

Rules & Regulations The Concentra Award

About The Concentra Award

Art.1

The Concentra Award recognizes excellence in video journalism. News items from television, websites, newspaper sites and IPTV news stations will be considered for the award. The Concentra Award is the overall award for the best video journalism item. Stories which are shot, edited and broadcast in one day and last up to five minutes will also be considered for The Breaking News Award. The Concentra Award was launched in 2005 and is given annually.

Entry Criteria

Art.2

Submitted entries must be between 1 and 10 minutes in length. All submissions must include English sub-titles including English language entries. The context of the entry must be clear. For broadcast items, we require the intro and outro for the item as stated by the newsreader. For online output, we require the associated website text and URL.

Art.3

Each entry has to be made by a video journalist that was personally responsible for the research of the item. He or she must have operated the camera and edited the piece. The voiceover can be recorded by another individual, however. Each news item has to be made on digital video and edited preferably on a PC/MAC.

Art. 4

Items to be considered for the Breaking News Award must to be shot, edited and broadcast/published on the same day and must be no longer than five minutes.

Art. 5

Deadline for entry submission is January 22nd, 2010, 12.00am. This entry deadline has been postponed to February 5th 2010.

Art.6

Submissions will be considered from individuals only. Individuals must be employed (either freelance or fixed) by a broadcaster, newspaper, a recognized IPTV news station or recognized news website.

Art.7

Individuals may enter a maximum of three news items. Each entry must comprise news items broadcast or published in the calendar year 2009.

How to enter

Art. 8

Entries can be submitted via the following methods only:

- DVcam-tape, CD-ROM or DVDdisc only
- Tape to be rewound completely

Please download and complete the form and send together with the news item to:

The Concentra Award
Via Media 4
3500 Hasselt
Belgium

Please note: A separate registration form needs to be submitted for each news item.

The Jury

Art. 9

The jury consists of nine individuals. For more details, please see the jury section.

How the winners are chosen

Art. 10

Initial selection:

In the event of an overwhelming number of entries, a preliminary selection will be made by the Concentra Award organizers. Each jury member will individually select their top five submissions plus their favorite Breaking News item. The jury selections will be combined to form the longlist. Second selection: Each jury member will then individually consider the longlist and put their top selections forward for the shortlist. The shortlist will form the Award nominees.

Final selection:

This list of nominees will be published on this website three weeks before the jury gathers in Brussels. The jury, as a group, will meet to examine and discuss the nominated items. The most highly rated item will win The Concentra Award. The most highly rated breaking news item will win The Breaking News Award. Theoretically, the winner of the Breaking News Award can also be the winner of The Concentra Award. In the event the jury is tied, the jury chairman will have the casting vote.

Nominations

Art. 11

All nominated entries and winners for each year of The Concentra Award and The Breaking News Award shall be accessible to the public via this website.

The organizers of The Concentra Award reserve the right to exhibit nominated items at locations around the world to give the opportunity for a wide audience viewing.

By participating in The Concentra Award, participants authorize the organizers to show the entered works on the internet and at the planned exhibits without having to pay any form of compensation to the owner of the works (the producer and/or the person having entered the item or the person possessing the rights to it).

Nevertheless, the rights of the works remain the property of the initial owner(s). Therefore the organizers of The Concentra Award shall not cut, change, adjust or use the entered items for other purposes than as described above. Neither shall the organizers exploit the items in any commercial connection, for instance by requesting an entrance fee from the public to view the items.

The organizers of The Concentra Award also reserve the right to use nominated entries in press, marketing and publicity for Award. The organizers shall seek permission from the entrants for any other use.

The Jury

Art.12

The winning item is covered by the implementation of article 11 of these rules.

Nevertheless, the organizers of The Concentra Award reserve the right to use the winning items also in various marketing campaigns for the announcement of The Concentra Award and also to promote the objectives, products and companies of Concentra Media Ltd. as organizer of the price.

Not nominated entries

Art.13

All items that are not nominated during the judging process will be destroyed by the organizers or returned to the competitor upon request against payment of the mailing costs.

Prize distribution

Art. 14

The winner receives a cash prize of 10.000 Euro provided by Concentra Media Ltd. Both the winner and the station/website that broadcast/published the item will receive a trophy. The winner of the special Breaking News Award receives no financial prize but shall receive a trophy and a beautiful piece of hardware.

Correspondence on jury decision

Art. 15

The decision of the jury is final and no correspondence shall be entered in to on the decision making process.

Participation

Interested parties can register, the date for this years edition is set. To make sure the selection of your best video journalism can be rewarded with the Concentra Award and 10.000 euro and or The Breaking News Award, submit to our newsletter. We'll send you a reminder and keep you posted on news and updates and will let you know when the definitive registration form is available.