

CRMA AND THE MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM ANNOUNCE FINALISTS

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2011 National City and Regional Magazine Awards Finalists

Magazine professionals from around the country chose 143 finalists representing 35 publications in the 26-year-old National City and Regional Magazine Association's awards competition. Magazines of varying circulations competed in 29 categories, including editorial, design, online and ancillary publications. Judges named five finalists in most categories and will choose one ultimate winner in each. The awards for work completed in 2010 will be announced at the CRMA 35th Annual Conference April 30-May 2 at The Drake Hotel in Chicago, IL.

Topping the list with 10 or more nominations were *5280* (Denver), *Chicago*, *Los Angeles*, *Philadelphia* and *Texas Monthly* magazines. Magazines with at least five nominations include *Atlanta*, *D Magazine*, *Indianapolis Monthly*, *Portland Monthly*, *Seattle Metropolitan* and *Washingtonian*. Receiving at least three nominations were *Boston*, *Cincinnati*, *Minnesota Monthly*, *St. Louis* and *Yankee* magazines. Judges also recognized a number of small and mid-size circulation publications such as *Cleveland*, *Evansville Living*, *Honolulu*, *Inside Columbia*, *Memphis*, *Milwaukee*, *MPLS St. Paul* and *Rhode Island Monthly*, each with two nominations. Eleven other magazines received one nomination each.

This year's editorial nominees covered topics such as:

- the surprising 50 percent increase in concealed weapons in a city and how it affected policies such as guns on campuses
- a corrupt legal official whose fall from grace and political power took nine months to document
- mob dealings with a scope so wide they included three murders, two Mafia honchos, two brothers and the Federal Witness Protection Program
- the story of a man who spent almost 20 years behind bars for the wrong reasons — and who was released one month after the article was published
- the story of a city losing its only alternative radio station — and how its fans fought to save it
- a city riddled by questions when a local teenager was suspected of committing suicide as a result of intense peer bullying
- a mother's search to track down the person responsible for her daughter's death

Other contenders focused on the death industry, corporate embezzlement, TBS' contract with Conan O'Brien, how a city responds to and recovers from a deadly plane crash and other enterprise, feature and service stories.

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*,

abd 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.

The categories and finalists are:

Criticism

D Magazine	Willard Spiegelman “Bittersweet Symphony” “Out With the Old” “Critic as Booster”
Los Angeles Magazine	Steve Erickson “Fatal Attraction” “Darkness Visible” “Modern Maturity”
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

Chicago Magazine	Jeff Ruby “Piece Offerings” “Secrets of Their Success” “From Goat to Hero”
Minnesota Monthly	Dara Moskowitz Grumdahl “Best Barbecue” “Small Wonder” “The Kids Are All Right”
Portland Monthly	Karen Brooks “Pod Perfection” “2010 Best Restaurants”

Rhode Island Monthly
"Little Big Buzz"
Karen Deutsch
"Dining Out: Cook & Brown Public House"
"Cheap Eats!"
"Rise & Shine"
Washingtonian
Todd Kliman
"Hi, I'll be Your Server Tonight"
"Mix Masters"
"Thinking Big"

Column

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"
Los Angeles Magazine
Mark Lacter
"What Gives?"
"Home Wrecker"
"The Well Runs Dry"
Philadelphia Magazine
Sandy Hingston
"The End of My Leash"
"A Clean Sweep"
"Moving Day"

Reporting

5280 Magazine
Maximillian Potter
"Power Broken"
Atlanta Magazine
Charles Bethea
"Final Exit"
D Magazine
Laray Polk
"Dallas' Evil Genius"
Texas Monthly
Skip Hollandsworth
"That's Oil, Folks!"
Washingtonian
Shane Harris
"Own the Sky"

Personality Profile

Chicago Magazine	Robert Sharoff "Reconstructing Harry Weese"
Los Angeles Magazine	Dave Gardetta "Tough Sell"
Philadelphia Magazine	Sandy Hingston "A Savior For the City"
Rhode Island Monthly	Mark Arsenault "His Father's Son"
Texas Monthly	Katy Vine "I Believe I Can Fry"

Feature Story

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

Writer of the Year

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

Excellence in Writing

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

Spread Design

Atlanta Magazine	"Mother Nature's Daddy"
Indianapolis Monthly	"The Pillar"
Minnesota Monthly	"UP North"
Philadelphia Magazine	"Head-On Collision"
Texas Monthly	"Innocence Lost"

Feature Design

Birmingham Magazine
Indianapolis Monthly
Los Angeles Magazine
Minnesota Monthly
Philadelphia Magazine

“We Make Birmingham”
“Best Restaurants”
“Into California’s Vast and Wild and Wonderful Desert”
“Unsolved Mysteries”
“High Times”

Redesign

Boston Magazine
Cleveland Magazine
Honolulu Magazine

Photography

5280 Magazine

B-metro Magazine

Indianapolis Monthly

Los Angeles Magazine

Yankee Magazine

“Wing Men”
Tyler Stableford
“The Mythic Backyard”
Robin Colter
“Home Courts”
Tony Valainis
“Wind Fall”
Lisa Lewis
“Maine Coastal Odyssey”
Richard Schultz

Cover

5280 Magazine
Cincinnati Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Seattle Metropolitan
Texas Monthly

August
December
August
July
August

Designer of the Year

5280 Magazine
Cincinnati Magazine
Diablo Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine

David McKenna
Grace Saunders
Roger Gurbani
Steven Banks
Lisa Lewis

Excellence in Design

5280 Magazine
Cincinnati Magazine

October
November

Los Angeles Magazine
Seattle Metropolitan
Texas Monthly

November
December
November

Reader Service

Indianapolis Monthly
Los Angeles Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Portland Monthly
Washingtonian

“Sell Your House Fast”
“The Shortest Route to Happy”
“Eat! (Cheap, But Well)”
“20/20 Vision”
“Stress”

Leisure/Lifestyle Interests

417 Magazine
5280 Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Portland Monthly

“Asian Food Lovers’ Guide”
“The 5280 Football Preview”
“40 Reasons to Love Chicago”
“Lunch in LA”
“Food Cart City”

Civic Journalism

5280 Magazine
5280 Magazine
Chicago Magazine
St. Louis Magazine
Texas Monthly

“The Education of Ms. Barsallo”
“Unwanted”
“The Insider”
“Tough Kids Turning”
“Innocence Lost”

Special Issue

Chicago Magazine
D Magazine
D Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Texas Monthly

December
April
January
December
November

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

Boston Magazine

Home

MPLS St. Paul
Philadelphia Magazine
Seattle Metropolitan
Washingtonian

Weddings
Wedding Spring/Summer
Bride & Groom
Bride & Groom

Community Service Project

Chicago Magazine
Evansville Living
Inside Columbia
St. Louis Magazine
St. Louis Magazine

Action Figures
Evansville Living Downtown Idea Home
Inside Columbia's Wine & Food Festival 2010
Excellence in Nursing
Fever Fashion Show Fall 2010

Excellence Online

Atlanta Magazine
Chicago Magazine
D Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Texas Monthly

www.atlantamagazine.com
www.chicagomag.com
www.dmagazine.com
www.phillymag.com
www.texasmonthly.com

Blog Column

Atlanta Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Cleveland Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
Seattle Metropolitan

Field Notes
Felsenthal Files
Cleveland Magazine Politics
The Philly Post
Sauced

E-Newsletter

Chicago Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine
What's Up? Annapolis

Chicago Guide
Domestica
Online This Week
The Weekender
Food Flash

Multimedia

MPLS St. Paul
Portland Monthly
Texas Monthly
Washingtonian
Yankee Magazine

General Excellence I

Berkshire Living
Honolulu Magazine
Madison Magazine
Main Line Today
Memphis Magazine

General Excellence II

Cincinnati Magazine
Milwaukee Magazine
Portland Monthly
Seattle Metropolitan
St. Louis Magazine

General Excellence III

5280 Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Texas Monthly
Yankee Magazine

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