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2006 WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION STILL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED BRUCE AND POWERS NAMED TOP WINNERS

Nation's Leading Photojournalists Compete for Top Industry Awards

(WASHINGTON, D.C. – Feb. 1, 2006) – The White House News Photographers Association announced Wednesday that Washington Post photographer Andrea Bruce has been named “Photographer of the Year” for 2006 in the “Eyes of History” video contest. Freelance photojournalist Carol T. Powers earned top honors for “Political Photo of the Year.”

Bruce, who has worked for the Washington Post since 2001, was also “Photographer of the Year” in 2003 and 2005. “I was surprised,” said Bruce, “especially after watching the judging and seeing the great work coming from WHNPA. It’s inspiring, encouraging and nice to give the photos, and the stories behind them, a second life.”

Highlights of Bruce’s portfolio included a picture story on the earthquake in Kashmir, Pakistan as well and images from funerals at Arlington Cemetery. “She has ability to go into difficult situations and come away with images that don’t give in to the chaos of the moment,” said WHNPA stills contest judge Lynn Johnson, staff photographer at Sports Illustrated and a contributor to National Geographic. “She makes the situation work for her to produce great photographs. She uses color well.”

“Political Photo of the Year” was awarded to freelance photojournalist Carol T. Powers for her image of a vulnerable House Majority Leader Tom Delay at a news conference on Capitol Hill. Contest judge Ken Lambert of the Seattle Times said, “The Delay photo was one of the top photos we saw from the start of the contest. It’s a historic photo of an ongoing story that will keep its meaning and relevance in coming years.”

The White House News Photographers Association is recognized as one of the most prestigious organizations of its kind. “I am always impressed with the quality of work produced by our members,” said WHNPA President Susan Walsh. “Bruce has proven during her time in Washington that she is an extremely talented photographer. And Powers has shown that significant and historic images can be made at a news conference. From Pakistan to Capitol Hill, historic events are documented for history by WHNPA members covering the world.”

Ken Geiger, senior editor at National Geographic joined Lambert and Johnson in judging the stills photography contest.

The top winners of the still and television contests will be honored at the annual “Eyes of History” Gala on May 6, 2006, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington. The black-tie event celebrates all the winning

photojournalists and the president of the United States. Nearly 1,000 guests, including government dignitaries and industry celebrities, also will attend.

The television competition was judged earlier this month with top honors going to Dai Baker of ITN as “Television Photographer of the Year” and Travis Fox of washingtonpost.com as “Television Editor of the Year.”

The WHNPA and The Eyes of History are sponsored in part by Nikon Spirit Initiative, Tiffen/Domke and the Corcoran Gallery of Art + Design.

For further information about The Eyes of History and to view the winning images and videos, visit the WHNPA website at www.whnpa.org.

The White House News Photographers Association is an 85-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of Washington’s professional photojournalists. The WHNPA aims to provide professional and educational outreach to its members and the community through scholarships, programming, an annual competition and a celebration of the industry at the annual Eyes of History Gala.

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