

AJAs Announces 2017 Finalists

HALIFAX, April 28, 2018 /CNW/ - A celebration of excellence in Atlantic Canadian journalism was held tonight during the 37th Atlantic Journalism Awards, at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. The gold and silver awards were as follows:

Best Page Presentation: Newspaper

The gold winner was: Victoria Bond - Telegraph-Journal - Saint John, NB - The nature of nature.

Photojournalism News

The gold winner was: Diane Doiron - For The Canadian Press - Pointe Sapin, NB - The fire within.

Photojournalism Portrait/Feature

The gold winner was: Chris Donovan - Freelance Photographer - CBC NB - Hampton, NB - Patricia's dolls.

Atlantic Magazine Article

The gold winner was: Tom Cheney/Nick Hawkins - Atlantic Salmon Journal - Chamcook, NB - Sons of the river.

Atlantic Magazine: Best Cover

The gold winner was: At Home on the North Shore - Pictou, NS - Spring 2017: Strait Up.

Atlantic Magazine: Best Profile Article

The gold winner was: Janet Wallace - Saltscapes - Bedford, NS - Free Range.

Breaking/Spot News Reporting: Print and Online

The gold winner was: Bobbi-Jean MacKinnon/Rachel Cave - CBC NB - Saint John, NB - Murder in Alberta.

Breaking News Radio

The gold winner was: CBC Radio Labrador Morning Team - CBC NL - Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL - Mud Lake evacuation.

Breaking News/Spot News: Television

The gold winner was: Bart Fraize - NTV - St. John's, NL - Froude Avenue fire.

Enterprise Reporting: Print

The gold winner was: Karissa Donkin/Shane Fowler - CBC NB - Fredericton, NB - The lost children.

Enterprise Reporting: Radio

The gold winner was: Robert Jones - CBC NB - Saint John, NB - Property tax scandal.

Enterprise Reporting: Television

The gold winner was: Rob Antle/Ariana Kelland/Jen White/Fred Hutton/Paul Pickett - CBC NL - St. John's, NL - Public figure, private turmoil.

Feature Writing: Print

The gold winner was: Chelsea Murray - The Deep - Halifax, NS - How not to die.

Feature Writing: Radio

The gold winner was: Elizabeth McMillan - CBC NS - Halifax, NS - Atlantic Voice: Returning to their roots.

Feature Writing: Television

The gold winner was: Sabrina Fabian/Jean-Francois Bisson - CBC NS - Halifax, NS - Climate change taking toll on mental health of Inuit.

Business Reporting: Any Medium

The gold winner was: Karen Pinchin - The Deep - Halifax, NS - Catch and release.

Sports Reporting: Any Medium

The gold winner was: Maria Jose Burgos - CBC NB - Fredericton, NB - Transgender athletes thwarted in pursuit of university sports.

Arts & Entertainment Reporting: Any Medium

The gold winner was: Zach Goudie/Mark Cumby - CBC NL - St. John's, NL - Still some more to go.

Commentary: Any Medium

The gold winner was: Maggie Rahr - The Chronicle Herald - Halifax, NS - #MeToo The man who raped me moved into my neighbourhood.

Video Journalist: Television

The gold winner was: Brett Ruskin - CBC NS - Halifax, NS - Show of work.

Best Community Newspaper News Story

The gold winner was: Kyle Greenham - Northern Pen - St. Anthony, NL - Williams Harbour resettlement.

Editorial Cartooning

The gold winner was: Bruce MacKinnon - The Chronicle Herald - Halifax, NS - Show of work.

Best Information News Radio Program (Selected Program)

The gold winner was: Verglas 2017: Émission spéciale du 29 janvier - Radio-Canada Acadie - Moncton, NB.

Best Radio Newscast (Selected Newscast)

The gold winner was: VOXM 1 PM News May 17, 2017 - VOXM - St. John's, NL.

Best Television News Broadcast

The gold winner was: Here & Now October 30, 2017 - CBC NL - St. John's, NL.

The Jim MacNeill New Journalist Award

The gold winner was: Maria Jose Burgos - CBC NB - Fredericton, NB - Show of work.

Best Student Journalism

The gold winner was: University of King's College Students - The Signal - Halifax, NS - 9:04:35.

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The Atlantic Journalism Awards has been a continuous annual celebration of journalistic excellence and achievement in Atlantic Canada since 1981. It is now managed by a volunteer industry board of directors representing print and broadcast news organizations. Contact Bill Skerrett at the AJAs office: (Tel) 902-425-2727; (Email) office@AJAs.ca



Leith Orr, right, president of Newspapers Atlantic presents Maurice Rees, publisher of the Shoreline Journal a Gold Quill award at the Newspaper Atlantic annual conference held in Charlottetown on May 30, 2014. Beginning his career in Woodstock, New Brunswick in 1963 Rees has worked with newspapers in Woodstock, NB, Digby, Yarmouth, Halifax and in January 2008 co-purchased the Shoreline Journal. The inscription on the granite plaque reads, "The Gold Quill presented to Maurice Robert Rees by the Canadian Community Newspaper Association in recognition of 50 years of distinguished service to the Newspaper Industry. May 30, 2014"

What are the AJAs ?

The Atlantic Journalism Awards, established in 1981, is a highly regarded annual program which recognizes journalistic excellence and achievement in print and electronic news media in Atlantic Canada. The AJAs is a federally incorporated non-profit organization and is directed by a volunteer industry Board of Directors. The project is financed by a number of supporters. In recent years close to 400 entries have been received from Atlantic Canadian journalists in the 23 print, radio, and television categories. There are also a number of journalism student awards. Entries are submitted in English et aussi en français. Finalists are selected from the entries by panels of independent judges. They are recognized at provincial AJAs luncheons. The overall winners will be announced at a gala dinner and awards ceremony in early May. Since the inception of the AJAs, nearly 1,400 individual Atlantic Canadian journalists have been honoured for their journalistic excellence.



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