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WCM ANNOUNCES THE BEST OF THE MIDWEST VIDEO FEST AWARD WINNERS

Madison, Wisconsin – Wisconsin Community Media has announced the 2015 Best of the Midwest Video Fest award-winning programs. Award winners will be honored at the Best of the Midwest Video Fest Banquet and Show at the Milwaukee Downtown Hilton Hotel on Thursday evening, April 30. All tickets are \$45 and include entry to the exhibit hall and reception at 5:00 p.m.

“It’s our third year as a Midwest regional video fest and we are continuing to grow. This year we received over 200 entries from 34 media centers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, and North Dakota. Wisconsin entries make up the vast majority of the entries,” said Mary Cardona, executive director of Wisconsin Community Media, “but the number of entries from outside the state has grown to nearly 15% of the total.” Fourteen judging sites in three states reviewed programs.

Awards are based on the raw score received. Top scoring entries receive an “Excellence Award,” the next level receives an “Achievement Award,” and the third level receives a “Merit Award.” This year, 75% of the entries scored high enough to win one of these awards. Programs may also win a “Best in Show” in their category as either an amateur or a professional entry.

The fest also recognizes “Significant Community Programs” for the impact that have made in their communities. River Cities Community Access in Wisconsin Rapids is recognizing community non-profit organization Incurage’s program *Are You In – Great Things are Blossoming in our Community*. Sun Prairie Media Center is recognizing *Doing Happiness in Sun Prairie*, by producer Matt Glowacki, a Paralympic athlete who produced a program about the story behind the annual run started by Kevin Mengelt. Janesville JATV is recognizing the program, *Restoration and Preservation of the Oak Hill Chapel*, a story about how a community came together to restore a landmark building. And Urbana Public Television is recognizing the program, “*Steven Salaita Speaks About His Termination*,” which documents the remarks of a tenured professor discussing his termination from the University of Illinois.

“The awards were created to showcase great local programming and to provide feedback to producers from professionals in the field,” said Cardona. Professional media staff members submit most shows, but a significant number are submitted by amateurs. “An increasing number of entries are coming from high school students, who are producing some phenomenal pieces, said Cardona. To enter, a program must have been produced and/or distributed through the facilities of a community media center and premiered on a cable access channel or its website. The deadline for entering is early January.

“All year long shows are produced by residents who enjoy covering events in their community or produce shows on a topic that’s important to them. Once a year we take the time to recognize them for their contribution,” said Cardona. The list of all winners is attached, organized by award earned, then by city.

WCM's BEST OF THE MIDWEST VIDEO FEST EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Producer Name		Program Title	Community Media Center	City	State	Best in Show
Jeremy	Crosby	Personalized Learning Video Series-Verona Area School District	Fitchburg Access Community Television	Fitchburg	WI	Best in Show: Schools Program (Professional)
Rachel	Womack	Hartford Police Citizens Academy	City of Hartford Cable Station	Hartford	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Park Place Views	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Jacob	Sailing	JATV Motion Graphic	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Jeff	Roberts	Shaken Up Kenosha	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI	
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Joleen	Specht	Giving Hope a Home	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Breanna	Speth	A Tour of Jurustic Park with Clyde Wynia	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Chloe	Buchholz	Meet Officer O'Connor	WMCP-Educational Cable Channel 988	Middleton	WI	Best in Show: Schools Program (Amateur)
Larry	Johnson	Don't Text and Drive PSA	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Larry	Johnson	Have You Seen Him? PSA	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Lisa	Rembert	Super Rooter Plunger commercial	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Bryan	Brosamle	Talk of the Trollway - Alwyn Fitzgerald	Mount Horeb Villagecable	Mount Horeb	WI	
Bryan	Brosamle	Talk of the Trollway - Corey Hart	Mount Horeb Villagecable	Mount Horeb	WI	
Logan	Boone	Every Day is a Bonus	Oak Creek High School	Oak Creek	WI	Best in Show: Produced by Youth (Amateur)
OCMS	Staff	Oshkosh Today: November 19, 2014	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	Best in Show: Public Access Program (Professional)
OCMS	Staff	Your City at Work: Field Operations Facility Tour/Neighborhood Revitalization	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
OCMS	Staff	Your City at Work: Recycling	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
Michael	Zastrow	Outdoors Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	Best in Show: Public Access Program (Amateur)
William	Cordua	Rock Talk	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Tim	Montgomery	FESTIVAL!	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Dawn	Wills	One Minute City Rap	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Pat	Campbell	Safety First	Sun Prairie Media Center	Sun Prairie	WI	Best in Show: Produced by Seniors (Amateur)

Aaron	Oppenheimer	Inside Your City With Aaron and Chris (12-18-14)	Sun Prairie Media Center	Sun Prairie	WI	Best in Show: Government Program (Amateur)
Karl	Raymond	Sun Prairie Sports View (10-29-14)	Sun Prairie Media Center	Sun Prairie	WI	
Jill	Nadeau	Choosing a Canine Companion	Watertown TV	Watertown	WI	
Jill	Nadeau	Ask Aunt Ann	Watertown TV	Watertown	WI	
Jim	Kambeitz	Urban Harvest: The Making of	Dakota Media Access Inc.	Bismarck	ND	
Nikki	Jackett	Share your Passion	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN	
Dorothy	Her	Ending International Abusive Marriages	St. Paul Neighborhood Network	St. Paul	MN	
Janelle	Renak	Finding Your Cape	St. Paul Neighborhood Network	St. Paul	MN	
Elysabeth	Alfano	The Dinner Party	Chicago Access Network TV	Chicago	IL	
Debbi	Dennison	The Exceptional Journey	Village of Elk Grove	Elk Grove	IL	
Derek	Crisler	The Ames Public Library A Great Story	City of Ames	Ames	IA	Best in Show: Government Program (Professional)
Derek	Crisler	Homewood Golf Course Online Tee Times	City of Ames	Ames	IA	

WCM's BEST OF THE MIDWEST VIDEO FEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

<i>Producer Name</i>		<i>Program Title</i>	<i>Community Media Center</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Best in Show</i>
Duane	Brewer	No Static	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	New Image	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	BJSO Performs Live Soundtrack for Charlie Chaplin's	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Roxtar	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Peter Fletcher at Hedberg Public Library	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Tribute to Dr. Robert Yahr	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Peter Fletcher at the Hedberg Public Library	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Mike	Collins	Sterling North Home Tour	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Mike	Collins	Janesville Police Department Bike Rodeo 2014	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Glen	Kelly	Funny Guise	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI	
Jason	Rimkus	Just Talkin'	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI	
Jeff	Roberts	Shaken Up Kenosha	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI	
Jeff	Roberts	Shaken Up Kenosha	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI	
Breanna	Speth	Chat with the Chief	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Angelo	Johnson	Milwaukee South: Track Dynasty Unlimited	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Lisa	Rembert	MATA Community Media Welcome Video	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Lisa	Rembert	League of Women Voters: Infrastructure Investment	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Joe	Nichols	Beyond the Badge	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	

John	Nieman	Helping Hands	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
Sue	Panek	United Way Difference	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
OCMS	Staff	State of the City 2014	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
OCMS	Staff	Oshkosh Today: October 1, 2014	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
OCMS	Staff	City Manager's Report: Top 10 of 2014	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
Jane	Wells	Senior Savvy	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
Tim	Montgomery	FESTIVAL!	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Derek	Westby	SHS Football vs. Monroe - 9-5-14	WSTO TV - Stoughton	Stoughton	WI	
Jill	Nadeau	What's Up Watertown? December	Watertown TV	Watertown	WI	
Jill	Nadeau	Sports Talk with Jamie Koepp: Tom Pippins	Watertown TV	Watertown	WI	
Jill	Nadeau	Electrify Your Strings Dream Tour with Mark Wood	Watertown TV	Watertown	WI	
Kris	Berge	Mozart on the Move: The Classics, Tangos, Opera and More	Wausau Area Access Channels	Wausau	WI	Best in Show: Small Station (Professional)
Alan	Lockett	Concerts in the Park: Funky Blue Reaction	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI	
Peter	Sobolewski	Whitewater Main Street Festival	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI	
Tom	Loucks	Community Connections	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	
Tom	Loucks	Candidate Forum Preview with Todd Ferkey	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	
Tom	Loucks	State of the City	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	
Jim	Kambeitz	Single-sort Curbside Recycling	Dakota Media Access Inc.	Bismarck	ND	
Roger	Larson	You can make your own mic boom pole?	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN	
Roger	Larson	Volunteers from the Cities we Serve	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN	
Greg	Boozell	Chicago Newsroom	CAN TV	Chicago	IL	
Mark	Lasswell	Festival of Lights Parade	East Side Community Television	East Peoria	IL	
Ross	Rowe	The New Ralph the Robot Show - The Award	EGTV	Elk Grove Village	IL	
Mary	Bryant	Love Your Mother	City of Iowa City - City Channel 4	Iowa City	IA	

WCM's BEST OF THE MIDWEST VIDEO FEST MERIT AWARDS

<i>Producer Name</i>		<i>Program Title</i>	<i>Community Media Center</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Best in Show</i>
Jeremy	Crosby	St Vincent de Paul & Edgewood College	Fitchburg Access Community Television FACTv	Fitchburg	WI	
Jeremy	Crosby	FACTv Holiday Special 2014	Fitchburg Access Community Television FACTv	Fitchburg	WI	
Jeremy	Crosby	Fitchburg Community Video 2014	Fitchburg Access Community Television FACTv	Fitchburg	WI	

Jeremy	Crosby	2014 Fitchburg Business Luncheon Video	Fitchburg Access Community Television FACTv	Fitchburg	WI	
Jeremy	Crosby	Verona Road Construction Video 2014	Fitchburg Access Community Television FACTv	Fitchburg	WI	
Duane	Brewer	New Image	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Razors Edge at the Back Bar	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Who Put the Rock in Rock County? - Rainbow Bridge	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Beautiful Music and More: BIFF	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Wapa2li in the JATV Studios	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Promo for Shelter Me Concert	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Shelter Me Concert	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Park Place Views - November 2014	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Duane	Brewer	Rock the School House - Part 1	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Mike	Collins	Mirror Image	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Mike	Collins	Mirror Image Promo	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Nate	Johnson	JM4C Candidate Forum	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Nate	Johnson	The Incredible Edible Book Challenge - 2014	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Jacob	Sailing	Elijah	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Jacob	Sailing	Rock the School House 2015	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
curtis	meyer	Deadgar's Dark Coffin Classics Presents: a short movie: Amellia	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI	
John	Beck	Piecemaker's Quilt Show	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Breanna	Speth	Wood County Master Gardeners	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Breanna	Speth	Central Chamber Chorale Concert	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Breanna	Speth	Sir Ferris, Cub Scouts, and Medieval Armour	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Breanna	Speth	"Paws for Brittany" Fundraiser for Marshfield Area Pet Shelter Project	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Breanna	Speth	A Slice of Heaven- Cooking With Ruth: Episode 43	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Breanna	Speth	Dairyfest Parade 2014	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI	
Justin	Janness	Sundaes on Thursdays	WMCF McFarland Cable 982	McFarland	WI	
Nathan	Meyer	Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat	Merrill Productions	Merrill	WI	
Nathan	Meyer	2014 Graduation	Merrill Productions	Merrill	WI	
Dea	Kruger	Best District	WMCP-Educational Cable Channel 988	Middleton	WI	
Carl	Love	Sports R US Talk Show	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Lisa	Rembert	Milwaukee Rotary Club Presents: Homeland Security	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Lisa	Rembert	IBOM Stars Productions Boxing	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Lisa	Rembert	Special Olympic Baseball: North Suburban vs. New Berlin	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Lisa	Rembert	Golden Idol 2014	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	

Lisa	Rembert	MLK Day Celebration	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI	
Justin	Janness	Monona Grove High School Winter Orchestra Concert	Monona Community Media	Monona	WI	
Bryan	Brosamle	Talk of the Trollway	Mount Horeb Villagecable	Mount Horeb	WI	
Emily	Dieringer	ReThink	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
OCMS	Staff	Your City at Work: Maintenance Segment	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
OCMS	Staff	Stay Connected PSA	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI	
Ryan	VanLanduyt	Check It Out!	Rice Lake Television	Rice Lake	WI	
William	Cordua	Rock Talk	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Trish	Juers	Falcon Frontier Days Rodeo Part 1	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Dawn	Wills	Your City at Work: Snow Removal	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Dawn	Wills	Made in River Falls: Rush River Brewing Company	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Dawn	Wills	State of the City 2014	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI	
Dave	Augustin	Quality of Life: Oncology	Sheboygan WSCS	Sheboygan	WI	
Wendy	Schmitz	Senior Connections: Culinary Arts Truck	Sheboygan WSCS	Sheboygan	WI	
Mike	Vandersteen	City Desk: Benjamin Moore Project	Sheboygan WSCS	Sheboygan	WI	
Deb	Wolniak	Healthy Relations: Military Families Connect	Sheboygan WSCS	Sheboygan	WI	
Laddie	Chapman	Huehns Funeral Home Service of Remembrance	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI	
Laddie	Chapman	Sevastopol School Salutes Carl Scholz	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI	
Laddie	Chapman	Access Door County: Stage Kids/Columbinus	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI	
Jamison	Rabbitt	Reel Reviews	Sun Prairie Media Center	Sun Prairie	WI	
Jill	Nadeau	Your Choice - Heroin PSA	Watertown TV	Watertown	WI	
Jill	Nadeau	Watertown High School Homecoming Game	Watertown TV	Watertown	WI	
Kris	Berge	2014 Kuhlman Cup Hockey Game Wausau East vs Wausau West	Wausau Area Access Channels	Wausau	WI	
TCCTV	Channel 18	Monroe Crossing: Live at the Arcadia Historical Society	Trempealeau County Community TV	Whitehall	WI	
Alan	Lockett	High School spring Band	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI	
Alan	Lockett	50th Annual Pops Concert	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI	
Wayne	Williams	Horses Helping People	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI	
Tom	Loucks	Check Your Smoke Detectors	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	
Jim	Kambeitz	Special Performance by Kevin Locke with Flute, Storytelling and Hoop Dancing	Dakota Media Access Inc.	Bismarck	ND	Best in Show: Cultural/Ethnic Feature
Javie	Cedillo	NWCT's new ZOOM H4n audio recorder	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN	
Nikki	Jackett	NWCT MOMENTS	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN	
Colin	Hughes	RBTV Game of The Week	RBTV	Riverside	IL	
Jason	Liggett	Urbana's Hackberry Tree	Urbana Public Television	Urbana	IL	

Derek	Crisler	How Was Your Day?	City of Ames	Ames	IA	
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SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS -- Programs singled out by the media center to recognize for their significant impact on the community.

Producer Name		Program Title	Community Media Center	City	State	
Duane	Brewer	Restoration and Preservation of the Oak Hill Chapel	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI	
Matt	Glowacki	Doing Happiness In Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Sun Prairie	WI	
Carol	Davis	Are You In? Great Things are Blossoming in our Community	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	
Jason	Liggett	Steven Salaita Speaks About His Termination	Urbana Public Television	Urbana	IL	

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