

2009 National City And Regional Magazine Awards Finalists

Magazine professionals from around the country chose more than 100 finalists representing 31 publications in the 24 year-old National City and Regional Magazine Association's awards competition. This year the contest attracted almost 800 entries.

Fifty-nine magazines of varying circulations competed in 29 categories, including editorial, design, online and ancillary publications. Several new categories were added this year such as blog column, e-newsletter and multimedia. This year also marks a change in the judging process. Instead of three nominees who received gold, silver or bronze awards, judges named five finalists per category and will choose one ultimate winner. The awards for work completed in 2008 will be announced at the CRMA 33rd Annual Conference May 30-June 1 at the Marriott New Orleans in New Orleans, LA.

Topping the list with multiple nominations was *Texas Monthly*, followed by *Los Angeles*, *Boston*, *Chicago*, *5280*, *Atlanta* and *Philadelphia* magazines. Other magazines with more than five nominations include *Cincinnati*, *Portland Monthly* and *Washingtonian*. First-time nominees *Martha's Vineyard* (Edgartown, Mass.) and *Westchester* (Elmsford, N.Y.) magazines each garnered two nominations with fellow newcomer *Water's Edge* (Jacksonville, Fla.) earning one. Other smaller-circulation publications also made the cut, including *Madison* (Madison, Wis.), *Greenwich* (Greenwich, Conn.) and *Inside Columbia* (Columbia, Mo.).

This year's editorial nominees covered topics such as:

- the failure to understand the Wyeths, the eccentric, troubled and wildly famous family of artists in Pennsylvania,
- how ordinary Minnesotans rescued countless people after the I-35W bridge collapsed,
- how multiple tours of duty in Iraq and a basic training start date of 9/11/01 changed one Texan man and
- why a political mess engulfed the trial and sentencing of a 19-year-old who shot and killed four employees at a Denver-area Chuck E. Cheese.

Other contenders focused on:

- Robert Mueller, the FBI director who is trying to fix the system,
- Craig Raywood, the savvy and stylish interior designer who conned his way through Los Angeles,
- the man behind the fast-food chain Zankou Chicken who abruptly ended his life and those of his mother and sister and
- a look into the largest Ponzi scheme in the history of Oregon.

More than 85 judges representing publications such as *Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire*, *Portfolio*, *BusinessWeek*, *Cookie*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Fast Company*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Men's Journal*, *Budget Travel*, *The New York Times*, *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, *AARP The Magazine*, *Bon Appétit*, *Southern Living*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *Complex*, *Outdoor Life*, *The Writer*, *Fitness* and journalism professors from the Missouri School of Journalism selected the finalists.

The competition is open to more than 90 members of CRMA and other city and regional magazines throughout North America that qualify. The contest is a 24-year-old national competition and has been coordinated by the University of Missouri School of Journalism on behalf of CRMA for the past 13 years.

The categories and finalists in alphabetical order are:

General Excellence III (circulation above 60,000)

5280 Magazine
Atlanta Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Texas Monthly

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

Hour Detroit
Indianapolis Monthly
Marin Magazine
Portland Monthly
Seattle Metropolitan

General Excellence I (circulation less than 30,000)

Berkshire Living
Madison Magazine
Martha's Vineyard
Memphis Magazine
Inside Columbia

General Criticism

Berkshire Living

Seth Rogovoy:
"Outlaw Prophet"
"A Well-Woven Masterpiece"
"Glass Action"

Los Angeles Magazine

Steve Erickson:
"Way Down in the Hole"
"Best in Show"
"Being There"

Los Angeles Magazine

Ariel Swartley:
"Gravity's Angel"
"A Movable Feast"
"Head of the Class"

Milwaukee Magazine

Tom Bamberger:
"Accidental Beauty"
"Growing Pains"
"Café Mysterious"

Texas Monthly

Christopher Kelly:
"Sorry, Charlie"
"Porn Yesterday"
"Minor Movie Star"

Food or Dining Writing

Cincinnati Magazine

Donna Covrett:
“Square Meal”
“Weird Science”
“Newport’s Nu Guys”

Los Angeles Magazine

Patric Kuh:
“On the Corner”
“From the Source”
“Una Gran Idea”

Philadelphia Magazine

April White:
“Rolling in Dough”
“The Best Philadelphian”
“The Making of a Philadelphia Restaurant”

Rhode Island Monthly

Tracey Minkin:
“The Bug Man Cometh”
“The Gift of Oysters”
“Pasture-ized”

Texas Monthly

Patricia Sharpe:
“Eat Their Words”
“Where to Eat Now”
“Keeper of the Flame”

Column

Boston Magazine

Joe Keohane:
“Wanted: Kamikaze Candidates”
“Greener Than Thou”
“How to Make a Senator Sweat”

Los Angeles Magazine

Anne Taylor Fleming:
“The Queen is Dead”
“Rules of Engagement”
“The Lost Age”

Los Angeles Magazine

Mark Lacter:
“City of Industry”
“Toy Story”
“Cleaning House”

Philadelphia Magazine

Sandy Hingston:
“Beyond Words”
“Living Large”
“Crossing Borders”

Yankee Magazine

Mel Allen:
“Still Lives”
“Fridays With Bert”
“The Soul of Mystic”

Reporting

5280 Magazine

Chicago Magazine

Portland Monthly

“Second Nature” by Maximillian Potter
“Witness at Haditha” by Bryan Smith
“The \$150,000 Question” by Ted Katauskas

Texas Monthly
Texas Monthly

“The Fire That Time” by Pamela Colloff
“The Risk Premium” by Mimi Swartz

Personality Profile

5280 Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
The Washingtonian
The Washingtonian

“This Man Thinks You’re Fat” by Robert Sanchez
“The Don Juan of Our Time” by J.R. Moehringer
“The Talented Mr. Raywood” by Steve Oney
“I’m Having Some Trouble” by John Pekkanen
“The Ultimate G-Man” by Garrett Graff

Feature Story

Cleveland Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Minnesota Monthly
Philadelphia Magazine
Texas Monthly

“Georgianna’s Choice” by Heide Aungst
“The Zankou Chicken Murders” by Mark Arax
“110 Minutes” by Beth Hawkins
“Wyeth’s World” by Matthew Teague
“Soldier” by Matt Cook

Writer of the Year

Atlanta Magazine
Boston Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Texas Monthly

Steve Fennessy
Paul Kix
Jason Fagone
Matthew Teague
Skip Hollandsworth

Excellence in Writing

5280 Magazine
Atlanta Magazine
Boston Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Texas Monthly

August
April
November
June
July

Spread Design

Boston Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Cincinnati Magazine
Texas Monthly
Texas Monthly

“The Scientist and the Monster”
“Playing the Fields”
“The King is Dead, Long Live the King”
“This Land is His Land”
“Willie’s God! Willie’s God! We Love Willie!”

Feature Design

Baltimore Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Texas Monthly
Texas Monthly

“On With the Story”
“Chow Fun”
“Leap Year”
“Out of Sight”
“True Grit”

Redesign

5280 Magazine
Cincinnati Magazine
Orange Coast Magazine
Water’s Edge
Westchester Magazine

Photo Essay

5280 Magazine
Atlanta Magazine
Minnesota Monthly

“Piece by Piece”
“The Deep End”
“Liquid Assets”

Portland Monthly
Texas Monthly

“Recovery Mission”
“The Class of 2017”

Cover

Atlanta Magazine
Boston Magazine
Greenwich Magazine
Memphis Magazine
Texas Monthly

July
December
January
April
May

Designer of the Year

Cincinnati Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Orange Coast Magazine
Texas Monthly

Grace Saunders
Joe Kimberling
Lisa Lewis
Mindy Benham
Andi Beierman

Excellence in Design

5280 Magazine
Atlanta Magazine
Cincinnati Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Texas Monthly

August
April
November
November
May

Reader Service

Atlanta Magazine
Cincinnati Magazine
Portland Monthly
Seattle Metropolitan
The Washingtonian

Best Places to Work
Sweating Equity
Buy Here Now
Where to Live Now
64 Ways to Do Good

Leisure/Lifestyle Interests

Atlanta Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Indianapolis Monthly
Portland Monthly
Texas Monthly

How To...
Our Lake
Chain Reaction
The Art of Eating Cheaply
BBQ 08

Civic Journalism

5280 Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Texas Monthly
Texas Monthly
The Washingtonian

The Politics of Killing
The Judge Makers
The Exonerated
The Last Drop
Getting the Lead Out?

Special Issues

Atlanta Magazine
Boston Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Portland Monthly
Texas Monthly

April
August
December
October
February

Ancillary Publications 1

Berkshire Living
Cincinnati Magazine
D Magazine

BBQ-Berkshire Business Quarterly
Cincinnati Weddings
D CEO

Indianapolis Monthly
Martha's Vineyard Magazine

Home
Home & Garden

Ancillary Publications 2

Boston Magazine
Boston Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
The Washingtonian

New England Travels
Weddings
Design LA
Home (Winter)
Bride & Groom

Community Service

Berkshire Living
Chicago Magazine
Chicago Magazine
MPLS. St. Paul Magazine
Rhode Island Monthly

The Rest of the Story
Chicagoans of the Year
The 2008 Green Awards
Social Datebook
Best of Rhode Island Party

Excellence Online

Boston Magazine
Chicago Magazine
MPLS. St. Paul
Texas Monthly
Yankee Magazine

bostonmagazine.com
chicagomag.com
mspmag.com
texasmonthly.com
yankeemagazine.com

Blog Column

Boston Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Memphis Magazine
The Washingtonian
Westchester Magazine

The Hill and the Hall by Paul McMorrow
Deal Estate by Dennis Rodkin
Ask Vance by Vance Lauderdale
Kliman on Line by Todd Kliman
Eater by Julia Sexton

E-Newsletter

5280 Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Cleveland Magazine
MPLS. St. Paul Magazine
Rhode Island Monthly

Table Talk by Amanda Faison
Dish by Penny Pollack, Jeff Ruby
On The Town by Kim Schneider
Swag by Jayne Hawgen Olson
The Dish by Jenna Pelletier

Multimedia

Chicago Magazine
Cleveland Magazine
MPLS. St. Paul Magazine
Texas Monthly
Yankee Magazine