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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 27th Annual National City and Regional Magazine Awards competition announced May 21 at CRMA's annual conference in Las Vegas.

Texas Monthly was the top winner and claimed seven awards. *Atlanta* was not far behind with four prizes to its credit. *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 on its staff 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 en route to claiming 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*, *Rolling Stone*, *Taste of Home*, the *Washington Post*, *Whole Living* and *Women's Health* as well as professors from the Missouri School of Journalism.

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 I (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 II (circulation of 30,000 to 60,000)

• D Magazine	[March, April, October]
Cincinnati Magazine	[July, September, October]
Indianapolis Magazine	[April, September, October]
Portland Monthly	[June, November, December]
Seattle Met	[August, November, December]

General Excellence III (circulation more than 60,000)

• Texas Monthly	[April, October, November]
5280	[August, November, December]
Chicago Magazine	[July, August, November]
Los Angeles Magazine	[July, September, October]
Philadelphia Magazine	[April, October, November]

Criticism

• Milwaukee Magazine	Tom Bamberger "Eyes Wide Open"
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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”
“Make Way for the Rethinkers”

St. Louis Magazine

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 Magazine**

Tom Bartlett
“How Do You Explain Gene Weingarten?”

5280

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

5280

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

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

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**

Buffalo Spree
Los Angeles Magazine
Main Line Today
Marin Magazine

Photography

• **Main Line Today**

5280

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 Magazine
Boston Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine

April
October
July
September
August

Reader Service

• **Chicago Magazine**

Honolulu Magazine
Orange Coast Magazine
Orange Coast Magazine
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
Los Angeles Magazine
MPLS St. Paul Magazine

“Home Plates”

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

Civic Journalism

• **Cleveland Magazine**

5280
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**

Hollywood of the South

Diablo Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Texas Monthly
Washingtonian

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
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**
Boston Magazine
Chicago Magazine
Los Angeles Magazine
Philadelphia Magazine

Blog Column

• **Pittsburgh Magazine**
Chicago Magazine

Pulling No Punches
The 312

Cleveland Magazine
Milwaukee Magazine
Yankee Magazine

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

“50th Anniversary”

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

Mobile Innovation

• Texas Monthly

D Magazine
Portland Monthly
Texas Monthly

The Texas Monthly BBQ Finder App

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