #25-g. Outstanding Achievement for Individual Excellence Off Camera: Graphics Animations – Non-News** (Award to Graphic Designer)

- **Rommel Paraiso, Mike Vasquez** - Composite. **Chicago Bears Network** (Aired on WFLD)
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