

MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards winners announced

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The Media Development and Diversity Agency and [Sanlam](#) are pleased to announce the winners of the MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards which were presented on Friday, 23 May, at a gala event held at Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre in Boksburg near Johannesburg.



Some of the top honours went to Zita Goldswain of Witbank News who took the honours as Journalist of the Year, NFM the coveted Community Radio Station of the Year while Bush Radio took the prestigious Rantho-Letsebe Community Media Award, Herman Steyn of Die Pos/The Post was again named Press Photographer of the Year and Laila Maijiet of the People's Post was awarded the Alet Roux Medal for the best newcomer in print journalism.



Congratulating the winners, the CEO of the MDDA Mr Lumko Mtimde said: "We wish to congratulate the winners for excellent work and thank all those who took their time to enter the Awards. We also acknowledge and thank the two judging panels for the broadcast and print sections who selflessly give of their time to ensure that we have a thorough, fair and credible process."

Seven hundred and fifty entries were received for the 2013 Awards, the biggest response to the awards since the partnership between the MDDA and Sanlam four years ago.

[Sanlam's](#) Head of Group Communications, Ainsley Moos, said: "We are inspired by the steady growth of the Awards initiative. It is from wide participation that we can sustain the Awards and have serious competition. The judging panels have done an excellent job to identify the best from what we believe was a great body of work from the entrants."

The winners are as follows:

PRINT FINALISTS

AWARD	Winner
1. WRITING AWARDS	
Hard News	Anoeschka von Meck, <i>Knysna-Plett Herald</i>
Investigative Journalism	Tereasa Ferrari, <i>Lowvelder/Laevelder</i>
Human Interest	Michelle Linnert, <i>TygerBurger</i>
Sport	Quintin van Jaarsveld, <i>South Coast Fever and Upper Coast Fever</i>
Columns	Avuyile Mngxitana-Diko, <i>Grocott's Mail</i>

AWARD	Winner
2. PHOTOGRAPHY	
News	Michelle Linnert, <i>TygerBurger</i>
Sport	Sifiso Mathebula, <i>Echo and Ridge Times</i>
Features and Portraits	Herman Steyn, <i>Die Pos/The Post</i>
General Interest	Evan Naudé, <i>Weslander</i>
Press Photographer of the Year	Herman Steyn, <i>Die Pos/The Post</i>
Journalist of the Year	Zita Goldswain, <i>Middelburg Observer</i>
Alet Roux Medal	Laila Majiet, <i>People's Post</i>
3. NEWSPAPER AWARDS	
BEST FRONT PAGES:	
Community/Grassroots Media	<i>Upstart – Youth Development Project</i>
Small Independent Commercial Newspaper - Emerging	<i>Zithethele</i>
Small Independent Commercial – Established	<i>EzaKwaZulu</i>
Corporate Owned Free Sheets	<i>Port Elizabeth Express Indaba</i>
Corporate Owned Paid Newspapers	<i>Worcester Standard</i>

4. BEST NEWSPAPERS	
Community/Grassroots	<i>Ikamva Lase Gcuwa</i>
Small Independent Established (5 years plus)	<i>Grocott's Mail</i>
Small Independent Emerging (2- 5 years)	<i>Zithethele</i>
Corporate-owned Free Sheets	<i>Tabletalk</i>
Corporate Owned Paid Newspapers (Hultzert Trophy): circulation less than 10 000	<i>Mpumalanga News</i>
Corporate Owned Paid Newspapers (Cronwright Trophy): circulation more than 10 000	<i>Lowvelder/Laevelde</i>

BROADCAST FINALISTS

Category	Station/Entrant/Finalist
Best Community Radio	NFM
Rantho-Letsebe Community Media Award	Bush Radio
Best Sports Magazine Show (Radio)	Bay FM
Best Children's Programme (Radio)	Alex FM Radio Khwezi
Best Educational Show (Radio)	Alex FM
Best Indigenous Programme (Radio)	Alex FM Radio Khwezi
Best Drama (Radio)	Radio Khwezi
Excellence in Investigative Journalism (Radio)	Radio Khwezi
Best Business Programme (Radio)	Chai FM
Excellence in In-depth Coverage and Current Affairs	Radio Riverside
Broadcasting in Indigenous Languages	Radio Khwezi
Best educational Magazine Show (TV)	Bay TV

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