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MEDIA RELEASE

25th Anniversary

Media Peace Awards 2003

Finalists Announced

30 September, 2003



The United Nations Association of Australia have announced the finalists for the 2003 Media Peace Awards (**see list attached**).

The Media Peace Awards, now in their 25th year, acknowledge the vital role that the media plays in building a peaceful society. These national awards are presented annually to members of the Australian media whose contributions promote values of cooperation and mediation, rather than conflict and violence.

Calls for tolerance and the celebration of diversity were the most common themes in this year's nominations, reflecting the concerns that have dominated political and social debate in Australia over the past twelve months. A large amount of reportage and analysis was devoted to refugee issues and of course the USA led 'war against terror'.

The major awards are judged across print, television, radio and for the first time photojournalism. Special awards are also given for the promotion of specific social issues, such as Aboriginal reconciliation, multicultural issues, understanding of women's rights, environmental issues and the promotion of positive images of the older person.

This year a record number of entries were received, presenting the preliminary judges with an extremely challenging task. Finalists were chosen on the basis that their work demonstrated balanced media reporting, served to improve public awareness and fostered understanding about specific issues.

The winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation Dinner, at the ANZ Pavilion, Victorian Arts Centre in Melbourne on United Nations Day, October 24. The evening will be hosted by Mr Kerry O'Brien, ABC 7.30 Report.

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MEDIA PEACE AWARDS 2003

FINALISTS

MAJOR AWARDS

BEST TELEVISION

"Family Foibles"

Steve Thomas

Flying Carpet Films for ABC TV

"Congo – Blue Helmets Under Siege"

Bronwyn Adcock

Dateline, SBS Television

"Inside Nauru – Pacific Despair"

Bronwyn Adcock

Dateline, SBS Television

BEST RADIO

"Customary Law"

Antony Funnell

The Law Report, ABC Radio National

"Asylum-seekers: then and now"

Paul Gray

"Gray Matter", Light FM

"Child Abuse and Exploitation in the Philippines"

Kanaha Sabapathy

ABC Radio Australia

"Project 1453"

Lyn Gallacher

ABC Radio National

BEST PRINT

"War in Iraq"

Paul McGeough

The Sydney Morning Herald & The Age

"Iraq – The Peoples War and Ali's Story"

John Feder & Peter Wilson

News Limited

"Inside Baxter"

Russell Skelton

The Age

"Righting the Wrong: Achieving Reparations for the Stolen Generations"

John T Rush QC

Alternative Law Journal

PHOTO JOURNALISM

"Pre War Iraq"

Jason South

The Age

"Iraq – The Peoples War and Ali's Story"

John Feder

News Limited

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

PROMOTION OF ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

"Iga Warta"

Nance Haxton
The World Today – ABC Radio Current Affairs

"Perspective: The Myall Creek Massacre"

Keri Phillips
ABC Radio National

"Righting the Wrong: Achieving Reparations for the Stolen Generations"

John T Rush QC
Alternative Law Journal

PROMOTION OF MULTICULTURAL ISSUES

"Darwin: Eye of the Storm"

David Busch & Jim Ussher
Encounter Series, ABC Radio National

"Good Heavens....Don't You Speak English Well"

Adam Harvey
Sunday Telegraph

"Leap of Faith"

Fanou Filali
Insight, SBS TV

"Project 1453 Anniversary"

Natasha Cuculovski
Worldview, SBS Radio

PROMOTION OF UNDERSTANDING AND RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

"Zambia – Can Beggars Be Choosers?"

Bronwyn Adcock
Dateline, SBS Television

"World Water Forum Series"

Alexandra de Blas & Jackie May
Earthbeat ABC Radio National

"Bird in the Hand"

John Millard, Ian Harley, Anthony Sines, Mark Smith & Robert Hodgson
Australian Story, ABC Television

"Muddy Waters – Life and Death on the Great Barrier Reef"

Sally Ingleton, Tony Wright & Stuart Menzies
Film Australia in association with December Films

INCREASING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ISSUES

"Slovakia – The Sterilisation of Roma Women"

Bronwyn Adcock
Dateline, SBS Television

"Tricked, Trafficked and Terrified"

Natalie O'Brien & Elisabeth Wynhausen
The Australian Newspaper

"Plumpton High Babies"

Aviva Ziegler & Julian Russell
Film Australia in association with 220 Productions

PROMOTION OF POSITIVE IMAGES OF THE OLDER PERSON

"Glenroy Grannies"

Natasha Johnson & Steven Baras-Miller

7.30 Report, ABC TV

"The Asylum Seekers"

Linda Neil, Sharon Davis & Phillip Ulman

Radio Eye, ABC Radio National

"Show Queen"

Sean Murphy

Landline, ABC Television