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Finalists named for B.C.’s Annual Journalism Awards
A selection of B.C.’s best journalists have been named as finalists for the 2008 Jack Webster Awards. Winners will be announced at the 22nd annual Jack Webster Awards dinner on Nov. 6th at the Westin Bayshore.

CBC’s Chief Correspondent and The National’s Anchor, Peter Mansbridge is the guest speaker at the awards dinner and Simi Sara and Dave Gerry take on hosting duties. The 2008 Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to veteran journalist, producer and senior news executive Steve Wyatt.

FINALISTS FOR THE 2008 WEBSTER AWARDS
Best News Reporting of the Year – Print
• Lori Culbert, Chad Skelton and Larry Pynn, The Vancouver Sun: John Les and Chilliwack Land Deals
• Cindy Harnett, Lindsay Kines, Judith Lavoie, Rob Shaw, Richard Watts, Louise Dickson, Jack Knox, Adrian Chamberlain, The Victoria Times Colonist: Peter Lee Stories
• Elaine O’Connor, The Province: The Blair Wilson Files

Best News Reporting of the Year – Radio
• Terri Theodore, The Canadian Press: Children Killed
• Laura Palmer, Kelly Connors, Terry Donnelly, CBC Radio Vancouver: The Robert Dziekanski Story
• Curt Petrovich, CBC Radio: The Sale of MDA

Best News Reporting of the Year – Television
Presented in memory of Keith Bradbury
• Eric Rankin, Paisley Woodward, Curt Petrovich, Robert Zimmerman, CBC News Vancouver: Dirty Dollars
• Eric Rankin, Melanie Nagy, Miyoung Lee, Kirk Williams, CBC News Vancouver: Taser Controversy
• Peter Grainger, Lisa Rossington, Jim Beatty, Shannon Paterson, CTV British Columbia: Taser Death

Best Feature Story – Print
• Gary Mason, The Globe and Mail: Crisis in Guatemala
• Pamela Fayerman, The Vancouver Sun: Locked-In/Stroke
• Glenda Luymes, Lena Sin, The Province: Thugs: B.C.’s Growing Menace

Best Feature Story – Radio
• Erica Johnson, CBC Radio: Baby Rescue
• Allana Stuart, CBC Radio: Songs for Smithers
• Jason Proctor, CBC Radio: Talk of the Devil

Best Feature Story – Television
• Duncan McCue, James Roberts, Michael Taylor-Noonan, Glenn Weston, Doug Trent Jim Hoffman, CBC News: Abuse of Authority
• Rumina Daya, Global BC: Sex Tourism
• Elaine Yong, Global BC: World Class B.C.
Jack Webster Business, Industry & Economics Award

Endowed by Jean Cormier

- Lena Sin, The Province: Priced Out
- Gary Mason, The Globe and Mail: Prince Rupert; New Hope
- Patrick Brown, Island Tides: Sub-prime fraud made simple; Deconstructing Tilma; Carbon tax vs. cap-&-trade; Oil prices-betting on the only sure thing

Best Reporting - Chinese Language

- The Sing Tao Editorial Team, Sing Tao Daily (BC Edition): Disaster of the Century: 5 12 Sichuan Earthquake
- Ming Pao Reporting Team (Eric Chan, Augustine Siu, Austin Feng, CK Chau, Jeffrey Wang, Mansang Leung, Susanna Ng, Victoria Chang, Tony Au, Liang Feng), Ming Pao Daily: Downtown Plane Crash
- Winnie Hwo, Spencer Gall, Shelley Huang, Ada Luk, Fairchild TV News & Current Affairs: Hong Kong Handover 10th Anniversary

Jack Webster Award for Community Reporting:

- Gordon Hoekstra, Prince George Citizen: Clearing the Air
- Mona Mattei, The Weekender: Fallout – Battle over Uranium Claim
- Michael Roberts and the South Asian Post team: The Innocent Man

Jack Webster Award for Excellence in Legal Journalism

Sponsored by the Law Society of BC

- Lisa Rossington, Janet Dirks, Dag Sharman, Jina You, St.John Alexander, Kate Corcoran, CTV British Columbia: Pickton Verdict
- Peter McKnight, The Vancouver Sun: Series of columns on legal issues
- Kim Bolan, The Vancouver Sun: Serious flaws in terrorist financing laws and witness protection program

Jack Webster Award for Science and Technology

- Gordon Hamilton, Frank Myrskog, Scott Simpson, The Vancouver Sun: B.C. 2050: What Climate Change Will Do To Our Province
- Anna Gebauer, Global BC: Forensic Botany
- Lisa Smedman, Vancouver Courier: Tapping Into the Future and Pipe Dreams

Commentator of the Year

Presented in memory of Linda Webster

Winner will be announced at the Jack Webster Awards Dinner

Tickets for the Nov. 6 awards dinner at The Westin Bayshore can be ordered by calling 604-261-6184, by emailing tickets@jackwebster.com or by visiting www.jackwebster.com and following the dinner ticket link. Tickets are $150 per person or $1,500 for a table of 10. A portion of the dinner ticket price is tax deductible.

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