37th Annual Gracie National Award® Winners Are Announced

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The awards will be presented at a black-tie Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, CA on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. This black-tie event will be hosted by Angela Kinsey of the award-winning TV show The Office. Local market, public and student award winners will be announced later this week. In preparation for the awards Gala, Gracie Award statues are being engraved for such talented women as Christina Applegate, Giada de Laurentiis, Delilah, Angie Harmon and Rachel Maddow and in recognition of such dynamic programming as ABC’s Revenge, CBS News’ 60 Minutes and OWN’s Oprah’s Master Class.

The Gracies each year recognize exemplary programming created for women, by women and about women in all facets of media and entertainment, as well as individuals who have made contributions to the industry. The awards program also encourages the realistic and multifaceted portrayal of women in entertainment, news, features and other programs.

Each year the Gracies Gala attracts the best and brightest in all aspects of the media. In addition to the above, this year’s national winners include: E!’s Chelsea Lately; HBO’s Game of Thrones’ Emilia Clarke; CNN’s Elizabeth Cohen; Lifetime’s Five; NPR’s Lulu Garcia-Navarro; Oxygen Network's The Glee Project; MTV's Lady Gaga: Inside the Outside; ESPN’s Women’s World Cup Coverage—representing a broad cross-section of outstanding actors, reporters, stories and programs.

“This year’s Gracie Award winners exemplify the profound impact women are making on all forms of media,” stated 2012 AWMF Chair Valerie Blackburn. “We look forward to honoring talented individuals and outstanding programming during the Gracies Gala.”

The Gracies are presented by the AWM Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AWM, which supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public and women in the media. The Gracie 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, public service, documentary and sports.

“We are proud to recognize women who create innovative, intelligent, and insightful programming,” said AWMF President Erin M. Fuller, CAE. “The Gracies continues to be the preeminent opportunity to celebrate women’s accomplishments and contributions to the media industry.”

Supporting the Gracies is synonymous with supporting women’s achievements in all facets of media and entertainment.

2012 Gracie Award Winners:

2011 FIFA Women’s World Cup – USA vs Brazil
Outstanding Sports Program
ESPN

60 Minutes: Christine Lagarde
Outstanding Interview Program or Feature
CBS News

Angie Harmon
Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role in a Drama Series or Special

America Needs Young and Energetic Entrepreneurs!
Turner/Rizzoli & Isles

Because I’m a Girl
Outstanding Soft News Feature
CNN

Callie Thorne
Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role in a Drama Series or Special
USA Network/Necessary Roughness

Carrie Brownstein
Outstanding Female Actor in a Supporting Role in a Comedy Series or Special
IFC/Portlandia

CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley: Summer Hunger– Woman Tries to Fight U.S. Child Hunger
Outstanding Hard News Feature
The CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley

Chelsea Lately
Outstanding Talk Show – Entertainment/ Information
NBC Universal/E!

Christina Applegate
Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role in a Comedy Series or Special
Universal Television/Up All Night

CNBC 360: Innovation with Maria Bartiromo
Outstanding Commercial / Promotion
CNBC

Constance Marie
Outstanding Female Actor in a Supporting Role in a Drama Series or Special
ABC Family/Switched at Birth

Giada de Laurentiis
Outstanding Host – Lifestyle
Scripps Networks Interactive/Food Network
Deb Carson
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
Fox Sports Radio

Delilah
Outstanding Host – Entertainment/Information
Premiere Networks

Elizabeth Cohen
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
CNN

Emilia Clarke
Outstanding Female Rising Star in a Drama Series or Special
HBO/Game of Thrones

Five
Outstanding Drama
Lifetime

Florence Henderson
Outstanding Host – Entertainment/Information
RLTV

Hannah Storm
Outstanding Producer – Entertainment
espnW

Harry's Law
Outstanding Drama
Warner Bros. Television

Hot in Cleveland
Outstanding Comedy
TV Land

Lady Gaga: Inside the Outside
Outstanding Documentary
MTV
Lisa Mullins
Outstanding Anchor – News or News Magazine
PRI's The World

Lizzy Weiss
Outstanding Producer-Entertainment
ABC Family/Switched at Birthday

Loretta Devine
Outstanding Female Actor in a Featured Role
ABC/Grey's Anatomy

Lulu Garcia-Navarro
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
NPR

Miss Representation
Outstanding Documentary
Miss Representation

Oprah's Master Class
Outstanding Portrait/Biography
OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

Rachel Maddow
Outstanding Host – News/Non-Fiction
MSNBC

Revenge
Outstanding Drama
ABC Studios

Rising Violence in California Psychiatric Hospitals
Outstanding Series
NPR
Sarah Shahi
Outstanding Female Actor in a Breakthrough Role
USA Network/Fairly Legal

Savannah Guthrie
Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent
NBC News/TODAY Show

Season 25: Oprah Behind The Scenes
Outstanding Reality Show
OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

Seriously Funny Kids with Heidi Klum
Outstanding – Children/Adolescent Non-Animated Program
Lifetime

Sheila Nevins
Outstanding Producer – News/Non-Fiction
HBO Documentary Films/Gloria: In Her Own Words

Sheri Lynch’s Commencement Address
Outstanding Talk Show – Entertainment/Information
Greater Media Charlotte

Susanne Rostock
Outstanding Director – News/Non-Fiction
HBO Documentary Films/Sing Your Song

The Glee Project
Outstanding Reality Show
Oxygen

The Peace Corps: Trust Betrayed
Outstanding Investigative Program or Feature
ABC News

TODAY Show
Outstanding Talk Show – News

NBC News

Tricia Brock

Outstanding Director – Entertainment

Universal Television/30 Rock

Wow! Look at all the nominees. I like this alliance. These women are outstanding. I am happy Oprah's OWN is in there! She is the best…but then again others are really special as well.

Rating: 5.0/5 (1 vote cast)

Nina

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This is a very nice read! Great women!

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These are exceptional women who actually make it possible for TV be as successful as it is.