

MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards finalists announced

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Sanlam and the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) have announced the finalists for the 2013 MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards following the conclusion of judging for both broadcast and print sections of the competition.

A total of 89 finalists have been selected from the 750 entries received for the 2013 Awards, with 64 for print and 24 in the broadcast section.

The finalists announced today exclude the following:

- The winner of the Rantho-Letsebe Award for Radio conferred in honour of Tshepo Rantho and Harry Mtshana Letsebe. Rantho and Letsebe were two of the pioneers of community media who, among other outstanding contributions, were at the forefront of the initial process leading to the Community Media 2000 Conference in 1995 and played a role in the development of the MDDA Act of 2002 and the MDDA Regulations;
- The winner of the Alet Roux Medal which is awarded to the most promising newcomer in the print section; and
- Entrants who receive special commendations from the judges in recognition of their efforts but do not win an award in their categories.

The winners will be announced at a gala event to present the Awards on Friday, May 23 at Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre in Boksburg.

Says Sanlam's Head of Group Communications, Mr Ainsley Moos: "Sanlam and the MDDA congratulate the finalists and express our gratitude to all the journalists and media organisations that support these awards by entering for the various categories.

"We recognise that the healthy competition and the success of the Awards are sustained by the enthusiastic participation and commitment to the Awards by the community media across South Africa. In return, we remain committed to providing the resources and the platform for these important Awards."

Acknowledging the judges, the CEO of the MDDA, Mr Lumko Mtimde says: "We have secured a great team of experienced individuals for the two panels of judges and we are also grateful to them for the sterling job they continue to do to ensure that there is rigorous and fair adjudication of the entries.

"These two teams give selflessly of their time and expertise and we acknowledge the very important role they play in maintaining the integrity of the Awards and providing feedback that is so critical for the advancement of community media in our country."

Mtimde and Moos said they looked forward to presenting the winners and the two sponsors, Sanlam and the MDDA were currently busy preparing for a significant celebration of the best in community journalism on May 23.

The finalists are listed below.

PRINT FINALISTS

	AWARD	Finalists
1	WRITING AWARDS	
	Hard News:	
		Desiree Rorke (<i>TygerBurger</i>)
		Zita Goldswain (<i>Witbank News</i>)
		Anoeschka von Meck (<i>Knysna-Plett Herald</i>)
	Investigative Reporting:	
		Zita Goldswain (<i>Witbank News</i>)
		Tereasa Ferrari (<i>Lowvelder/Laevelder</i>)
		Susanna Oosthuizen (<i>Lowvelder/Laevelder</i>)
	Human Interest	
		Michelle Linnert (<i>TygerBurger</i>)
		André Bakkes (<i>TygerBurger</i>)
		Carl Collison (<i>The Capetowner</i>)
	Sport	
		Peter Martin (<i>Go! & Express</i>)
		Quintin van Jaarsveld (<i>South Coast Fever and Upper Coast Fever</i>)
		Ettienne van Rensburg (<i>Vaalweekblad</i>)
	Columns	
		Avuyile Mgxitana-Diko (<i>Grocott's Mail</i>)
		Norman McFarlane (<i>Bolander</i>)
		Desiree Erasmus (<i>South Coast Fever</i>)
	Personal Finance	No finalists
	PHOTOGRAPHY	
	News	
		Daleen Naudé (<i>Middelburg Observer</i>)
		Adele Louw (<i>Carletonville Herald</i>)
		Michelle Linnert (<i>TygerBurger</i>)
	General Interest	
		Claudine Senekal (<i>Ladysmith Herald</i>)
		Evan Naudé (<i>Weslander</i>)
	Sport	
		Mario van de Wall (<i>Potchefstroom Herald</i>)
		Angelo Kalmeyer (<i>Cape Community Newspapers</i>)
		Sifiso Mathebula (<i>Echo and Ridge Times</i>)
	Features and Portraits	
		Lynda Greyling (<i>Maluti News</i>)
		Angelo Kalmeyer (<i>Cape Community Newspapers</i>)
		Herman Steyn (<i>Die Pos/The Post</i>)
	Press Photographer of the Year	
		Herman Steyn (<i>Die Pos/The Post</i>)
		Carina Roux (<i>TygerBurger</i>)
		Lazarus Dithagiso (<i>Scdibeng Stcr</i>)
	Journalist of the Year	
		Zita Goldswain (<i>Witbank News</i>)
		Daleen Naudé (<i>Middelburg Observer</i>)
		Gerhard Rheeder (<i>Middelburg Observer</i>)

2	NEWSPAPER AWARDS	
	BEST FRONT PAGES:	
	Community/Grassroots Media:	
		<i>Upstart – Youth Development Project</i>
		<i>Greater Alex Today</i>
		<i>North West on Sunday</i>
	Small Independent emerging newspapers (2-5 years):	
	Emerging	
		<i>Zithethele</i>
		<i>Eastern Times inc Northern Times</i>
		<i>Metro News</i>
	Small Independent	
	established newspapers (5 years+):	
	Established	
		<i>EzaKwazulu</i>
		<i>Seipone</i>
		<i>Witzenberg Herald</i>
	Corporate-owned Free Sheets	
		<i>Port Elizabeth Express Indaba</i>
		<i>The WalmerSun</i>
		<i>Corridor Gazette</i>
	Corporate-owned Paid papers	
		<i>Worcester Standard</i>
		<i>Paarl Post</i>
		<i>Lowvelder/Laevelder</i>
	BEST NEWSPAPERS:	
	COMMUNITY/GRASSROOTS:	
		<i>Ikamva Lase Gcuwa</i>
		<i>Greater Alex Today</i>
		<i>iDike-Iethu News</i>
	INDEPENDENT EMERGING (2-5 YEARS)/INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHED (5 YEARS PLUS)	
	Small Independent Emerging Newspapers (2-5 years)	
		<i>Zithethele</i>
		<i>Khanyisa</i>
		<i>Eastern Times inc Northern Times</i>
	Small Independent Established Newspapers (5 years+)	
		<i>Grocott's Mail</i>
		<i>Limpopo Mirror</i>
		<i>Franschhoek Tatler</i>
	Corporate-owned Free Sheets	
		<i>Tabletalk</i>
		<i>TygerBurger (Bellville)</i>
		<i>TygerBurger (Tableview)</i>
	PAID NEWSPAPERS	
	Hultzer Trophy	
		<i>Mpumalanga News</i>
		<i>Polokwane Observer</i>
		<i>The Rep</i>
	Cronwright Trophy	
		<i>Lowvelder/Laevelder</i>
		<i>District Mail</i>
		<i>Paarl Post</i>

BROADCAST FINALISTS

CATEGORY	STATION/ENTRANT /FINALIST
Best Community Radio	Radio Riverside
	Namaqualand FM (NFM)
Excellence in Investigative Journalism (Radio)	VaaltarFM (MoalosiLepoletse)
	Radio Khwezi(Nothile Zwane)
Excellence in Indigenous Languages (Radio)	Radio Khwezi(Saziso Dlamini)
	Radio Riverside (ThabangPusoyabone)
Excellence in In-depth Coverage and Current Affairs (Radio)	Radio Riverside (ThabangPusoyabone)
	Radio Islam (Yusuf Moosagie)
Best Educational Magazine Show (Radio)	Alex FM (KabeloKehalotse)
	TUT FM (MokgethiMokoena)
Best Indigenous Music Programme (Radio)	Alex FM (Andries Mashaba)
	Vaaltar FM (David Mmakwa)
	Radio Khwezi (Saziso Dlamini)

CATEGORY	STATION/ENTRANT /FINALIST
Best Business Show (Radio)	Chai FM (Avi Kaye)
	Alex FM (KabeloKehalotse)
Best Drama (Radio)	Radio Riverside (ThabangPusoyabone)
	Radio Khwezi (MakhosiMaphumulo)
Best Educational Magazine Show (TV)	The Media Workshop (Marius Roodt)
	Cape TV (EkSêprogramme)
Best Sport Magazine Show (Radio and TV)	Bay FM (LuvuyoStar Nyembezi)
	Alex FM (Timothy Mulovhedzi)
Best Children's Programme (Radio and TV)	Alex FM (Michael Shabangu)
	Radio Khwezi (Makhosi Maphumulo)
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- **Deadline looms for MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards entries for 2014** 23 Jan 2015
- **MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards entries for 2014 now open** 26 Nov 2014
- **Entries open for MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards** 25 Nov 2014
- **Mandla Langa acknowledges 20 years of media freedom and diversity** 28 May 2014
- **MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards winners announced** 27 May 2014

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