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The best of City and Regional Magazines

## **NATIONAL CITY AND REGIONAL MAGAZINE 2012 AWARD WINNERS**

*Texas Monthly*, *D Magazine* (Dallas) and *Honolulu* won the coveted general excellence awards in their circulation categories in the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National City and Regional Magazine Awards competition announced May 21 at CRMA's conference in Las Vegas.

*Texas Monthly* was the top winner and claimed seven awards. *Atlanta* was not far behind with four prizes. *Chicago*, *D Magazine*, *Philadelphia* and *Washingtonian* also picked up multiple prizes with two awards each. Twelve other magazines — *5280* (Denver), *Baltimore*, *Cleveland*, *Honolulu*, *Los Angeles*, *Main Line Today*, *Memphis*, *Milwaukee Magazine*, *MPLS St. Paul*, *Orange Coast*, *Pittsburgh* and *Yankee* — won single awards.

*Texas Monthly*'s "Home Plates" feature, which highlighted the Lone Star State's best dishes, received acclaim from a number of judges and played a large role in helping the magazine capture the Feature Design, Excellence in Design and Food or Dining Feature Package awards. *Atlanta* proved it has an abundance of talent by claiming both the Writer of the Year (Justin Heckert) and Designer of the Year (Eric Capossela) prizes. *Washingtonian*'s profile piece about a gifted yet perplexing writer earned it the distinction of best Personality Profile. The reporting and writing in *Cleveland* also impressed judges, and the magazine knocked out a group of large-market publications to claim the Civic Journalism award for its piece about a small town's less-than-noble attempt to keep its traffic court. *Philadelphia*'s engaging visuals and smart typography earned it the Cover Excellence award, and another Pennsylvania-based publication, *Main Line Today*, showed its might by claiming the very competitive and much coveted Photography prize for David Sacks' portraits of people from all over the world.

Three magazines took top awards for the first time in more than a decade. These winners included *Cleveland*; *Orange Coast*, which won the Column award for Laura Saari's work; and *Pittsburgh*, which captured the award for Blog Column.

More than 85 judges selected the winners and finalists in this year's competition. The judging list included editors and designers from publications such as *The Atlantic*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Esquire*, *Food Network Magazine*, *GOOD*, *Men's Health*, *National Geographic*, *New York*, *Outdoor Life*, *Rolling Stone*, *Taste of Home*, *Village Voice*, the *Washington Post*, *Whole Living* and *Women's Health* as well as professors from the Missouri School of Journalism and several other schools.

The competition is open to members of CRMA and other city and regional magazines throughout North America that qualify. The contest is a 27-year-old national competition and has been coordinated by the University of Missouri School of Journalism on behalf of CRMA for 16 years.

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**The 2012 nominees and winners (• listed first in bold) include:**

**General Excellence 1 (circulation fewer than 30,000)**

- **Honolulu Magazine** [April, May, November]
- 417 Magazine [April, May, August]
- Birmingham Magazine [June, October, November]
- Martha's Vineyard [May/June, September/October, Spring/Summer]
- Memphis Magazine [April, November, December]

**General Excellence 2 (circulation of 30,000 to 60,000)**

- **D Magazine (Dallas)** [March, April, October]
- Cincinnati Magazine [July, September, October]
- Indianapolis Monthly [April, September, October]
- Portland Monthly [June, November, December]
- Seattle Met [August, November, December]

**General Excellence 3 (circulation more than 60,000)**

- **Texas Monthly** [April, October, November]
- 5280 (Denver) [August, November, December]
- Chicago Magazine [July, August, November]
- Los Angeles Magazine [July, September, October]
- Philadelphia Magazine [July, November, December]

**Criticism**

- **Milwaukee Magazine** **Tom Bamberger**  
**“Eyes Wide Open”**

Los Angeles Magazine

**“Time Machine”**  
**“The Real Thing”**

Steve Erickson  
“Desperate City”  
“He Still Matters”  
“Norse Force”

New Orleans Magazine

Jason Berry  
“Where the Continuum Takes Us”  
“Alan Lomax”  
“Fall and Redemption”

Texas Monthly

Christopher Kelly  
“Singular Lady”  
“Nerd Rising”  
“For Real, Y’all”

### **Food or Dining Writing**

• **Chicago Magazine**

**Jeff Ruby**  
**“L20 2.0”**  
**“Future Imperfect”**  
**“Dead Reckoning”**

Atlanta Magazine

Bill Addison  
“The Bean Stalker”  
“Continental Rebound”  
“Cake Walk”

Honolulu Magazine

John Heckathorn  
“Thanh Lam’s New Plan”  
“Street Grindz: Not Just @ Food”  
“Vegivore Month”

Portland Monthly

Karen Brooks  
“Winged Victory”  
“Ramen Rave”  
“The Rise of the Small”

Seattle Met

Jessica Voelker  
“Best Bars 2011”  
“Return to Red Mountain”  
“Tie One On

### **Column**

• **Orange Coast Magazine**

**Laura Saari**  
**“A Lifelong Mission”**  
**“The Silent Network”**  
**“Up in Smoke”**

New Orleans Magazine

Dawn Ruth  
“Learning From Marshal Dillon”  
“Male Call”

St. Louis Magazine

“Make Way for the Rethinkers”  
Ray Hartmann  
“A Hero’s Unwelcome”  
“Max Starkloff’s Revolution”  
“At War With the Girl (Scouts) Next Door”

Texas Monthly

Paul Burka  
“Old College Try”  
“Less Than Hero”  
“Dear Yankee”

Yankee Magazine

Mel Allen  
“The Keeper”  
“The Gift”  
“Christa’s Messenger”

### **Reporting**

#### **• Texas Monthly**

**Pamela Colloff**  
“Church Burners”

Chicago Magazine

Bryan Smith  
“Loss of Innocence”

Philadelphia Magazine

Robert Huber  
“Power, Sex and Secrets”

St. Louis Magazine

Jeannette Cooperman  
“A Family Erased”

St. Louis Magazine

Jarrett Medlin and Jeannette Cooperman  
“Twist of Fate”

### **Personality Profile**

#### **• Washingtonian**

**Tom Bartlett**  
“How Do You Explain Gene Weingarten?”

5280 (Denver)

Julie Dugdale  
“The Right to Live”

Atlanta Magazine

Justin Heckert  
“Her Own Flesh and Blood”

Philadelphia Magazine

Robert Huber  
“Fallen Star”

Yankee Magazine

Justin Shatwell  
“The Memory Keeper”

### **Feature Story**

• **Texas Monthly**

5280 (Denver)

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Atlanta Magazine

Seattle Met

**Skip Hollandsworth**

“**The Lost Boys**”

Robert Sanchez

“Rewrite”

Robert Sanchez

“The Fire Next Door”

Justin Heckert

“The Town That Blew Away”

James Ross Gardner

“The Girl on the Bridge”

**Writer of the Year**

• **Atlanta Magazine**

5280 (Denver)

Indianapolis Monthly

Philadelphia Magazine

Texas Monthly

**Justin Heckert**

Robert Sanchez

Tony Rehagen

Robert Huber

Mimi Swartz

**Excellence in Writing**

• **Washingtonian**

Atlanta Magazine

Los Angeles Magazine

Philadelphia Magazine

Texas Monthly

**March**

May

September

July

April

**Spread Design**

• **Baltimore Magazine**

5280 (Denver)

Atlanta Magazine

Atlanta Magazine

Philadelphia Magazine

“**Mario Sings the Blues**”

“The Last Resort”

“fail.”

“Mad About Madea”

“Is This Guy for Real”

**Feature Design**

• **Texas Monthly**

Los Angeles Magazine

Los Angeles Magazine

Philadelphia Magazine

“**Home Plates**”

“10 Great Walks”

“Breakfast in L.A.”

“The Death of Handwriting”

Texas Monthly

“The Birdman of Texas”

**Redesign**

• **5280 (Denver)**

Buffalo Spree  
Los Angeles Magazine  
Main Line Today  
Marin Magazine

**Photography**

• **Main Line Today**

5280 (Denver)  
B-metro Magazine  
Cincinnati Magazine  
Los Angeles Magazine

**David Sacks**

**“Through His Lens”**

Matt Slaby  
“Horse Whisperer”  
Liesa Cole  
“City Confidential”  
Chris Smith  
“The Last Farmers”  
Gregg Segal  
“Packing Heat”

**Cover Excellence**

• **Philadelphia Magazine**

HOUR Detroit  
Los Angeles Magazine  
Seattle Met  
Texas Monthly

**April, July and November**

May, June and December  
May, October and November  
August, September and December  
March, April and June

**Designer of the Year**

• **Atlanta Magazine**

Boston Magazine  
Los Angeles Magazine  
Texas Monthly  
Texas Monthly

**Eric Capossela**

Chin Wang  
Byron Christian Regej  
Brian Johnson  
Andi Beierman

**Excellence in Design**

• **Texas Monthly**  
5280 (Denver)  
Boston Magazine  
Los Angeles Magazine  
Philadelphia Magazine

**April**  
October  
July  
September  
August

**Reader Service**

• **Chicago Magazine**

Honolulu Magazine  
Orange Coast Magazine  
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Seattle Met

**“The Everything Guide to Finding (and Maintaining) the Best Cut, Color, and Style for Your Hair”**

“Doing Good: Our Guide to Giving Back”  
“Flying Higher”  
“Reality Check”  
“Insider's Guide to Olympic National Park”

**Leisure/Lifestyle Interests**

• **Los Angeles Magazine**

Los Angeles Magazine  
Philadelphia Magazine  
St. Louis Magazine  
Washingtonian

**“Downtown”**

“10 Great Walks”  
“Fall Arts Preview”  
“Big River”  
“16 Great Day Trips”

**Food or Dining Feature Package**

• **Texas Monthly**

Chicago Magazine  
D Magazine (Dallas)  
Los Angeles Magazine  
MPLS St. Paul

**“Home Plates”**

“Ale, Yeah!”  
“Attack of the Double Double”  
“The Ultimate Guide to Chinese Food”  
“Food Fight”

**Civic Journalism**

• **Cleveland Magazine**

5280 (Denver)  
Los Angeles Magazine  
MPLS St. Paul  
Philadelphia Magazine

**“Greetings From Linndale”**

“Direct Fail”  
“Between the Lines”  
“Where Did All the Money Go?”  
“Atlantic City’s Last, Last, Last, Last, Last Chance”

**Special Issue**

- **Atlanta Magazine**  
Diablo Magazine  
Los Angeles Magazine  
Texas Monthly  
Washingtonian

**Hollywood of the South**  
Food Issue  
The L.A. Woman  
March  
November

**Ancillary Publication 1**

- **Memphis Magazine**  
Charlotte Magazine  
Charlotte Magazine  
Martha's Vineyard  
Westchester Magazine

**MBQ: Inside Memphis Business**  
Charlotte Wedding  
Charlotte Home + Garden  
Home & Garden (Spring/Summer)  
Westchester Home

**Ancillary Publication 2**

- **Yankee Magazine**  
  
Boston Magazine  
Chicago Magazine  
D Magazine (Dallas)  
Washingtonian

**Best New England Recipes: Homemade Favorites for Every Season**  
Boston Home  
Chicago Home + Garden  
D CEO: January/February  
Washingtonian Bride & Groom: Winter/Spring

**Community Service Project**

- **MPLS St. Paul**  
Inside Columbia  
St. Louis Magazine  
St. Louis Magazine

**Boutique & Beauty Week**  
2011 Inside Columbia Wine & Food Festival  
Excellence in Nursing Awards  
Food/Wine Design

**Excellence Online**

- **D Magazine (Dallas)**  
Boston Magazine  
Chicago Magazine  
Los Angeles Magazine  
Philadelphia Magazine

**Blog Column**

- **Pittsburgh Magazine**

**Pulling No Punches**



Chicago Magazine  
Cleveland Magazine  
Milwaukee Magazine  
Yankee Magazine

The 312  
Cleveland Magazine Politics  
Murphy's Law  
The Yankee Seeker

### **E-Newsletter**

#### **• Philadelphia Magazine**

Atlanta Magazine  
Chicago Magazine  
Los Angeles Magazine  
Portland Monthly

#### **Foobooz**

Food & Dining News  
Chicago Guide  
The Travel Newsletter  
Eat Beat

### **Multiplatform Storytelling**

#### **• Atlanta Magazine**

Chicago Magazine

Chicago Magazine  
Portland Monthly  
Texas Monthly

#### **“50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”**

“Behind the Scenes with Virgil Abloh, Kanye  
West's Style Adviser”  
“Chicagoans of the Year”  
“Brain Storm”  
“No Country for Bad Movies”

### **Mobile Innovation**

#### **• Texas Monthly**

D Magazine (Dallas)  
Portland Monthly  
Texas Monthly

#### **The Texas Monthly BBQ Finder App**

D Recommends iPhone App  
Portland Monthly Best Restaurants  
Texas Monthly Outdoor Guide App

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