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WCM ANNOUNCES THE BEST OF THE MIDWEST VIDEO FEST AWARD WINNERS

Madison, Wisconsin – Wisconsin Community Media has announced the 2014 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 Concourse Hotel on Friday evening, April 25. All tickets are \$45 and include entry to the Equipment Exhibit Hall and Reception at 5:30 p.m.

“This is the 16th year for the Fest. Until last year, it was open only to Wisconsin community television producers. Last year we made it a regional fest and community media centers in a nine-state area may now enter. While out-of-state entries are still just a small fraction of the entries in the fest, this year’s fest was the largest yet with 30 centers entering 190 entries from four states,” said Mary Cardona, executive director of Wisconsin Community Media.

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, 70% 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” selected by community media center managers. Elk Grove Television’s *Belissimo! The Sister Cities Program* was produced with high school students and has increased interest in the program. Champaign-Urbana’s *Immigration Forum TV* is a weekly program produced by a coalition of local activists that highlights immigration issues. *Incorporate – Are You In* is produced by a Wisconsin non-profit organization, Incorporate, that celebrates the good things happening in Wisconsin Rapids and discusses community problems.

“The awards were created to showcase the great programming that is being produced locally,” said Cardona. “Many of these shows are being produced by residents who enjoy covering events in their community or produce shows on a topic that’s important to them. Some shows are produced by student interns learning video production. Some community producers have even gone on to careers in television production. The show, *Chad Vader*, an early YouTube sensation, got its start as a public access program at Chippewa Valley Community Television in Eau Claire.”

To enter, a program must have been produced through the facilities of a community media center and premiered on a cable access channel or sometimes the web. Fourteen community media centers in Wisconsin, Illinois, North Dakota, and Minnesota judged the fest. Scoring sheets and comments are returned to the producers so the experience can be used as a learning tool.

The list of all winners is attached, organized by award earned, then by city.

Wisconsin Community Media - 2014 Best of the Midwest Video Fest Award Winners

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Program</i>	<i>Station name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Rachel	Womack	Grand Opening of the Museum of Wisconsin Art (<i>Winner: Best Cultural/Ethnic Program - Professional</i>)	City of Hartford Cable TV	Hartford	WI
Duane	Brewer	Sixty Years of Symphony (<i>Winner: Best Program Produced by Seniors - Professional</i>)	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Beloit Janesville Symphony at Eaton Chapel	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Sixty Years of Symphony	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	The Blue Olives at the House of Blues in Chicago	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Leaf Ballet	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Breanna	Speth	Udder Mudder Event at Memory Lane Farm	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI
Michael	Weigel	Give A Kid A Book	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI
Logan	Peterson	Indian Summer	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
	Staff	The Milwaukee Rotary Club	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
Scott	Williams	Drug Dealer PSA	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Scott	Williams	Time Warner Digital Conversion PSA	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Ryan	Marquart	Water Rate 2013	Pleasant Prairie Media	Pleasant Prairie	WI
William	Cordua	Rock Talk (<i>Winner: Best Public Access Program - Amateur</i>)	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
William	Cordua	Rock Talk: Reading the Rocks in Interstate Park	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Laddie	Chapman	A Visit to Cherney Maribel Caves County Park	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Jill	Nadeau	PAVE PSA (<i>Winner: Best Public Access Program - Professional</i>)	Watertown Television	Watertown	WI
Jill	Nadeau	Ask Aunt Ann	Watertown Television	Watertown	WI
Alan	Luckett	Leaves in the Streets? NOOOO!!!	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI
Tom	Loucks	Community Snapshot	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI
Lori	Pulkrabek	CTV North Suburbs Website & Social Media	CTV North Suburbs	Roseville	MN
Kevin	Schmitz	New Brighton Exchange Marketing Video	CTV North Suburbs	Roseville	MN
Marta	Vander Top	Six Million Stars (<i>Winner: Best Program Produced by Youth - Amateur</i>)	CTV North Suburbs	Roseville	MN
Rocky	Jones	streemix dj international tv (<i>Winner: Best Cultural/Ethnic Program - Amateur</i>)	Channel 25 Chicago Showcase	Chicago	IL
Cathy	Cushing	Library Life	Village of Mount Prospect (MPTV)	Mount Prospect	IL

<i>Excellence Awards continued</i>					
Steve	Martini	Inside the Park	Village of Mount Prospect (MPTV)	Mount Prospect	IL
Jason	Liggett	"ILL Poets Society: Chi City Youth" (<i>Winner: Best Program produced by a college student - Amateur</i>)	Urbana Public Television	Urbana	IL
Mary	Bryant	Community Highlights - Bike Bus Car Race 2013 (<i>Winner: Best Program produced for government - Professional</i>)	City of Iowa City - City Channel 4	Iowa City	IA
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS					
<i>Name</i>		<i>Program</i>	<i>Station name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
	Eagle School	FACTv PSA 1, 2, & 3	Fitchburg FACT-TV	Fitchburg	WI
Duane	Brewer	Beloit Janesville Symphony at Eaton Chapel - May 1	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Lawn Mower Racing at Pomeroy Mower Speedway	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Axel Presents: How to Make Party Pretzels	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Beautiful Music and More - October 19, 2013	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Geoffrey Parker Reflects on the Importance of Parker Pen Exhibit	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Matthew Hollingsworth in Concert at UW-Rock County	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Nagawaukee Park - February 10, 2013	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	The Blue Olives at the House of Blues in Chicago	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Mike	Collins	The JPAC Radio Players - Charlie Brown Meets The Grinch Radio Show	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Nate	Johnson	KIDSPACE	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Nate	Johnson	Janesville Women's Art League's Art at Marlings HomeWorks	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Glen	Kelly	Funny Guise	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI
Breanna	Speth	www.MarshfieldTv.com	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI
Andrew	Day	"2013 Shop with a Cop" (<i>Winner: Best Program produced by a college student - Professional</i>)	McFarland WMCF	McFarland	WI
Karissa	Karau	MHS Musical: Oklahoma! (<i>Winner: Best Program produced for Schools - Professional</i>)	Merrill Productions	Merrill	WI
Karissa	Karau	Merrill Ice Reflections: Memories	Merrill Productions	Merrill	WI
	Staff	2013 Martin Luther King Celebration	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
	Staff	Milwaukee Minute - MATA	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
Michael	Lisowski	Queer Program: Black Health Coalition & the Affordable Care Act	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
	Staff	2013 Golden Idol	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
Dr. Muhammad	Sabir PhD	Islam Live	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI

Achievement Awards continued

Nick	Austin	Oshkosh Today February 20	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Nick	Austin	Your City at Work - Storm Water Detention System	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Emily	Makowski	City Manager's Report Top 10 Episode	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Emily	Makowski	Your City at Work - Fire Safety	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
	OCMS Staff	Oshkosh Holiday Parade 2013	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
	OCMS Staff	Oshkosh 4th of July Parade	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Camilla	Horne	Arts Alive in River Falls!	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
John	Lindell	Community Connections: Wipes in the Pipes	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Tim	Montgomery	FESTIVAL!	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Tim	Montgomery	FESTIVAL!	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Dawn	Wills	POWERful Choices!	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Laddie	Chapman	Taste of Egg Harbor: "Abigail Adams"	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Laddie	Chapman	Horseshoe Bay Farms Tour with Glenn Timmerman (<i>Winner: Best Small Station Program - Professional</i>)	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Laddie	Chapman	Martin Park Concerts: The Works	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Jason	Schulman	Newsdesk - 12-03-2013	Sun Prairie Media Center	Sun Prairie	WI
Jill	Nadeau	Augie's Elite Cuisine	Watertown Television	Watertown	WI
Jill	Nadeau	Watertown High School's Holiday Concert at St. Bernard's	Watertown Television	Watertown	WI
Jill	Nadeau	www.watertowntv.com	Watertown Television	Watertown	WI
Jill	Nadeau	First Lady's Presentation at Watertown High School	Watertown Television	Watertown	WI
Kris	Berge	Songs of the Season	Wausau Area Access Channels	Wausau	WI
Cameron	Boydston	Happy Holly Days Electric Parade	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI
Coltin	Esser	2013 United Way Day of Caring	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI
Coltin	Esser	Community Connections #9 (Tribune Building)	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI
Javie	Cedillo	Javie's Tech Tips	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN
Nikki	Jackett	Get it Local	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN
Shannon	Hunter	Give To The Max Day 2014	CTV North Suburbs	Roseville	MN
Kevin	Schmitz	MVCT Les Miserables 2013	CTV North Suburbs	Roseville	MN
Greg	Boozell	Chicago Newsroom	CAN TV	Chicago	IL
Greg	Boozell	Putting People First	CAN TV	Chicago	IL
Mark	Lasswell	Fondulac District Library Grand Opening 2013	East Side Community Television	East Peoria	IL
Debbi	Dennison	Inside the Village	EGTV	Elk Grove Village	IL
Jason	Liggett	Champaign County Freedom Celebration Parade	Urbana Public Television	Urbana	IL

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Program</i>	<i>Station name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Jeremy	Crosby	Stoner Prairie News Update for Nov Dec 2013	Fitchburg FACT-TV	Fitchburg	WI
Jeremy	Crosby	Fitchburg Splash Pad Grand Opening	Fitchburg FACT-TV	Fitchburg	WI
Jeremy	Crosby	Fitchburg Singers Americana 2013	Fitchburg FACT-TV	Fitchburg	WI
Jeremy	Crosby	St Vincent de Paul College Recruitment Video	Fitchburg FACT-TV	Fitchburg	WI
BIFF Youth Workshop		Merchandise from Beloit International Film Festival	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Duane	Brewer	Paul Ryan's Patriotic Performance at Beloit Janesville Symphony Concert in the Park	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Mike	Collins	Joe 2.0 performs Life on Mars	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Nate	Johnson	Murder at the Masquerade - HPL in Janesville	JATV Media Services	Janesville	WI
Curtis	Meyer	Deadgar's Dark Coffin Classics	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI
Jeff	Roberts	Shaken Up Kenosha-Rep. Samantha Kirkmen	Kenosha Community Media	Kenosha	WI
John	Beck	Piecemakers Quilt Show	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI
Breanna	Speth	Tour of University of Wisconsin-Marshfield/Wood County	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI
Mike	Warren	Never Forgotten Honor Flight	Marshfield Community Television	Marshfield	WI
Nick	Meyer	Texting & Driving PSA	Merrill Productions	Merrill	WI
Eric	Griswold	Brain Box	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
Miz Shemmi	Gyeez	PleaZe TaKe Da StaGe	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
Michael	Lisowski	Queer Program : Interview with James Causey	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
	Staff	2013 Special Olympics Basketball - Red Raiders vs. Cardinals	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
	Staff	Effects of Redistricting - Presented by League of Women Voters	MATA Community Media	Milwaukee	WI
Nick	Austin	Your City at Work - May 2013	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Emily	Dieringer	re:THINK	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Emily	Makowski	Oshkosh Today October 16	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Emily	Makowski	Your City at Work Leaf Collection	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Emily	Makowski	Oshkosh Community Media Services Website	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Emily	Makowski	Oshkosh Community Media Services Facebook Page	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
	OCMS Staff	State of the City 2013	Oshkosh Community Media Services	Oshkosh	WI
Caleb	Olson	Beyond Scouting (Winner: Best Small Station Program - Amateur)	Rice Lake Television	Rice Lake	WI

Ryan	VanLanduyt	Rice Lake Today	Rice Lake Television	Rice Lake	WI
Diane	Barr	DJ's Book Review and Beverage	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
John	Lindell	City View: Downtown Design	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Tim	Montgomery	FESTIVAL!	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Dawn	Wills	Your City At Work	River Falls Community Television	River Falls	WI
Keary	Kautzer	American Classic Rock	Sheboygan WSCS	Sheboygan	WI
Scott	Mealiff	Sheboygan River Restoration Celebration	Sheboygan WSCS	Sheboygan	WI
Ron	Mueller	65th Choral Candlelight Service (<i>Winner: Best Program produced by seniors - Amateur</i>)	Sheboygan WSCS	Sheboygan	WI
Laddie	Chapman	Original Big Mouth Quartet at TAP	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Laddie	Chapman	Sevastopol Historical Society: Veteran's Stories	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Laddie	Chapman	Valmy Threshere: Cavalcade of Power	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Laddie	Chapman	Oak Street Boys at Horseshoe Bay Farms	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Laddie	Chapman	On Board! Build our Skatepark	Town of Sevastopol TV	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Jill	Nadeau	Here's to Your Health	Watertown Television	Watertown	WI
Kris	Berge	Peter Yarrow and Dave Obey	Wausau Area Access Channels	Wausau	WI
Ron	Henry	Game of the Week	Trempealeau County Community TV	Whitehall	WI
Alan	Luckett	49th Annual Pops Concert	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI
Alan	Luckett	Park Bench - June 2013	Whitewater Community TV	Whitewater	WI
Tom	Loucks	State of the City	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI
Tom	Loucks	rccamedia.org	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI
Nikki	Jackett	Access to the Future	Northwest Community Television	Brooklyn Park	MN
Jason	Liggett	Urbanapublictelevision.org	Urbana Public Television	Urbana	IL
Jason	Liggett	Facebook: Urbana Public Television	Urbana Public Television	Urbana	IL
<i>SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY PROGRAM AWARDS</i>					
Carol	Davis	Incourage - Are You In?	River Cities Community Access	Wisconsin Rapids	WI
Ross	Rowe	Belissimo! The Sister Cities Program	EGTV	Elk Grove Village	IL
Jason	Liggett	C-U Immigration Forum TV	Urbana Public Television	Urbana	IL