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Wilbur Awards

RCC Names 2006 Wilbur Awards Recipients

Dallas, TX -- The 2006 Wilbur Awards, recognizing outstanding work in the secular media featuring religious issues, themes and values, will be presented here April 1st at the Austin Ranch.

The annual awards are presented by the Religion Communicators Council (RCC) and are named for Marvin C. Wilbur, a pioneer in the field of religion public relations.

The Wilbur Awards banquet and recognition ceremony will conclude the annual RCC national convention being held here March 30-April 1. RCC, based in New York, is a 77-year-old interfaith organization of professional communicators working in the field of religion. It is the oldest and largest organization of its kind.

The awards to be presented, for work done in 2005, are:

- **Newspapers, Top Markets (Section):** *Boston Globe*, "A Life History" (special section on the death of John Paul II. Michael Paulson, Writer.
- **Newspaper, Other Markets:** *The Sacramento Bee*, "The Gift." Jennifer Garza, Writer
- **Newspaper Columns, Top Markets:** *Detroit Free Press*, "Our Spirit." David Crumm, Columnist.
- **Newspapers Columns, Other Markets:** *Sioux City Journal*, "I Believe." Kathy Yoder, Columnist.
- **Newspaper Religion Sections:** *Dallas Morning News*, "Spirituality and Values." Bruce Tomaso, Religion Editor.
- **Editorial Cartoons/Comics:** John Sherffius, Highland Ranch, CO.
- **Magazines, National:** *Time Magazine*, "Hail Mary: A series on Mary and Joseph" David Van Biema, Writer.
- **Magazines, Specialized:** *Columbia Journalism Review*, "Stations of the Cross: The Rise and Fall of Faith Based News," Mariah Blake, Writer.
- **Books/Fiction:** "The Zahir," Paulo Coelho, Writer; HarperCollins Publishers, New York.
- **Books/Non-Fiction:** "Augustine: A New Biography," James J. O'Donnell, Writer. HarperCollins Publishers, New York
- **Film/Theatrical:** "Cape of Good Hope," Suzanne Kay, Producer. Wonder View Films, New York.

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- **Film/TV:** “Scared Sacred,” *VisionTV*, Toronto, ON. Velcrow Ripper, Director/Writer. Cari Green and Harry Sutherland (ScaredSacred) and Tracey Friesen (National Film Board of Canada) Producers. Rina Fraticelli (National Film Board of Canada) Executive Producer. Executive Producer for *VisionTV*, Alberta Nokes. Commissioning Editor for VisionTV Maureen Levitt.
- **TV/National News Episode or Series:** “NBC News Meet the Press – Faith in America” NBC News, Washington, DC.
- **TV/Local News:** “In God We Trust,” KWQC-TV, Davenport, IA. Randy Biery, Photographer. Fran Riley, Reporter.
- **TV/Documentary:** “The Fires That Burn: The Life and Work of Sister Elaine MacInnes,” *VisionTV*, Toronto, ON. Hilary Pryor, Director/Producer/Writer, Garfield Lindsay-Miller, Producer/Writer, Maureen Levitt, Alberta Nokes, Executive Producers.
- **TV/Commercials/PSAs:** “The More You Know,” NBC Universal, New York.
- **Radio:** “State of Affairs: Prayer,” WFPL, Louisville, KY. Robin Fisher, Producer.

Co-hosts for this year’s ceremonies will be Jody Dean and Lori Allen. Dean is an Emmy Award-winning broadcast veteran, anchoring the CBS-affiliate afternoon news, and host of the morning show on their sister radio station. Allen is the News Director of FamilyNet, a family-focused and faith-based television network in Fort Worth.

Each Wilbur Award winner will receive a stained-glass trophy.

For more information and detail about the 2006 Wilbur Award winners and the Religion Communicators Council visit the RCC web site at www.religioncommunicators.org.