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HONOUR FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

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The finalists for the 2011 Honour Awards have been announced. More than 100 nominations were received, and ACON CEO Nicolas Parkhill said the judges were impressed with the quality and variety.

“Selecting the finalists was a difficult process because the achievements and contributions of all the nominees were remarkable in their own way,” Parkhill said.

“However, judges agreed that the finalists they selected exhibited a truly outstanding commitment to supporting the GLBT community.”

Finalists for the Business Award are The Bookshop Darlinghurst, Oxford St medical practice Dr Ben Hanson & Associates, and boutique gay travel agency Hautes Vacances.

Finalists in the Business Person category are The Feminist Bookshop’s Gail Hewison and Libby Silva, Jodie Maurer of Maurer & Strange Upholstery, and Jo Piggott of Imago Health.

In the Media/Arts/Entertainment category the finalists are DJ Mark Alsop, Hungry Beast presenter and Star Observer columnist Monique Schaffer (pictured), Queer Out West host Beverly Buttercup and the journalist and author David Marr.

In Health and Wellbeing the finalists are Blacktown Outdoors Group and Positive Pottery founders Jeff Lees and Mike Moore, Gay and Lesbian Martial Arts founder Penny Gulliver, the Sydney Convicts and Northern NSW community leader Bernie Green.

Finalists for the Community Organisation Award include The Pinnacle Foundation, the Inner City Legal Centre, Tropical Fruits, and Acceptance Sydney.

Community Hero Award finalists include veteran volunteer Ulo Klemmer, OII Australia's Gina Wilson, Country Network founder Dave Sergeant, and Freedom 2 b[e] founder Anthony Venn-Brown.

Winners will be presented with gifts and prizes at a gala ceremony and cocktail party at The Ivy in Sydney on Thursday, September 29, 7-11pm.

Money raised from ticket sales and a silent auction on the night will help fund ACON's non-HIV health work.

INFO: Tickets from www.honourawards.com.au \$85 per person.



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