



2008 National City And Regional Magazine Awards Finalists

Thirty-one magazines were nominated as finalists in this year's contest – the most publications to receive awards in the history of the 23-year-old contest.

Magazine professionals from around the country chose 84 finalists from more than 912 entries in the 23rd Annual National City and Regional Magazine Association's annual awards competition.

Sixty magazines of varying circulation competed, and 31 publications will share honors in 22 editorial and design categories and three categories honoring ancillary publications, community service and multi-media extensions. The gold, silver and bronze awards for work completed in 2007 will be announced at the CRMA 32nd Annual Conference May 31-June 2 at the Peabody Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee.

Topping the list with multiple nominations were *Texas Monthly*, *Los Angeles* and *Philadelphia* magazines, followed by *Atlanta* magazine. Four magazines – *Chicago*, *Memphis*, *Mpls.St.Paul* and *Washingtonian* – each garnered three nominations. *Berkshire Living*, *Evansville Living*, *Hour Detroit*, *Madison* and *Seattle Metropolitan* each won two. Eighteen other titles with geographic locations that span the United States were nominated for one award each, including newcomers *Sactown* (Sacramento, Calif.) and *Inside Columbia* (Columbia, Mo.).

This year's editorial nominees covered such topics as why black women in Chicago are more likely to die of breast cancer than white women, how the U.S. government reneged on promises to compensate cancer-stricken workers in Colorado who endured years of radiation exposure during the Cold War and how three Washington, D.C., cops were handcuffed in their ability to adequately control crime by the Justice Department's heavy-handed oversight. Contenders in the profile category looked deeply into the lives of Brian Tierney, publisher of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*; Pete Carroll, University of Southern California's football coach; and a Texas teen who lost the national spelling bee five years in a row. Other contenders include the story of an immigrant who crossed two continents and found a home in Atlanta, helped along by a series of strangers; and how plans for a toll road to be built in a floodplain created "The Trinity Wars" in Dallas.

More than 70 judges representing such publications as *Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire*, *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Fast Company*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Essence*, *Men's Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine*, *Folio*., *AARP The Magazine*, *Bon Appétit*, *Southern Living*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *Country Home*, *Complex*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *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 23-year-old national competition and has been coordinated by the University of Missouri School of Journalism on behalf of CRMA for the past 12 years.

The categories and finalists in alphabetical order are:

General Excellence III (circulation above 60,000)

Atlanta magazine (Apr, Oct, Nov.)

Los Angeles magazine (Apr, Sept, Oct.)

Texas Monthly (Apr, May, Oct.)

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

Hour Detroit (May, July, Aug)

Seattle Metropolitan (Feb, Mar, June)

St. Louis Magazine (Sept, Oct, Dec.)

General Excellence I (circulation less than 30,000)

Madison Magazine (Sept, Oct, Dec.)

Memphis magazine (May, June, Oct.)

Traverse, Northern Michigan's Magazine (June/July/Aug)

General Criticism

Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

“The Hardest Working Orchestra in America...” (Nov.)

“Thinking Outside of the Box Office” (Aug.)

“Accept No Substitutes” (Nov.)

Los Angeles magazine

“A Man of Letters” (June)

“The Rest of Him” (July)

“The Ham Goodbye” (Nov.)

Texas Monthly

“Fumble” (Jan.)

“We’ll Always Love You” (June)

“Fatally Hip” (Oct.)

Food/Dining Criticism

Los Angeles magazine

“What’s Not to Like?” (Oct.)

“Double Vision” (Nov.)

“Director’s Cut” (Dec.)

Philadelphia magazine

“Fork in the Road” (Jan.)

“Street Fare” (May)

“In Search of the Jersey Tomato” (July)

Washingtonian

“Rare Tuna” (March)

“Big Food From Brussels” (Sept.)

“Pizza Wars” (Oct.)

Regular Column

Chicago magazine

“Fist Fight” (Apr.)

“Will You Be My Friend?” (Nov.)
“Pain, No Gain” (Dec.)

Philadelphia magazine

“Stuff Happens” (May)
“Minority Report” (Sept.)
“The New College Try” (Mar.)

Texas Monthly

“Horn ’em Hookers” (Jan.)
“Tour de Farce” (Feb.)
“Lark of the Covenant” (May)

Reporting

Atlanta magazine

“You Have Thousands of Angels Around You” (Oct.)

D magazine

“The Trinity War” (Nov.)

Philadelphia magazine

“Mystery at Rohm & Haas” (Nov.)

Personality Profile

Los Angeles magazine

“23 Reasons Why a Profile of Pete Carroll...” (Dec.)

Philadelphia magazine

“Press Lord 2.0” (Apr.)

Texas Monthly

“The Glorie of Defeat” (Nov.)

Feature Story

Los Angeles magazine

“The Test of Their Lives” (May)

Texas Monthly

“Carlos Brown is a Hero (No Matter What He Says)” (May)

Texas Monthly

“The Beating of Billy Ray Johnson” (Feb.)

Writer of the Year

San Diego Magazine

Shane Liddick

Texas Monthly

Pamela Colloff

Texas Monthly

S.C. Gwynne

Excellence in Writing

Los Angeles magazine

September

Philadelphia magazine

October

Texas Monthly

May

Spread Design

Atlanta magazine

“Gone Flat” (Jan.)

Minnesota Monthly

“Bitter Pill” (May)

Texas Monthly

“Number One With a Bullet” (Oct.)

Feature Design

Los Angeles magazine

“What’s Not to Like? LA’s 10 Best Delis” (Oct.)

New Jersey Monthly

“Big Brain” (Sept.)

Texas Monthly

“Law of the Land” (Apr.)

Photo Essay

Chicago magazine "Aliens" (Nov.)
Hour Detroit "Building Blocks A-Z" (Oct.)
Sactown magazine "In Harm's Way" (June/July)

Cover

Los Angeles magazine August
Memphis magazine June
Texas Monthly January

Designer of the Year

Los Angeles magazine Steven Banks
Philadelphia magazine Michael McCormick
Texas Monthly T. J. Tucker

Excellence in Design

Los Angeles magazine April
Texas Monthly April
Tu Ciudad August

Reader Service

Atlanta magazine "The Ultimate Guide to the World's Busiest Airport" (Apr.)
Philadelphia magazine "How to Be a Better Philadelphian" (Dec.)
Washingtonian "Great Places to Work" (Nov.)

Leisure/Lifestyle Interests

Los Angeles magazine "The Dating Game" (Sept.)
Philadelphia magazine "How Philly Eats" (Jan.)
Portland Monthly "Fit City: 40 Ways to Stay Fit & Have Fun" (July)

Civic Journalism

5280 "Out in the Cold" (Nov.)
Chicago magazine "The Deadly Difference" (Oct.)
Washingtonian "Don't Shoot" (Jan.)

Special Issues

Atlanta magazine "Our Global City" (Oct.)
Diablo magazine "The Food Issue" (Nov.)
Philadelphia magazine "The Good Issue" (Dec.)

Excellence Online

Mpls.St.Paul Magazine www.mspmag.com
Texas Monthly www.texasmonthly.com
Yankee magazine www.yankeemagazine.com

Ancillary Publications I

Berkshire Living
Evansville Living
Memphis magazine

Home & Garden (Spring)
Evansville City View (2007 Guide)
Memphis Business Quarterly (Spring)

Ancillary Publications II

Boston magazine
Los Angeles magazine
Seattle Metropolitan

Boston Home (Fall)
Los Angeles Weddings (Winter)
Bride & Groom (Summer)

Community Service I

Berkshire Living
Delaware Today
Honolulu magazine

The Rest of the Story
Wilmington: In the Middle of It All
Hale Aina Award

Community Service II

Atlanta magazine
Cincinnati magazine
Los Angeles magazine

Dream Home
1 Night, 12 Kitchens
The Food Event

Multimedia Extensions I

Evansville Living
Inside Columbia
Madison Magazine

Multimedia Extensions II

Los Angeles magazine
Mpls.St.Paul Magazine
Rhode Island Monthly