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American Women in Radio & Television Announces 31st Annual Gracie Award[®] Winners

*Grand Award Winners to be Announced at Annual Awards Gala
Featuring the Biggest Names in Broadcasting and Cable*

February 27, 2006 (McLean, VA) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) is pleased to announce the 2006 winners of the annual Gracie Awards[®]. National award winners will be presented at a black-tie Gala in the Broadway Ballroom of the New York Marriott Marquis on Monday, June 19, 2006. Local market, public and student award winners will be celebrated at a Luncheon the following day, Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at the New York landmark, Tavern on the Green. 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.

Each year, the Gracies Gala attracts the best and the brightest in radio, television, cable and web-based media. This year, from HBO/ *Lackawanna Blues*' **S. Epatha Merkerson** and NBC News Anchor **Ann Curry** to CBS Reporter **Lesley Visser**, Lifetime Television's *Human Trafficking*, Oxygen Media's *Relentless*, and TNT/*The Closer*'s **Kyra Sedgwick**, the National Gracie Allen Award winners represent a broad cross-section of outstanding actors, producers, writers and correspondents (see attached for complete list of winners). Some of the local winners this year include News 12 Connecticut's *Our Lives*, KING-TV's *48 Hour Films*, and NBC 10's *Breaking the Silence*.

"The Gracies statue is so much more than an award. It represents how far women have come in media. I'm amazed every year by the exceptional quality of work that is submitted and am proud to be president of such a fine organization," stated 2006 AWRT President, Chickie Bucco, President of Katz Direct Marketing.

"We received a 15% increase in the number of entries this year," added AWRT Executive Director Maria Efantis Brennan. "It was extremely difficult to choose the winners as the talent pool was so great. We're excited about this year's Gracies and are thrilled to have Dove as our 2006 title sponsor."

The Gracies are presented by the Foundation of AWRT, the philanthropic arm of AWRT that supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Gracie Allen Awards, established in 1975, honor programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable and web-based media, including news, drama, comedy, commercials, public service, documentary, and sports.

Tickets for the Gala are \$275 for AWRT Members, \$300 for Non-Members, and \$350 (if available) at the door. Tickets for the Luncheon are \$140 for AWRT Members, \$165 for Non-Members, and \$175 (if available) at the door. Tickets for the Gala and Luncheon can be purchased online at www.awrt.org.

Sponsored tables are available ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. For more information, please contact Javier Cuebas at (703) 506-3290.

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For more information about the Gracie Allen Awards, please visit www.awrt.org.

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About AWRT: This year, AWRT celebrates its 55th Anniversary, making it 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[®], a live, New York-based gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.

2006 Gracie Allen Awards®
National Award Winners
(In Alphabetical Order)

60 Minutes - Jane Fonda

Outstanding Portrait/Biography
CBS News

60 Minutes - Plan B

Outstanding Investigative Program
CBS News

60 Minutes - Submission

Outstanding Feature – Hard News
CBS News

ABC News Radio - Perspective

Outstanding Feature – Hard News Radio
ABC News

ABC News.com -

"New Title IX Debate: Will Women's Sports Suffer or Men's Sports be Saved?"

Outstanding Interactive Web site
ABC News

ABC News: World News Tonight - Motherhood on Madison Avenue: The Neil French Flap

Outstanding Feature – Hard News
ABC News

Angel of Burundi

Outstanding Feature – Soft News Radio
World Vision Report

Ann Curry for Tsunami and Katrina Coverage

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Anchor (News or News Magazine)
Dateline NBC

Anne Taylor Fleming for Anne Taylor Fleming Essays

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
MacNeil/Lehrer Productions

Asylum (Cinemax Reel Life)

Outstanding Documentary – Short Length Format
Cinemax

Born Into Brothels

Outstanding Feature – Soft News Radio
WNYC Radio – Studio 360

Classical Baby

Outstanding Children/Adolescent
Home Box Office

Death at Memorial Hospital in New Orleans

Outstanding Investigative Program
CNN

ESPN SportsCenter - Baseball Grannies

Outstanding Feature – Soft News
ESPN

ESPN's "Outside the Lines"

Outstanding Sports Program
ESPN

Gilmore Girls

Outstanding Comedy Series
Warner Brothers Television

Helen Hunt for Empire Falls

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Supporting Actress - Drama Special
HBO

Human Trafficking

Outstanding Drama Series
Lifetime Television

Hurricane Katrina Coverage

Outstanding Series
CBS News

Impossible Choices

Outstanding Magazine Program
PBS-TV-Thirteen/WNET New York

Interview with Melanie Bloom

Outstanding Interview Program
CNN/Larry King Live

Kyra Sedgwick for The Closer

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead - Series
Turner Network Television

Lai Ling Jew for Dateline NBC

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - News (Series or Special)
Dateline NBC

Laurie David for Earth to America

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer – Entertainment
Turner Broadcasting System

Lesley Visser

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
CBS

Lia Knight for The Lia Show

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host Radio
Jones Radio Networks

Life's Work with Lisa Belkin

Outstanding Talk Show Radio
XM Satellite Radio

Lisa Kudrow for The Comeback

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead - Comedy Series
Home Box Office

Literary Friendships with Garrison Keillor

Outstanding Magazine Program Radio
Prairie Home Productions

Making It Big - Tips with Linda Kaplan Thaler

Outstanding Commercial - Campaign
Oxygen Media

Marijana Wotton for Bearing Witness

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Director - News (Series or Special)

Monica Horan for Everybody Loves Raymond

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Supporting Actress - Comedy Series
Home Box Office

Movies 101: Jennifer Aniston

Outstanding Talk Show
AMC (American Movie Classics)

Multitasking Mindfully

Outstanding Documentary - Short Length Format
Radio
ABC Radio Network

Nancy Grace Investigates

Outstanding Talk Show
Court TV

No Place for a Woman

Outstanding Documentary - Long Length Format
Radio
American Radioworks and Minnesota Public Radio

Relentless

Outstanding Reality Show
Oxygen Media

S. Epatha Merkerson for Lackawanna Blues

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Female Lead - Mini Series
Home Box Office

Satellite Sisters

Outstanding Talk Show Radio
ABC Radio Networks

Subrata De for NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Producer - News (Series or Special)
NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

Suze Orman for the Suze Orman Show

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host
CNBC

The Children of Leningradsky

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format
Cinemax

The Fifth Estate - Fasten Your Seatbelts

Outstanding Public Affairs
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

The Passionate Eye - Sex Slaves

Outstanding Documentary - Long Length Format
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

To Catch A Predator

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format
Dateline NBC

Top Story Rewind - Podcast

Outstanding Collaboration Between Broadcast
Interactive Web site
The Palm Beach Post

While the World Watched

Outstanding Public Affairs Program Radio
Lee Woodman Media, Inc.

Who's Your Daddy

Outstanding Feature – Soft News
CNN

Women Rock! Our Journey with Melissa Etheridge

Outstanding Special Program
Lifetime Television

Yesterday

Outstanding Drama
Home Box Office

2006 Gracie Allen Awards®
Local, Public and Student Award Winners
(In Alphabetical Order)

"Lead Safe" PSA Campaign

Outstanding Public Service Announcement - Campaign
NJN Public Television
Market: Local 1-25
Trenton, NJ

48 Hour Films

Outstanding Reality Show
KING - TV
Market: Local 1-25
Seattle, WA

A Map of the Body

Outstanding Special Program Radio
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Market: Local 26+
Newfoundland, Canada

A System Saving Lives

Outstanding Public Service Announcement – Campaign Radio
American Institutes for Research
Market: Local 1-25
Silver Spring, MD

A Woman Surrounded by Water

Outstanding Feature – Soft News Radio
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Market: Local 26+
Newfoundland, Canada

Anaka

Outstanding Feature – Soft News
KFOR
Market: Local 26+
Oklahoma City, OK

Backstage with Regis and Kelly

Outstanding Special Program
KTRK-TV
Market: Local 1-25
Houston, TX

Bloomberg Big Picture

Outstanding Series Radio
WBBR - Bloomberg Radio
Market: Local 1-25
New York, NY

Breaking the Silence

Outstanding Documentary – Short Length Format
NBC 10
Market: Local 26+
Cranston, RI

Breast Cancer: Fighting a Recurrence

Outstanding Public Affairs Program
WABC-TV
Market: Local 1-25
New York, NY

C. Virginia Fields Profile

Outstanding Feature – Soft News Radio
WFUV-FM
Market: Student
Bronx, NY

Challenging the Ban on Online Liquor & Wine

Outstanding Talk Show Radio
Justice Talking
Market: Public
Washington, DC

Colorado Sports Women 2005

Outstanding Sports Program
CBS4 - TV, Denver
Market: Local 1-25
Denver, CO

Eva Wunderman

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Director - News (Series or Special)
Wunderman Film Inc.
Market: Public
Hope, British Columbia

Eva Aguirre Cooper

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
NBC / WOOD TV8
Market: Local 26+
Grand Rapids, MI

Exceptional Women

Outstanding Portrait/Biography Program Radio
Greater Media, Magic 106.7, WMJX
Market: Local 1-25
Boston, MA

Gillian Neff

*Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent*
News 12 Connecticut
Market: Local 1-25
Norwalk, CT

Her Story - Women of Science

Outstanding Special Program
WAMC - National Productions
Market: Public
Albany, NY

Heroin: A Dose of Reality

Outstanding Documentary – Short Length Format
Rowan University
Market: Student
Glassboro, NJ

Identity Crisis

Outstanding News Series
KXAS
Market: Local 1-25
Fort Worth, TX

Jane McGarry

*Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Anchor (News or News Magazine)*
KXAS
Market: Local 1-25
Fort Worth, TX

Join the Food Chain!

*Outstanding Public Service Announcement -
Single Entry*
Women in Film, Dallas
Market: Local 26+
Dallas, TX

Judicial Review

Outstanding Feature – Hard News
Jumpstart Productions – “NOW” on PBS
Market: Public
New York, NY

**Keep You Here/A Message from the Maine
Breast & Cervical Health Program**

*Outstanding Public Service Announcement -
Campaign*
Burgess Advertising & Associates, Inc.
Market: Local 26+
Portland, ME

Kellie MacMullan

*Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Anchor (News or News Magazine)*
KRDO-TV
Market: Local 26+
Colorado Springs, CO

Land and Sea - The Northern Nurse

Outstanding Magazine Program
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Market: Local 26+
Toronto, ON

Maranda #33

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Program
ABC / WOTV 4
Market: Local 26+
Comstock Market: Publick, NJ

Marcia Neville Burke

*Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host (News or
Entertainment)*
CBS4 - TV, Denver
Market: Local 1-25
Denver, CO

Midmorning

Outstanding Interview Program Radio
Minnesota Public Radio News
Market: Public
St. Paul, MN

Motherhood Lost: Conversations

Outstanding Talk Show
GMU - TV
Market: Local 26+
Fairfax, VA

Nonprofit Drug Company

Outstanding Documentary – Short Length Format
California Connected
Market: Local 1-25
Los Angeles, CA

North Carolina Voices: Understanding Poverty

Outstanding Series Radio
North Carolina Public Radio-WUNC
Market: Public
Chapel Hill, NC

Off the Mark

Outstanding Investigative Program
WMAQ-TV NBC
Market: Local 1-25
Chicago, IL

On The Scene: In Black and White

Outstanding Feature – Soft News
News 12 New Jersey
Market: Local 1-25
Edison, NJ

Our Lives

Outstanding Talk Show
News 12 Connecticut
Market: Local 1-25
Norwalk, CT

Market: Part of My Soul: The Odyssey of a Child of Genocide

Outstanding Portrait/Biography
NECN (New England Cable News)
Market: Local 1-25
Newton, MA

Protect Our Children: Teenage Girls Fighting Sexual Abuse

Outstanding Feature – Hard News
WABC-TV
Market: Local 1-25
New York, NY

Race in Reality

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format
WOOD TV
Market: Local 26+
Grand Rapids, MI

Sharon Glassman's "The Laggy Awards"

Outstanding Comedy Series Radio
WFUV-FM
Market: Public
Bronx, NY

Shelley Irwin

Individual Achievement Award
Outstanding Program Host Radio
WGVU
Market: Public
Grand Rapids, MI

Smart Choices, Safe Kids

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format
WMAQ-TV
Market: Local 1-25
Chicago, IL

Teaching A Woman to Fish

Outstanding Feature – Soft News
Washington State University
Market: Student
Pullman, WA

The Kathy & Judy Show

Outstanding Talk Show Radio
WGN Radio 720
Market: Local 1-25
Chicago, IL

The Pit: Women Commodities Traders

Outstanding Feature – Soft News Radio
Marketplace
Market: Public
New York, NY

The Undiscovered Explorer: Imagining York

Outstanding Documentary – Mid-Length Format
Radio
Oregon Public Broadcasting
Market: Public
Berkeley, CA

The Women's Room with Kelly King

Outstanding Public Affairs Program Radio
Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM
Market: Student
Glassboro, NJ

Voices of Our World

Outstanding Public Affairs Program Radio
Maryknoll Productions
Market: Local 26+
Maryknoll, NY

What's the Matter with Kansas?

Outstanding Documentary – Short Length Format
Jumpstart Productions, "NOW" on PBS
Market: Public
New York, NY

Women and Media

Outstanding Special Program
George Mason University Television (GMU - TV)
Market: Local 26+
Fairfax, VA