

## American Women in Radio & Television Announces 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Gracie Award<sup>®</sup> Local Market, Public and Student Winners

February 25, 2009 (McLean, VA) – With a strong commitment to recognizing the accomplishments of local market talent, as well as the next generation of media stars, American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) is pleased to announce the 2009 local market, public and student winners of the annual Gracie Awards. The winners will be recognized at an industry Luncheon on **Thursday, June 4, 2009, at the New York landmark Tavern on the Green.**

National Gracie Award winners will be presented at a dazzling black-tie Gala in the Broadway Ballroom of the New York Marriott Marquis on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. **Go to [www.thegracies.org](http://www.thegracies.org) to view the list of national winners that were announced earlier 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 attracts the best and brightest in radio, television, cable and new media. This year's local and public winners include KPIX-TV's **Assignment Africa**, WLIU-FM's **Bonnie Grice**, University of Wisconsin's **Bridgette Ridgeway**, WMJX/Magic 106.7's **Exceptional Women**, Rowan University's **Movement X**, WBBR/Bloomberg Radio's **Stalking a Killer: The Search for an AIDS Vaccine**, and KERA's **Linda Stogner. (See below for a complete list of winners.)**

"We are so proud of the important work being done by women across the country," stated 2009 Chair of AWRT, Sylvia Strobel, Esq. "The Local Market Gracies are our platform for acknowledging that work and the amazing people behind it."

"One of the most exciting facets of being a part of AWRT is the ability to recognize the real women behind the scenes and in front of the camera, and the phenomenal programming they create," added AWRT President Maria Efantis Brennan, CAE. "This year, we are blessed with a range of exceptional work from across the country."

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 Luncheon are \$115 for AWRT Members/\$150 for Non-Members and can be purchased online at [www.awrt.org](http://www.awrt.org).

For more information on the Gracies Gala and Local Market Luncheon, go to AWRT's newest all Gracies website - [www.thegracies.org](http://www.thegracies.org).

Supporting the Gracies is synonymous with supporting women's achievements in all facets of media and entertainment. Reserve your table and demonstrate your commitment to the Foundation of AWRT, a 501c3 non-profit charity. For more information, please contact Kyle Fernley at (703) 506-3290.

For more information about the Gracie Awards, please visit [www.thegracies.org](http://www.thegracies.org).

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**About AWRT:** The year 2009 marks the 58th 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 & 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 Awards®, a live, New York-based gala that honors exemplary programming created for, by and about women.

**2009 Gracie Awards**  
**Local, Public and Student Award Winners**  
(In Alphabetical Order)

**24 Hour News 8 Drive to Live Campaign: Keeping Kids Safe Behind the Wheel**

*Outstanding Public Service Announcement - Campaign*  
Wood TV8 / NBC  
Market: Local 26+  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Adrienne Arsenault**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent*  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation  
Market: Public  
Toronto, ON

**Assignment Africa**

*Outstanding Public Affairs Program*  
KPIX-TV  
Market: Local 1-25  
San Francisco, CA

**Assignment Africa**

*Outstanding Series*  
KPIX-TV  
Market: Local 1-25  
San Francisco, CA

**Barefoot Dancing**

*Outstanding Feature - Soft News Program*  
WFUV - FM  
Market: Student  
Bronx, NY

**Betsy Greer "Craftivism"**

*Outstanding Interview Program*  
WGVU  
Market: Public  
Grand Rapids, MI

**Bold Visions: Women In Science & Technology**

*Outstanding Documentary – Short Format*  
Creative Expansions, Inc.  
Market: Public  
New York, NY

**Bonnie Grice**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Host - Information or Entertainment*  
WLIU-FM - Southampton - New York  
Market: Public  
South Hampton, NY

**Bridgette Ridgeway**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Host - Information or Entertainment*  
University of Wisconsin  
Market: Student  
Brown Deer, WI

**Bridgette Ridgeway**

*Outstanding Producer - News Series or Special*  
University of Wisconsin  
Market: Student  
Brown Deer, WI

**CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival: Women on Top**

*Outstanding Comedy*  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation  
Market: Public  
Toronto, ON

**Crossing Lines**

*Outstanding Documentary – Short Format*  
Crossing Lines Production  
Market: Local 1-25  
Washington, DC

**Denise Tejada**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent*  
Youth Radio  
Market: Student  
Oakland, CA

**Education City**

*Outstanding Feature - Soft News Program*  
NOW on PBS  
Market: Public  
New York, NY

**Ellen Burke**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Anchor News or News Magazine*  
WFUV - FM  
Market: Student  
Bronx, NY

**Exceptional Women: Think Pink**

*Outstanding Public Affairs Program*  
WMJX, Magic 106.7  
Market: Local 1-25  
Boston, MA

**Exceptional Women: Think Pink**

*Outstanding Interview Program*

WMJX, Magic 106.7

Market: Local 1-25

Boston, MA

**Growing Up Big - Childhood Obesity**

*Outstanding Documentary – Long Format*

WHYY-FM

Market: Public

Philadelphia, PA

**Guaranteed 4.0 & Study Abroad**

*Outstanding Talk Show*

University of Wisconsin

Market: Student

Brown Deer, WI

**Houston: Red, White & Wow!**

*Outstanding Special*

KTRK-TV

Market: Local 1-25

Houston, TX

**Into the Light: Music for Love's Season/ Czech**

**Composers: New Releases**

*Outstanding Portrait/Biography*

KMFA

Market: Public

Austin, TX

**It's Not OK**

*Outstanding Feature - Soft News Program*

Rowan TV Network - Channel 5

Market: Student

Sewell, NJ

**Janet's Planet Health Interstitials**

*Outstanding For Children/Adolescent Program*

Janet's Planet, Inc.

Market: Local 26+

Hendersonville, TN

**Jessica's Story**

*Outstanding Documentary – Short Format*

WZZM TV13

Market: Local 26+

Grand Rapids, MI

**Linda Stogner**

*Individual Achievement Award*

*Outstanding Director - News Series or Special*

KERA

Market: Public

Dallas, TX

**Massachusetts School of Law Forum:**

**Women In Government**

*Outstanding Talk Show*

Massachusetts School of Law

Market: Local 1-25

Andover, MA

**Miya**

*Outstanding Feature - Soft News Program*

ABC7/K60 TV

Market: Local 1-25

San Francisco, CA

**Mommy Time Radio - We Have Fun With Motherhood!**

*Outstanding Talk Show*

Mommy Time Radio

Market: Local 26+

Franklin, TN

**Movement X**

*Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format*

Rowan TV Network

Market: Student

Sewell, NJ

**Norwalk Hospital "Prescription for Health"  
Breast Cancer Month**

*Outstanding Feature - Soft News Program*

WEZN - STAR 99.9

Market: Local 26+

Milford, CT

**Nowhere But Texas 2**

*Outstanding Portrait/Biography*

KERA

Market: Public

Dallas, TX

**Nowhere But Texas 2**

*Outstanding Special*

KERA

Market: Public

Dallas, TX

**October Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

*Outstanding Public Service Announcement - Campaign*

WFMP - FM107.1

Market: Local 1-25

St. Paul, MN

**Oregon Experience: Lola G. Baldwin**

*Outstanding Portrait/Biography*

KOPB-TV

Market: Local 1-25

Portland, OR

**Pam Krueger**

*Individual Achievement Award*

*Outstanding Producer - Entertainment Series or Special*

NETworth TV Productions

Market: Public

San Francisco, CA

**Picking Up the Pieces with Jane Pauley**

*Outstanding Public Affairs Program*

AARP TV

Market: Public

Washington, DC

**Reading, Writing, Forgiveness**

*Outstanding Feature - Hard News Program*  
NBC 5 KXAS-TV  
Market: Local 1-25  
Fort Worth, TX

**Robin Shannon**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Anchor News or News Magazine*  
WFUV - FM  
Market: Public  
Bronx, NY

**Sara Moulton**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Host - Information or Entertainment*  
Silver Plume Productions  
Market: Public  
Riverside, CT

**Sea Women**

*Outstanding Documentary – Short Format*  
New York University / Elly Publick  
Market: Student  
New York, NY

**Sounding Black**

*Outstanding Feature - Soft News Program*  
Studio 360  
Market: Public  
New York, NY

**Stalking a Killer: The Search for an AIDS Vaccine**

*Outstanding Feature - Soft News Program*  
WBBR Bloomberg Radio  
Market: Local 1-25  
New York, NY

**Stand Up To Cancer**

*Outstanding Series*  
WCVB-TV Boston  
Market: Local 1-25  
Needham, MA

**Take Your Daughter to the Course**

*Outstanding Sports Program*  
News 14 Carolina  
Market: Local 26+  
Raleigh, NC

**the Fifth Estate: Where the Women Went**

*Outstanding Investigative Program*  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation  
Market: Public  
Toronto, ON

**The Hour**

*Outstanding Talk Show*  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation  
Market: Public  
Toronto, ON

**The Neighborhood That Met Obama First**

*Outstanding Documentary – Short Format*  
WBEZ / Chicago Public Radio  
Market: Local 1-25  
Chicago, IL

**The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering**

*Outstanding Documentary – Short Format*  
WAMC - Northeast Public Radio  
Market: Public  
Albany, NY

**The Sounds of Progress: The Changing Role of Girls and Women in Science and Engineering**

*Outstanding Public Affairs Program*  
WAMC - Northeast Public Radio  
Market: Public  
Albany, NY

**Think Out Loud: As We Are: Abortion Stories**

*Outstanding Talk Show*  
Oregon Public Broadcasting  
Market: Public  
Portland, OR

**Tiffany Hill**

*Individual Achievement Award*  
*Outstanding Host - Information or Entertainment*  
WBEB - Philadelphia  
Market: Local 1-25  
Bala Cynwyd, PA

**Tilting at Windmills: Alternative Energy in New York City**

*Outstanding Series*  
WBBT Bloomberg Radio  
Market: Local 1-25  
New York, NY

**Uncrowned Queens:****Voices of African-American Women**

*Outstanding Documentary - Mid-Length Format*  
Western New York Public Broadcasting Association  
Market: Public  
Buffalo, NY

**Voices of the Transgender Community of Western New England**

*Outstanding Series*  
WFCR 88.5 FM  
Market: Public  
Amherst, ME

**Women & Public Policy: Selections from The Kojan Nnamdi Show**

*Outstanding Public Affairs Program*  
WAMU-88.5FM  
Market: Local 1-25  
Washington, DC