

The World Academy of Arts, Literature & Media - WAALM®

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDEES 2008

CATEGORY OF ARTS

Dramatic Arts:

- Maz Jobrani, USA - Best Actor and Comedian
- Patric Monahan, Ireland- Best Stand-up
- Nesham Khazenie, USA - Best Dancer
- Ahmad Baharloo, USA - Best Contemporary Docudrama Film

Lifetime Achievement in Dramatic Arts:

- Reza Badiyi, USA - Director
- Lee Majors, USA - Actor

Music:

- Prof. Cyrus Forough, USA - Best Classical Music - Violinist
- Prof. Reza Najfar, Austria - Best Classical Music - Flutist
- Mahasti Kamdar, Germany - Best Arrangements for Strings
- Sima Bina, Germany - Best Folk Vocalist
- Martik, USA - Best Contemporary Pop

- Kiosk, USA - Best Blues Band
- Abjeez, Sweden, Best World Pop
- Dastan, Iran - Best Persian Classic Ensemble

CATEGORY OF LITERATURE

- Prof. Dr. Dick Davis, USA - Best Translation (Shahnameh)
- Prof. Dr. Kaveh Farrok, Canada - Best History (Shadows in the Desert)
- Prof. Dr. Patrick Hunt, USA - Best Iranian Studies
- Drs. Vesta and John Curtis, England, British Museum - Best Research
- Ren A Hakim, USA - Best Screenplay (Xerxes)
- Eric Jerpe, USA - Best Short Story, Fantasy (The Return of Scheherazade)

CATEGORY OF MEDIA

News, Press, and Media Productions:

- VOA - PNN Visual Journalist, Saman Arbabi
- VOA - PNN World News Analysis, Dr. Nourizadeh
- BBC Persian Website & Radio - Youth Production, Behzad Bolour
- Kayhan London, England - Press

Educational Video Productions:

- Youth for Human Rights International - YHRI

HONORARY AWARD OF THE YEAR

- British - Iranian Business Association - BIBA

For its contribution to Persian Community in Diaspora, England in Particular.

GUESTS OF HONOR:

- 2006 WAALM Award Winner, Omid Djalili
- Michael Gayle, USA Embassy, London
- Dr. Nahid Khazenie, NASA – Ex-Director of Scientific Programme

SPECIAL PERFORMER OF THE EVENT:

- 2005 WAALM Award Winner, SATTAR

MC: Marjan Abdi, PhD