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## **American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) To Honor a Host of Celebrities from Broadcast and Cable at the 2004 Gracie Allen Awards**

*Live with Regis & Kelly's Kelly Ripa, HBO Trailer Tale's Tracey Ullman,  
Law and Order: SVU's Mariska Hargitay, Today Show's Ann Curry,  
All My Children's Eva LaRue, The View's Meredith Vieira and  
Elisabeth Hasselbeck and More Due to Attend*

(McLean, VA – June 17, 2004) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) will honor the 2004 National Gracie Allen Award® winners at a celebrity Gala at the New York Hilton Grand Ballroom on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, hosted by *Live with Regis and Kelly* and *Hope and Faith* star **Kelly Ripa**. The black-tie event will honor and/or draw such luminaries from the world of television, cable and radio including: Oscar-winning and Emmy-nominated icon **Celeste Holm**, who will receive a special tribute award; *Law & Order: SVU* star **Mariska Hargitay**; *All My Children* star **Eva LaRue**; ABC-TV's *The View* co-hosts **Meredith Vieira** and **Elisabeth Hasselbeck**; Court TV's hosts **Catherine Crier**, **Dominick Dunne** and **Nancy Grace**; *Tracey Ullman*; CBS News *The Early Show* anchors **Harry Smith** and **Rene Syler**; NBC *Today Show*'s anchor **Ann Curry**; Fox News Channel's anchors/correspondents **E.D. Hill**, **Rita Cosby** and **Jamie Colby**; National Public Radio's host **Susan Stamberg**; PBS *Washington Week* moderator, **Gwen Ifill**; *O: The Oprah Magazine*'s editor **Gayle King**; WNBA All Star **Rebecca Lobo** and many more.

There will be feature performances by Grammy-winning singer/songwriter **Billy Dean**, holding a spot on the charts for 26 weeks with his single *Only Here for a Little While*; the **Anthony St. James Orchestra**; and the award-winning Broadway salsa troupe, **Dance Times Square**.

The Gracie Allen Awards (also known as the Gracies®) recognizes exemplary programming created for women, by women and about women in all facets of electronic media including radio, television, cable and web-based media. 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 Gracies was established in 1975 to celebrate the contributions and achievements of women in electronic media.

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

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**About AWRT:** The year 2001 marked the 50th Anniversary and a golden highlight for American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) Inc., the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing the impact of women in the electronic media and allied fields. Headquartered in the Washington, DC-metropolitan area, 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 media; serve as a medium for communication and idea exchange; and become active in community concerns.

**About The Foundation of AWRT:** The Foundation of AWRT is the philanthropic arm of American Women in Radio and 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 Allen Awards<sup>®</sup>, a live, New York-based gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.

For more information about AWRT and the Foundation of AWRT, including membership, call its headquarters at (703) 506-3290, or visit its web site at [www.awrt.org](http://www.awrt.org).

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