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GLAAD banks on Banks, Orman

'Top Model' host, finance expert honored

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Tyra Banks and Suze Orman were among the honorees Sunday at the 20th annual GLAAD Media Awards in New York.

Banks, host of syndicated talker "The Tyra Banks Show" and the CW reality series "America's Next Top Model," was presented the Excellence in Media Award, which goes to individuals who, through their work, have increased the visibility and understanding of the gay and lesbian community.

Orman, the personal finance expert and host of "The Suze Orman Show" on CNBC, was presented with the Vito Russo Award, which goes to an openly gay, bisexual or transgender media professional who has made a significant difference in promoting equal rights for the LGBT community.

Also, Phil Donahue, who was the honoree at the first GLAAD Media Awards in 1990, was on hand to accept the Special Recognition Award.

The winner in film (limited release) was a tie between "Noah's Arc: Jumping the Broom" (Logo Features/New Open Door Prods.) and "Shelter" (Regent Releasing). "A Jihad for Love" (First Run Features) took home the prize for documentary.

At the event, GLAAD also unveiled its new statuette. The group worked with David Moritz at Society Awards to create the trophy, the first redesign of the statuette since the show's inception.

Additional awards will be presented in Los Angeles on April 18 and in San Francisco on May 9.

And the winners are:

Excellence in Media Award:
Tyra Banks (presented by Clay Aiken)

Vito Russo Award:
Suze Orman (presented by T.R. Knight)

Film - Limited Release:
TIE: "Noah's Arc: Jumping the Broom" (Logo Features/New Open Door Productions) [Accepted by: Patrik-Ian Polk, Darryl Stephens and Jensen Atwood]
"Shelter" (Regent Releasing) [Accepted by: Jonah Markowitz, Brad Rowe and Trevor Wright]

Documentary:
"A Jihad For Love" (First Run Features) [Accepted by: Sandi DuBowski and Parvez Sharma]

New York Theater: Broadway & Off-Broadway:



Banks



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"Wig Out! "by Tarell Alvin McCraney

New York Theater: Off-Off Broadway:
"Arias with a Twist" by Joey Arias and Basil Twist

Daily Drama:
"As the World Turns" (CBS)

Music Artist:
k.d. lang, "Watershed"

Newspaper Article:
"Owning His Gay Identity - at 15 Years Old" by Theresa Vargas (The Washington Post)

Newspaper Columnist:
Leonard Pitts, Jr. (The Miami Herald)

Newspaper Overall Coverage:
The New York Times

Magazine Article:
"Let God Love Gene Robinson" by Andrew Corsello (GQ)

Magazine Overall Coverage:
Newsweek

Digital Journalism - Multimedia:
"Is Gay the New Black?" "by Jessica Bennett and Jennifer Molina (Newsweek.com)

Comic Book:
"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" by Drew Goddard, Jeph Loeb and Joss Whedon (Dark Horse Comics)

TV Journalism Segment:
"Special Comment: Gay Marriage is a Question of Love" "Countdown with Keith Olbermann"
(MSNBC) [Accepted by: Keith Olbermann]

Digital Journalism Article:
"Gay Athletes Are Making Their Mark" by LZ Granderson (ESPN.com) [Accepted by: LZ
Granderson]

Spanish-Language Magazine Overall Coverage:
"People en Español " [Accepted by: Angel Linares, Judith Torrea and Ernesto Sanchez]

Special Recognition:
Phil Donahue (presented by Cherry Jones)

Special Recognition:
"The Laramie Project, 10 Years Later - The Lasting Legacy of Matthew Shepard" (Sirius XM Radio)
[Accepted by: Romaine Patterson and Derek Hartley] (presented by Stockard Channing)

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Novela:
"Alma de Hierro "(Telefuturo)

Drama Series:
"Capadocia" (HBO Latino)

Individual Episode (in a series without a regular LGBT character):
"Duerme, mi bien" "Mujer, Casos de la Vida Real" (Univision)

Daytime Talk Show Episode:
"Juntos hasta el final" "Caso Cerrado" (Telemundo)

Talk Show Interview:
"La primera boda de pareja de transexuales" "Don Francisco Presenta
"(Univision)

Celebrity News Segment:
"La Proposición 8" "Paparazzi TV "(Mega TV)

TV Journalism Segment:

"Drama de jóvenes hispanos gay: Rechazados por ser gay" "Noticiero Telemundo"
(Telemundo)

Newspaper Article:

"Confesiones de padre: Hombres gay revelan su orientación a sus hijos" by
Lucero Amador Miranda ("La Opinión" [Los Ángeles])

Newspaper Columnist:

Roberto Hernández ("Alianza Metropolitan News" [San José, CA])

Newspaper Overall Coverage:

"La Opinión" [Los Angeles]

Magazine Article:

"Contra viento y marea" by Isis Saucedo and Judith Torrea ("People en
Español")

Digital Journalism Article:

"Cuba discutirá derechos gay" by Fernando Ravensberg (BBCMundo.com)


Music Artist: Giovanni Falchetti,

"Junto a tí"

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