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### **WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2007 WRITERS GUILD AWARDS**

**Los Angeles and New York** – The Writers Guild of America, West (WGAW) and the Writers Guild of America, East (WGAE) announced the winners of the 2007 Writers Guild Awards for outstanding achievement in writing for screen, television and radio writing in gala ceremonies at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles and the Hudson Theatre in New York on Sunday, February 11, 2007.

#### **SCREEN WINNERS**

##### **ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY**

*Little Miss Sunshine*, Written by **Michael Arndt**, Fox Searchlight Pictures

##### **ADAPTED SCREENPLAY**

*The Departed*, Screenplay by **William Monahan**, Based on the Motion Picture *Infernal Affairs*, Written by Alan Mak and Felix Chong, Warner Bros. Pictures

##### **DOCUMENTARY SCREENPLAY**

*Deliver Us from Evil*, Written by **Amy Berg**, Lionsgate Entertainment

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## **TELEVISION WINNERS**

### **DRAMATIC SERIES**

*The Sopranos*, Written by **Mitchell Burgess, David Chase, Diane Frolov, Robin Green, Andrew Schneider, Matthew Weiner, Terence Winter**; HBO

### **COMEDY SERIES**

*The Office*, Written by **Steve Carell, Jennifer Celotta, Greg Daniels, Lee Eisenberg, Brent Forrester, Ricky Gervais, Mindy Kaling, Paul Lieberstein, Stephen Merchant, B.J. Novak, Michael Schur, Gene Stupnitsky**; NBC

### **NEW SERIES**

*Ugly Betty*, Written by **Veronica Becker, Oliver Goldstick, Silvio Horta, Sarah Kucserka, Sheila Lawrence, Cameron Litvack, Myra Jo Martino, Jim Parriott, Marco Pennette, Dailyn Rodriguez, Don Todd**; ABC

### **EPISODIC DRAMA – any length – one airing time**

*Pilot (Big Love)*, Witten by **Mark V. Olsen & Will Scheffer**; HBO

### **EPISODIC COMEDY – any length – one airing time**

*Casino Night (The Office)*, Written by **Steve Carell**; NBC

### **LONG FORM – ORIGINAL – over one hour – one or two parts, one or two airing times**

*Flight 93*, Written by **Nevin Schreiner**; A&E

### **ANIMATION – any length – one airing time**

*The Italian Bob (The Simpsons)*, Written by **John Frink**; FOX

### **COMEDY/VARIETY – MUSIC, AWARDS, TRIBUTES – SPECIALS – any length**

*The National Memorial Day Concert*, Written by **Joan Meyerson**; PBS

**COMEDY/VARIETY – (Including Talk) SERIES**

*Saturday Night Live*, Head Writers **Tina Fey, Seth Meyers, Andrew Steele**; Writers **Doug Abeles, James Anderson, Alex Baze, Liz Cackowski, Charlie Grandy, Steve Higgins, Colin Jost, Erik Kenward, John Lutz, Lorne Michaels, Matt Murray, Paula Pell, Akiva Schaffer, Frank Sebastiano, T. Sean Shannon, Robert Smigel, JB Smoove, Emily Spivey, Jorma Taccone, Bryan Tucker**; Additional sketches by **Mike Schwartz, Kristin Gore**; NBC

**DAYTIME SERIALS**

*As the World Turns*, Written by **Jean Passanante, Leah Laiman, Christopher Whitesell, Courtney Simon, Anna Cascio, Lisa Connor, Paula Cwikly, Hogan Sheffer, Judy Tate, Bettina Bradbury, Richard Culliton, Susan Dansby, Judy Donato, Josh Griffith, Elizabeth Page, Melissa Salmons, Charlotte Gibson**; CBS

**CHILDREN'S EPISODIC & SPECIALS**

*Premiere (Just for Kicks)*, Written by **Alana Sanko**; Nickelodeon

**DOCUMENTARY — CURRENT EVENTS**

*The Dark Side*, Written by **Michael Kirk**; PBS Frontline

**DOCUMENTARY — OTHER THAN CURRENT EVENTS**

*Marie Antoinette*, Written by **David Grubin**; PBS

**NEWS — REGULARLY SCHEDULED, BULLETIN OR BREAKING REPORT**

*Remembering Lou Rawls*, Written by **Jonathan Kaplan**; CBS News

**NEWS — ANALYSIS, FEATURE, OR COMMENTARY**

*Crisis Mismanagement (America's Investigative Reports)*, Written by **Tom M. Jennings**; PBS

## RADIO WINNERS

### NEWS — REGULARLY SCHEDULED

*World News This Week*, Written by **Jeffrey Veatch**; ABC

### NEWS — ANALYSIS, FEATURE OR COMMENTARY

*America's Heroes: Triumph and Inspiration*, Written by **Stu Chamberlain**; ABC

## PROMOTION WRITING AND GRAPHIC ART WINNERS

### ON-AIR PROMOTION (RADIO OR TELEVISION)

*A Playwright's Genius, Enter the New World, Inside Law and Order, My Grandmother's Garden, The Quill Awards: Write it Down, The Russians are Coming*, Written by **Michelle Straebler**; WNBC

### TELEVISION GRAPHIC ART

*Courtroom Sketching*, **William J. Hennessy Jr.**; ABC

### TELEVISION GRAPHIC ANIMATION

*Saturday Early Show*, **Monica DiNatale Eureyecko**; CBS

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Emmy-winning writer/comedian **Robert Wuhl** hosted the West Coast show, which was executive produced by Blaze Television's **Conor McAnally** and **Bart Peters**. Presenters scheduled to appear at the gala event in Los Angeles included: **JJ Abrams, Neal Baer, Glen Charles, Les Charles, Marc Cherry, Greg Daniels, Diane English, Spike Feresten, Morgan Freeman, Antwone Fisher, Ben Garant, Georgia Jeffries, Tom Lennon, David Milch, Diana Ossana, Aaron Sorkin, Robert Towne, Steve Zaillian,** and **John Sacret Young**. Also in attendance were: **Steve Carell, Dan Castellaneta, Ivan Reitman,** and **Jay Roach**.

**Tina Fey**, star, executive producer, and writer of *30 Rock* and an Emmy Award-winner for writing on *Saturday Night Live*, hosted the event in New York. The event was produced by **Anne Marie Gaynor**, coordinated by **Marsha Manns**, and the head writer

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was **David Steven Cohen**. Presenters scheduled to attend in New York included: **Alec Baldwin, Matthew Broderick, Kristin Chenoweth, Jim Downey, Griffin Dunne, Kathryn Erbe, Susie Essman, Edie Falco, Harvey Fierstein, Nancy Giles, Gilbert Gottfried, Robert Klein, Jane Krakowski, John Leguizamo, Christopher Meloni, Rita Moreno, Tracy Morgan, Charles Osgood, Sarah Jessica Parker, Mo Rocca, Andy Rooney, and Jamie-Lynn Sigler**. Music during the ceremony was provided by **The Mark Pender Band**. Also in attendance were: **Robert Duvall, David Chase, Miramax's Chris Brescia, and Rick Burns and Arthur and Barbara Gelb** from *American Experience*.

The Writers Guild of America, West presented special honors to: **Robert Benton** – Screen Laurel Award; **John Wells** – Paddy Chayefsky Laurel Award for Television; **Larry Gelbart** – Valentine Davies Award; and **Daryl G. Nickens** – Morgan Cox Award.

The Writers Guild of America, East presented special honors to: **Lorne Michaels** – Herb Sargent Award for Comedy Excellence; **Andrew Bergman** – Ian McLellan Hunter Award For Lifetime Achievement in Writing; **Joan Didion** – Evelyn F. Burkey Award for contributions bringing honor and dignity to writers everywhere; and **Gail Lee** – Jablow Award for devoted service to the Guild.

The West Coast show's credits included: head writer **Dave Boone**; talent producer **Steven Schillaci**, and production designer **Dave Edwards**.

Credits for the East ceremony include talent coordinators **Lisa Phillips** and **Kristina Weldon**. Among others, the show was written by staff members from *The Daily Show*, *Saturday Night Live*, and *Late Night With Conan O'Brien*.

For any press questions about the Los Angeles awards ceremony, please contact **Jody Frisch** in the WGAW's Public Affairs Office at: (323) 782-4574; email: [jfrisch@wga.org](mailto:jfrisch@wga.org); for any press questions about the New York awards ceremony, please contact **Sherry Goldman**: (718) 224-4133; email: [sherry@goldmanpr.net](mailto:sherry@goldmanpr.net).

For more information about the 2007 Writers Guild Awards, please visit [www.wga.org](http://www.wga.org) or [www.wgaeast.org](http://www.wgaeast.org).

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