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2011 VIDEO AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED; EROGLU AND GARCIA WIN TOP HONORS

## Nation's Leading Photojournalists Compete for Top Industry Awards

(WASHINGTON, D.C. – Feb. 27, 2011) – The White House News Photographers Association announced Sunday that Louie Eroglu of Australian Broadcasting Corporation has been awarded the 2011 WHNPA Video Photographer of the Year in the 'Eyes of History™' video contest. Alexandra Garcia of *The Washington Post* has been named Video Editor of the Year.

Louie Eroglu is an award-winning photographer for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He was honored for shooting features on the Go Go music scene in DC and a documentary in Idaho examining the reintroduction of the wolf. Eroglu has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. while covering the presidential election, the Louisiana oil spill and hurricanes Gustav and Katrina. Eroglu has previously been based in ABC's Moscow and Middle East bureaus. Eroglu covered the Iraq war in 2003 during 10 trips including an Australian Broadcasting Corporation record 90-days on the road. Eroglu said, "This is a huge honor for me to be recognized by the WHNPA. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences filming across the United States, especially the opportunity I've had to film longer form current affairs features. I am constantly inspired by the caliber of video photographers at work today in Washington D.C."

WHNPA President John Harrington said, "Eroglu is an excellent example of the WHNPA's commitment to being the Eyes of History not just to the United States, but also in how the United States is seen by the world." Harrington went on "Louie's work demonstrates a talent and commitment that is the hallmark of top photographers throughout the world, and the people of Australia should be thankful for his insightful storytelling as his skills serve to enlighten them."

Garcia is an Emmy Award-winning video journalist for *The Washington Post*, where she shoots and edits video and has produced multimedia packages for the past six years. Garcia was awarded in the video editing, photography and new media categories for her work. Her entries ranged from video essays on neighborhood street style to a day feature on a snowball fight in Dupont Circle. When informed of the judges decision Garcia said, "This is such an honor, I feel lucky that I've been able to work on such diverse stories at the *Post*, and have had the chance to collaborate with, be inspired by, and learn from the most incredible colleagues." WHNPA President John Harrington said "This isn't Garcia's first win with the WHNPA, and I am not surprised at this one. Alexandra continues to demonstrate a commitment to excellence that showcases her skills as an amazing storyteller whether behind the camera, or in the editing suite."

The judges for the video photography contest were: Scott Anger, an independent filmmaker from Los Angeles; Darren Durlach, Senior Multimedia Producer for the Boston Globe; and Larry Towe, WTVT-TV FOX13 news photographer in Tampa, Fla. The editing judges were: Regina McCombs, Multimedia Faculty at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla.; Hector Muniz, Photographer / Editor WABC-TV New York and Judith Liggins, Editor KING-TV in Seattle.

The top winners of the still, video and new media contests will be honored at the annual "Eyes of History" Gala on May 14, 2011, at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington. The black-tie event celebrates all the winning photojournalists and the President of the United States. Nearly 1,000 guests, including government dignitaries and industry celebrities, attend.

The still photography and new media competition judging were also held at the National Geographic Society over the weekend.

The White House News Photographers Association is a 90-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of Washington's professional photojournalists. The WHNPA aims to provide professional and educational outreach to its members and the community through scholarships, programming, an annual competition and a celebration of the industry at the annual "Eyes of History™" gala.

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