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KABC-TV, KNBC-TV Win Best Television Newscast Awards; KFI, KNX Top Radio Newscast Awards At the 2021 Golden Mike Awards®; Dr. Anthony Fauci Receives RTNA “Freedom of Information Award”

(Los Angeles, Calif.)-KABC-TV, Los Angeles won the large market “Best Television 60 Minute Newscast” and “Best Television Daytime Newscast” Golden Mikes, and KNBC, Los Angeles won the “Best Television 30 Minute Newscast” award during the 71st Annual Golden Mike Awards®.

KFI-AM, Los Angeles was honored with the award for “Best Radio Newscast Under 15 Minutes,” in the major market category, while KNX-AM, Los Angeles won the award for “Best Newscast Over 15 Minutes.”

Presidential Advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci received the RTNA’s “Freedom of Information Award,” and KTTV’s Tony McEwing, KNBC’s Patrick Healy, and KNX’s Diane Thompson were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards in the show.

The awards are presented by the Radio & Television News Association of Southern California. The Golden Mike Awards® is the longest running broadcast news awards show in America, and one of the most distinguished because some of the top journalists across America do the judging. Because of the pandemic, for the first time in the RTNA’s history the awards were presented in a livestream show March 13th.

In addition to the special honorees, the RTNA saluted the best in broadcast journalism in Southern and Central California. From breaking news to documentaries, awards for outstanding work will be presented to reporters, videographers, producers, writers, and managers at radio and TV stations from San Diego to Fresno.

In small market television, KBAK, Bakersfield won the “Golden Mike” for “Best Television 60 Minute Newscast.” KFTV, Fresno won top honors for “Best Television 30 Minute Newscast, while KBFX, Bakersfield got the “Golden Mike” for “Best Television Daytime Newscast.”

KCET, Los Angeles won the most television major market “Golden Mikes,” taking home 10. In the smaller markets, KFTV, Fresno was the big winner with five. In major market radio, KFI, Los Angeles won eight “Golden Mikes,” while in the smaller markets KVPR-FM Fresno won the most, also with eight.

The Golden Mike Awards® are presented each year by the RTNA, a nonprofit organization representing broadcast news professionals throughout Southern California. RTNA coordinates TV pool coverage of major news events in the region, fights for freedom of information causes, and provides scholarships for the next generation of broadcast journalists.

The 2021 show is available for viewing via the RTNA’s website, RTNA.ORG.

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