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WCM ANNOUNCES THE BEST OF THE MIDWEST MEDIA FEST AWARD WINNERS

Madison, Wisconsin –Wisconsin Community Media has announced the 2016 Best of the Midwest Media Fest award-winning shows. Award winners will be honored at the Best of the Midwest Media Fest Banquet and Show at the Madison Sheraton Hotel on Thursday evening, April 28.

“It’s the fest’s 18th year and the fourth year we have opened it to a nine-state region. It’s also the first year we have accepted LPFM radio entries. Seven of our 51 member PEG (public, education, and government) access centers also operate LPFM radio stations,” said Mary Cardona, executive director of Wisconsin Community Media. This year WCM received 185 entries from 26 Wisconsin and eight Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, and North Dakota access centers. “Wisconsin shows still make up the vast majority of the entries,” Cardona said.

Thirteen media access centers assembled judging panels of four to review the entries. Depending on the score, entries receive an “Excellence Award,” an “Achievement Award,” or a “Merit Award.” This year, 75% of the entries won one of these awards. Programs may also win a “Best in Show” in their category as an amateur or professional entry.

The fest also recognizes “Significant Community Programs.” Merrill Productions is recognizing *Mock Crash*, a program Merrill Area High School students produce cooperatively with community law enforcement agencies and the fire department every year to explain the consequences of drinking and driving. Sun Prairie Media Center is recognizing *Sunshine Moments*, a program produced by Peter Curran, the director of Sunshine Place. “These are shows that are designed to provide hope, to uplift with success stories of people who found themselves down on their luck and who were able to – with the help of Sunshine Place – get their lives back on track,” said Jeff Robbins, SPMC Director. Milwaukee MATA Community Media is recognizing *Viewers Voice: A Rising Star Christmas*, one of a series of programs that has been produced for more than 25 years by Sharon Rhode. “The opportunity and public exposure Viewers’s Voice provides for artists throughout the state is rare and has led to other opportunities for each artist,” said MATA Community Media Director Vel Wiley in her letter nominating the program.

“The fest was created to showcase great local access television programming and to provide feedback to producers from professionals in the field,” said Cardona. Typically, two-thirds of the programs entered are produced by professionals; the rest are produced by amateur community producers. To enter, a video 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 previous year. LPFM programs must have been produced during the previous year. 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 and the professional staff at PEG access centers for their contribution,” said Cardona. All tickets are \$45 and include a 5 p.m. Exhibitors Reception, the 6:30 p.m. Banquet followed by the show featuring top entries. The list of all winners follows, organized by city.

**Best of the Midwest Media Fest 2016
Award-winning Programs**

City	Media Access Center	Producer First Name	Producer Last Name	Program Title	Entry Category	AWARD	BEST
Ames, IA	City of Ames Channel 12	Derek	Crisler	Where's Brian?	Series (any format)	Achievement	
Ames, IA	City of Ames Channel 12	Derek	Crisler	Ames Municipal Band July 9, 2015	Performing Arts	Achievement	
Ames, IA	City of Ames Channel 12	Derek	Crisler	Snow Ordinance	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	
Bismarck, ND	Dakota Media Access	Josh	Meny	City Current - Bismarck: Snow Removal	Magazine Format/News	Achievement	
Bismarck, ND	Dakota Media Access	Josh	Meny	Dakota Media Access now in HD!	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Bismarck, ND	Dakota Media Access	Josh	Meny	KDAK Radio 102.5 FM Pre-Launch Promo	Station ID (promo)	Excellence	
Chicago	Chicago Access Network (CAN TV)	Elysabeth	Alfano	The Dinner Party with Elysabeth Alfano	Talk Show	Achievement	
Chicago	Chicago Access Network (CAN TV)	Elysabeth	Alfano	The Dinner Party with Elysabeth Alfano	Personality	Merit	
De Pere	De PereTV	Kevin	Clark	Inside De Pere Fire Rescue	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Elk Grove, IL	EGTV	Beth	Clem	Village Board Meeting - December 15, 2015	Meeting Coverage	Achievement	
Elk Grove, IL	EGTV	Debbi	Dennison	Inside The Village	Magazine Format/News	Merit	
Elk Grove, IL	EGTV	Ross	Rowe	League of Women Voters Candidates Forum - Elk Grove Park District	LIVE	Merit	
Fitchburg	Fitchburg FACTv	Jeremy	Crosby	FACTv 2015 Holiday Special	Entertainment	Merit	
Fitchburg	Fitchburg FACTv	Jeremy	Crosby	Eye on Crime	Series (any format)	Merit	
Grand Rapids, MN	Itasca Community Television		Staff	How to Debone a Northern V2	How to/Instructional	Achievement	
Grand Rapids, MN	Itasca Community Television		Staff	Swim For Their Sacrifice with Chris Ring	Short Form Documentary/Feaurette	Excellence	
Grand Rapids, MN	Itasca Community Television		Staff	Second Harvest Food Shelf Video	Public Service Announcement	Merit	
Grand Rapids, MN	Itasca Community Television		Staff	Homelessness in Itasca County	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Hartford	City of Hartford Cable TV	Rachel	Womack	Soo Line #1003	Local Events Short Form	Excellence	Best Cultural/Ethnic Program - Professional
Hartford	City of Hartford Cable TV	Rachel	Womack	Hartford Police K-9 Officer Cash	Documentary/Feaurette	Excellence	
Hartford	City of Hartford Cable TV	Rachel	Womack	Wisconsin State Law Enforcement Explorers Conference 2015	Documentary/Feature	Excellence	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	2015 Shelter Me Concert - Only Grace from Emmanuel Church	Local Events	Achievement	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	2015 Rock the School House - Opening Song	Entertainment	Achievement	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	The Red Flags Show	Entertainment	Achievement	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	Preventing Heroin Use - Town Hall Meeting	Local Events	Achievement	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	Meet the Artist - Sarah Rose Smiley	Entertainment	Achievement	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	2015 Youth Battle of the Bands Winners - The Red Flags	Entertainment	Excellence	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	The Red Flags - Strut	Computer-generated/Animation	Merit	
Janesville	Janesville JATV Media Services	Duane	Brewer	Navigating the City of Janesville's New Website	How to/Instructional	Merit	
Kenosha	Kenosha Community Media	Glen	Kelly	Funny Guise	Entertainment	Merit	
Kenosha	Kenosha Community Media	Glen	Kelly	Funny Guise #2	Entertainment	Merit	
Kenosha	Kenosha Community Media	Jeff	Roberts	Shaken Up Kenosha June 2015 Edition	Sports	Achievement	
Lake Mills	Lake Mills Community Television	Dave	Grooman	Aztalan Day	Local Events	Achievement	
Lake Mills	Lake Mills Community Television	Dave	Grooman	City of Lake Mills 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan	Short Form Documentary/Feaurette	Achievement	
Lake Mills	Lake Mills Community Television	Dave	Grooman	Lake Mills Farmers and Artisan Market PSA	Public Service Announcement	Merit	
Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Chris	Richter	District Reports: LIVE 2015 Election Special	LIVE	Achievement	
Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Chris	Richter	Points of Progress 30 sec PSA	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Paul	Schmidt	Madison Water Utility: Building on History	Documentary/Feature	Excellence	Best Government Access Program - Professional Category
Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Paul	Schmidt	Recycling Shredded Paper	How to/Instructional	Excellence	

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Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Joe	Schraven	Proper Parking Techniques Pertaining to People with Disabilities	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Joe	Schraven	Making Waves: Madison Parks Partners With Nonprofits To Grow The Goodman	Short Form Documentary/Featurette	Achievement	
Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Joe	Schraven	Dane Dances: Christopher Project and VO5	Performing Arts	Achievement	
Madison	City of Madison CityChannel	Joe	Schraven	Madison Common Council: Meeting of November 10, 2015	Meeting Coverage	Excellence	
Madison	Madison WYOU	Miles	Beining	Animal Time	Series (any format)	Merit	
Madison	Madison WYOU	Sherri	Jones	Mending the Hoop, "Madison Native Community Title 7 Kids Regalia Project 2015"	Local Events	Achievement	Best Cultural/Ethnic Program - Amateur Category
Madison	Madison WYOU	Karen	Huismann	The Kitchen Krewe	How to/Instructional		Best Program from a Small Access Center - Amateur Category
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	John	Beck	Immanuel Lutheran Worship Service	Series (any format)	Excellence	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Marshfield Area Pet Shelter - A Temporary Home	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	"Under the Hood" with Dave's Expert Auto-Featuring *Buying A Used Car*	How to/Instructional	Achievement	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Tour of Governor William H Upham House (Upham Mansion) - Marshfield, WI	Documentary/Feature	Achievement	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Central Wisconsin's Got Talent! - September 2, 2015	Performing Arts	Achievement	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Wildwood Zoo Store	Short Form Documentary/Featurette	Achievement	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Columbus Catholic Schools Hair Donation Event	Short Form Documentary/Featurette	Excellence	Best Public Access Program - Professional Category
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Mayor's Breakfast - Dairyfest 2015 in Marshfield, Wisconsin	Local Events	Excellence	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Rotary Winter Wonderland: The First Ten Years	Talk Show	Merit	
Marshfield	Marshfield Community Television	Breanna	Speth	Cooking With Ruth: Ep. 68	How to/Instructional	Merit	
McFarland	WMCF McFarland Cable 982	Justin	Janness	Frozen Lateral PSA	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
McFarland	WMCF McFarland Cable 982		Staff	Officer Ryan Copeland's Funeral Procession	Local Events	Merit	
Merrill	Merrill Productions	Nathan	Meyer	Mock Crash 2015	Significant Community Program		
Merrill	Merrill Productions	Nathan	Meyer	2015 Merrill High School Graduation	Local Events	Merit	
Middleton	Middleton WMCP-Educational Cable	Dea	Kruger	Welcome to Middleton High School	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Middleton	Middleton WMCP-Educational Cable	Dea	Kruger	Welcome to 4K	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	Best Educational Access Program - Professional Category
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Harold	Cook	All City Sports Network - North vs. Ronald Reagan High (Football)	Sports	Achievement	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Cynthia	Hunt	The Chosen Vessels	Series (any format)	Merit	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Larry	Johnson	CoSleeping PSA	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Larry	Johnson	Cyberbullying PSA	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Michael	Lisowski	The Queer Program	LIVE	Merit	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media	Sharon	Rhode	Viewers Voice: A Rising Star Christmas	Significant Community Program		
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media		Staff	The Short Kid and the Giant	Computer-generated/Animation	Achievement	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media		Staff	Community Brainstorming: Future of Milwaukee Public Education (Part 1)	Local Events	Merit	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media		Staff	Community Brainstorming: Address Reentry for Ex-Offenders in Wisconsin	Local Events	Merit	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media		Staff	Milwaukee's 31st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration	Performing Arts	Merit	
Milwaukee	Milwaukee MATA Community Media		Staff	Milwaukee Rotary Club: Dickey Chappelle	Local Events	Merit	
Mount Horeb	Mount Horeb Villagecable	Bryan	Brosamle	Talk of the Trollway - Janelle Holmstrom	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Mount Horeb	Mount Horeb Villagecable	Bryan	Brosamle	Talk of the Trollway - Peter Kish	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Mount Horeb	Mount Horeb Villagecable	Bryan	Brosamle	Talk of the Trollway - John Pahlas	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Mount Prospect, IL	Village of Mount Prospect (MPTV)	Howard	Kleinstei	Inside the Park	Magazine Format/News	Achievement	

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Mount Prospect, IL	Village of Mount Prospect (MPTV)	Howard	Kleinstei	Dish'n Out Mount Prospect	Series (any format)	Achievement	
Mount Prospect, IL	Village of Mount Prospect (MPTV)	Howard	Kleinstei	Library Life	Magazine Format/News	Achievement	
Mount Prospect, IL	Village of Mount Prospect (MPTV)	Howard	Kleinstei	Mount Prospect Board Meeting	Meeting Coverage	Merit	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Joni	Geiger	Happy Tails: Live To Play Program	Magazine Format/News	Achievement	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Joe	Nichols	Beyond the Badge: On Patrol	Documentary/Feature	Excellence	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	"Your City at Work" Acanthus Awards	Magazine Format/News	Achievement	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	Oshkosh Field Operations Facility Ribbon Cutting	Local Events	Achievement	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	Classic Tales of Horror Promo	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	Best LPFM Radio Show
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	"Oshkosh Today" Wednesday Farmers Market Remote	Short Form Documentary/Featurette	Achievement	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	"Oshkosh Today" Cycling Without Age Remote	Short Form Documentary/Featurette	Achievement	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	Sharrow PSA	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	"City Manager's Report" Top 10 of 2015	Talk Show	Achievement	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade	Local Events	Excellence	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	Oshkosh State of the City 2015	Local Events	Excellence	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	OCMS	Staff	"Oshkosh Today" Holiday Special 2015	Magazine Format/News	Excellence	
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Jane	Wells	Senior Savvy - September 2015	How to/Instructional	Best Government Access Program - Amateur Category	
Peoria, IL	East Side Community Media	Mark	Lasswell	2016 Festival of Lights Parade transfer	Local Events	Excellence	
Prescott	Prescott Cable TV	Alyssa	Babcock	The Attack of the Thumb Zombies!	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	
Prescott	Prescott Cable TV	Rocky	Blomker	White Cane Day - 2015	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Rice Lake	Rice Lake Television	Ryan	VanLanduyt	Old Time Radio Promo	Station ID (promo)	Achievement	
Rice Lake	Rice Lake Television	Ryan	VanLanduyt	The Interview Corner	Series (any format)	Achievement	
Rice Lake	Rice Lake Television	Ryan	VanLanduyt	Welcome ID	Station ID (promo)	Merit	
Rice Lake	Rice Lake Television	Ryan	VanLanduyt	Rice Lake Today	Sports	Merit	
Rice Lake	Rice Lake Television	Ryan	VanLanduyt	Government Meetings Promo	Station ID (promo)	Merit	
River Falls	River Falls Community Television	Tim	Montgomery	FESTIVAL! Episode 18 (New intro)	Computer-generated/Animation	Excellence	
River Falls	River Falls Community Television	Tim	Montgomery	FESTIVAL!	Series (any format)	Excellence	
Sheboygan	Sheboygan WSCS	Keary	Kautzer	D' Werdenfelser Schuhplattlers	Entertainment	Merit	
Sheboygan	Sheboygan WSCS	Keary	Kautzer	Behind The Furnace	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Sheboygan	Sheboygan WSCS	Wendy	Schmitz	Native American Inspired Flutes	Talk Show	Best Program Produced by Seniors	
Stoughton	Stoughton WSTO TV	Derek	Westby	Stoughton High School Boys Hockey 11/28/15	LIVE	Achievement	
Stoughton	Stoughton WSTO TV	Derek	Westby	City Council 10/27/15	Meeting Coverage	Merit	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Paul	Bourcier	Pop Music Time Machine	Series (any format)	Achievement	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Robert	Buedding	Pop Rocks with Paul Anthony	Personality	Merit	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Peter	Curran	Sunshine Moments	Significant Community Program		
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Michael	Flunker	The Home Extension	Series (any format)	Excellence	Best Public Access Program - Amateur Category
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Mark	Gonwa	Take Immediate Cover	Personality	Merit	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Don	Hooser	Talk of the Town: Sun Prairie Mayoral Debate	LIVE	Achievement	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Aaron	Oppenheimer	Inside Your City with Aaron and Chris: Mayor Paul Esser	Talk Show	Merit	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	John	Quinlan	Forward Forum	Talk Show	Merit	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Jamison	Rabbitt	Reel Reviews	Series (any format)	Excellence	
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Karl	Raymond	Sun Prairie Sports View	Sports	Merit	

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Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie Media Center	Caprise	Waak	Play Anything (Friends and Family Addition)	Personality	Merit	
Urbana, IL	Urbana Public Television	Jacob	Bernard	Friday Night Live - August 14, 2015	Performing Arts	Excellence	
Urbana, IL	Urbana Public Television	Jason	Liggett	Urbana's Hackberry Tree Feature Update #2	Short Form Documentary/Featurette	Achievement	
Urbana, IL	Urbana Public Television	Jason	Liggett	UMS News FLASH	Magazine Format/News	Excellence	Best Program Produced by Youth
Watertown	Watertown TV	Jill	Nadeau	Watertown TV Promo	Station ID (promo)	Achievement	
Watertown	Watertown TV	Jill	Nadeau	Ask Aunt Ann Holiday Special	Entertainment	Excellence	
Watertown	Watertown TV	Jill	Nadeau	Volunteer PSA	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	
Watertown	Watertown TV	Jill	Nadeau	Sports Talk with Jamie Koepp	Sports	Merit	
Whitehall	Trempealeau County Community TV		Staff	What's Your Passion? Preserving Local History	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Whitewater	UW-Whitewater UWW-TV		Student	NCAA Division III Play-off Basketball: Defiance at UW-Whitewater	Sports	Achievement	
Whitewater	UW-Whitewater UWW-TV		Student	Clockwork Curse	Series (any format)	Achievement	
Whitewater	UW-Whitewater UWW-TV		Student	PEOMIOSFYRDS	Series (any format)	Excellence	Best Program Produced by a College Student - Amateur Category
Whitewater	UW-Whitewater UWW-TV		Student	Warhawk Sports Saturday: November 24, 2015	LIVE	Excellence	
Whitewater	Whitewater Community TV	Alan	Luckett	Whitewater High School Gala	Entertainment	Merit	
Whitewater	Whitewater Community TV	Alan	Luckett	Titan Fun Key - July 4, 2015	Entertainment	Merit	
Whitewater	Whitewater Community TV	Abbie	Werner	Garbage PSA	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	jesse	austin	Lunch by the River Promo (Karate America)	Public Service Announcement	Merit	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	David	Ballerstein	TRISIS	Performing Arts	Achievement	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	Tom	Loucks	LHS Football vs. Wausau West	LIVE	Achievement	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	Tom	Loucks	SeeClickFix	Public Service Announcement	Achievement	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	Tom	Loucks	Social Hosting Ordinance	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	Tom	Loucks	2016 World Ski Show Tournament	Public Service Announcement	Excellence	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	Tom	Loucks	Historic Point Basse	Documentary/Feature	Merit	
Wisconsin Rapids	River Cities Community Access	Art	Napgezek	Wisconsin Rapids Community Choir	Local Events	Excellence	