

Mondi Magazine Awards finalists announced

The judging panel of the 2005 Mondri Magazine Awards has released the list of finalists in the 14 categories, with winners to be announced on 18 May 2006 at the Arabella Sheraton Grand Hotel Cape Town.

"This year's top contenders are distinguished by their vigorous, colourful writing, a lively spirit of enquiry, fresh and zesty perspectives on contemporary life and society, and a grand and breathtaking visual flair," says journalist and panel convener Gus Silber. "Choosing the winners was a process even more tortuous and fraught with debate than usual. Our thanks to all the entrants for raising the standard and making our job so challenging and demanding."

The annual magazine journalism awards - held by the Magazine Publishers Association of South Africa and title sponsor Mondri Business Paper - this year received 911 entries from magazine journalists, columnists, designers and photographers from 101 different titles, 37 of which were new titles or had not entered the previous year's awards.

Silber was assisted in the judging process by Dion Chang, journalist and trends consultant; Alex Dodd, journalist, editor, and part-time journalism lecturer at Wits University; Sue Grant-Marshall, journalist and author; Fred Khumalo, *Sunday Times Insight and Opinion* editor and columnist; Joe Khumalo, journalist; Kim Penstone, magazine editor and media commentator; Joe Thloloe, journalist and chairman of the South African National Editors Forum; and De Waal Venter, critic and author.

In the running for a share of the R140 000 prize money, a Mondri Magazine Awards Golden Nib and a framed certificate will be:

Business and industry

Kevin Bloom: 'War Talk', *The Media*

Stephan Hofstatter: 'Land Reform: Time to Mend Fences', *Financial Mail*

Ivo Vegter: 'Platinum Royalty', *Maverick*

Irma Venter: 'Power Hungry', *Engineering News*

Health and wellness

Justine Joseph: 'What diabetes can do for you', *Shape*

Pearlie Joubert: 'Deadly Silence', *Fairlady*

David Moseley: 'Anatomy of a Circumcision', *Men's Health*

Laura Tyrer: 'Bird Flu Alarm', *Engineering News*

Beauty

Ayanda Bikitsha: 'Defining African Beauty', *True Love*

Megan Lindow: 'Positively Gorgeous', *Marie Claire*

Shannon Smith: 'Message on the Bottle', *Fairlady*

At home

Kerstin Eser: 'New Vintage', *Elle Decoration*

Tina-Marie Malherbe: 'Voila Henri', *Visi*

Liesel Norval-Kruger: 'Nostalgie-se Plaaskersfees', *Rooi Rose*

Laureen Rossouw: 'Soul Food', *House and Leisure*

Foresight

Rian Malan: 'Slimjan onder die Adboere', *Insig*

Ronel Nel: 'In die Klas', *Insig*

Jocelyn Newmarch: 'Turning Townships into Suburbs', *The Property Magazine*

Gillian Warren-Brown: 'Spin a Little Yarn', *Popular Mechanics*

Commentary and critique

Kay Karriem: 'Aanstap, Bruines', *Insig*

Jean Meiring: 'Die Ewige Eierdans', *Insig*

Henk Rossouw: 'Pieter Hugo review', *Art South Africa*

Ivo Vegter: 'Wasted Efforts', *Maverick*

Fashion

Jenny Andrew: 'Dial SA: Fashion', *Wanted*

Robert Bell: 'Ladies, Waiting', *Style Magazine*

Jackie Burger and Maranda Engelbrecht: 'Temptation', *Taste*

Kirsty Stoltz: 'Dirty Pretty Things', *FHM*

Visual impact

Elzilda Becker: Dekat covers, *Dekat*

Christopher Lee-Jones: 'Anatomy of a Circumcision', *Men's Health*

Justin Plunkett: 'Jake White & Mark Shuttleworth', *GQ*

Anton Sassenberg: 'Neo-oude-does', *Insig*

Travel, sport and leisure

Johan Bakkes: 'Hel Toe', *Insig*

Neil Manthorp: 'Cold War', *The Wisden Cricketer*

Dana Snyman: "'n Droom van Chroom', *Weg*

Sam Woulidge: 'Love Italy', *Taste*

Columns

Frik Els: 'Big Spender', *Finweek*

Dave Pepler: 'Liewe Aarde', *insig*

Bruce Pinnock: 'Back of the Pack', *Runner's World*

Josef Talotta: 'The Back Page', *Style Magazine*

Photography

Melanie Cleary: 'Die Groot Hunkering', *Dekat*

Aubrey Jonsson: 'Die Vlieënde Oscar', *Insig*

Justin Polkey: 'Hit Men', *Top Billing*

Lefty Shivambu: 'Spitting Mad', *Kick-Off*

Profile

Michelle Constant: 'On the Money', *SL Magazine*

Stephan Hofstatter: 'The Timekeeper', *Men's Health Best Life*

Koos Kombuis: 'Melktert om Middernag', *Insig*

Gillian Rennie: 'Raising Thabo', *Fairlady*

Reportage

Stephan Hofstatter: 'Platteland Plunder', *Farmer's Weekly*

Adam Levin: 'Fashion by the Sea', *Style Magazine*

Chris Louw: 'A Farmer's Fight Against Mysterious Cattle Ailments', *Farmer's Weekly*

Dylan Muhlenberg: 'Talking Dirty', *GQ*

Features

Karin Brynard: 'Sameswerings, doodskis-rituele, duister geheime', *Insig*

Erns Grundling: 'Kent gij dat Volk?', *Insig*

Dylan Muhlenberg: 'Cuffed', *SL Magazine*

Grant Warren: 'The Rage Inside Me', *GQ*

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