



UNITY AWARDS 2008

OPEN NOMINATION

(Nominations End August 25, 2008 - 11:59pm EST)

- Since the nomination process may take a while. Please print out the Open Nomination Ballot and make your choices, then return to online site to submit them.
- Although JAIA is predominately a BLGBT organization and supports the BLGBTQ Community does not mean that you may not nominate those not in the BLGBT heading.
- The nominations will cover the past three years, unless otherwise noted.
- You may only submit two (2) nomination ballots from one computer. This means you may only hit the "SUBMIT" button only twice.
- More than two (2) entries from one computer will be voided and not counted. Tracking will be done electronically.
- Please provide as much information as possible to the nominee you select, to include proper spelling of the name.
- If space is limited, you may abbreviate some information.
- **LIFESTYLE** - Covers the BLGBTQ (Black Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, and Questioning) Community.
- **MAINSTREAM** - Recognize those outside the Lifestyle Community that are recognized by the Lifestyle Community or supports the Lifestyle Community.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate an actor in a featured film from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the actor and film.

Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate an actress in a featured film from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the actress and film.

Outstanding Motion Picture - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate a featured film from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. The film you choose must have had national distribution.

Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture

In this individual category, you may nominate an actor in a featured film either produced by a lifestyle member, directed by a lifestyle member, or has an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the actor and film.

Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture

In this individual category, you may nominate an actress in a featured film either produced by a lifestyle member, directed by a lifestyle member, or has an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the actress and film.

Outstanding Motion Picture

In this individual category, you may nominate any featured film with or without an African-American theme but it must have a LGBT theme. The film you choose must have had national distribution through cinema complexes, Prides, or other special events. The film may not be more than three years old. The award will be shared with the Writer(s), Producers, and Director.

Outstanding Actor in a Television Series/Mini-Series

In this individual category, you may nominate an actor from a television series/mini-series with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the actor and series.

Outstanding Actress in a Television Series/Mini-Series

In this individual category, you may nominate an actress from a television series/mini-series with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the actress and series.

Outstanding Television Series/Mini-Series

In this individual category, you may nominate a television series/mini-series with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. The award will be shared by the network, Writer(s), Producers, and Director. Please list the network and series.

Outstanding Album - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate an album/CD from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and album.

Outstanding Single - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate an album/CD single from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and single.

Outstanding Male Recording Artist - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate a male album/CD recording artist from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and album.

Outstanding Female Recording Artist - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate a female album/CD recording artist from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and album.

Outstanding Duo/Group Recording Artists - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate a band/duo/group album/CD recording artists from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. Please list the duo/group and album.

Outstanding Album

In this individual category, you may nominate an album/CD either performed by a lifestyle member, produced by a lifestyle member, or has an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and album.

Outstanding Single

In this individual category, you may nominate an album/CD single either performed by a lifestyle member, produced by a lifestyle member, or has an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and single.

Outstanding Male Recording Artist

In this individual category, you may nominate a male album/CD lifestyle recording artist with an album/CD with or without an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and album.

Outstanding Female Recording Artist

In this individual category, you may nominate a female album/CD lifestyle recording artist with an album/CD with or without an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the artist and album.

Outstanding Duo/Group Recording Artists

In this individual category, you may nominate a band/duo/group album/CD lifestyle recording artists with an album/CD with or without an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the duo/group and album.

Outstanding Music Video

In this individual category, you may nominate a music video with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. The video you choose must have had national distribution. The video may not be more than three years old. The award will be shared with the Artist, Producer, and Director.

Outstanding Internet Performance

In this individual category, you may nominate a person, group, or act that by at least one lifestyle member from online with a spoken, vocal, dance, or any other entertainment theme with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. The internet performance cannot contain any pornography. Please list the name of the person, group, or act and the website.

Outstanding Female Poet

In this individual category, you may nominate a female spoken words lifestyle artist. The artist must have book credit(s) and/or video performances (i.e. sales or online).

Outstanding Male Poet

In this individual category, you may nominate a male spoken words lifestyle artist. The artist must have book credit(s) and/or video performances (i.e. sales or online).

Outstanding Nightclub

In this individual category, you may nominate a nightclub that you feel provides quality, safe, and customer friendly service to its patrons. Nightclub is defined as a facility that serves alcohol and has a dance floor.

Outstanding Bar

In this individual category, you may nominate a bar that you feel provides quality, safe, and customer friendly service to its patrons. Bar is defined as a facility that serves alcohol and does not have dance floor.

Outstanding Special Event

In this individual category, you may nominate a special event that you feel provides quality, safe, and customer friendly service to its patrons. The event must have been in existence for a minimum of 3 years and current. Special Event is defined as any nationally recognized activity other than a Pride.

Outstanding Promoter - Female

In this individual category, you may nominate a female promoter who promotes either club, social, or special events and you feel provides quality, safe, and customer friendly service to its patrons.

Outstanding Promoter - Male

In this individual category, you may nominate a male promoter who promotes either club, social, or special events and you feel provides quality, safe, and customer friendly service to its patrons.

Outstanding Dance Troop

In this individual category, you may nominate a choreographed dance duo/group you feel excel and are the top in their art. The group must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues.

Outstanding Female Exotic Dancer

In this individual category, you may nominate a female exotic dancer you feel excel and are the top in their art. The dancer must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues.

Outstanding Male Exotic Dancer

In this individual category, you may nominate a male exotic dancer you feel excel and are the top in their art. The dancer must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues.

Outstanding MC - Female

In this individual category, you may nominate a female mistress of ceremony (MC) you feel excel and are the top in their art. The MC must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues.

Outstanding MC - Male

In this individual category, you may nominate a male master of ceremony (MC) you feel excel and are the top in their art. The MC must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues.

Outstanding Female Illusionist

In this individual category, you may nominate a female illusionist you feel excel and are the top in their art. The illusionist must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues and have held at least two (2) titles (local or national).

Outstanding Male Illusionist

In this individual category, you may nominate a male illusionist (FMI - Female to Male Illusionist) you feel excel and are the top in their art. The illusionist must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues and have held at least two (2) titles (local or national).

Outstanding Female Performer

In this individual category, you may nominate a female performer (lip sync) you feel excel and are the top in their art. The performer must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues.

Outstanding Male Performer

In this individual category, you may nominate a male performer (lip sync) you feel excel and are the top in their art. The performer must have appearances in a minimum of five (5) states/territories or at least two (2) international venues and have held at least two (2) titles (local or national).

Outstanding Pageant System - Mr.

In this individual category, you may nominate a "Mr." national pageant system you feel provides a fair and quality competitive event. The system must have at least five (5) preliminaries in its system and have been in existence for a minimum of three (3) years.

Outstanding Pageant System - Miss

In this individual category, you may nominate a "Miss" national pageant system you feel provides a fair and quality competitive event. The system must have at least five (5) preliminaries in its system and have been in existence for a minimum of three (3) years.

Outstanding Pageant System - Mr./FMI

In this individual category, you may nominate a "Mr./FMI" (Female to Male Illusionist) national pageant system you feel provides a fair and quality competitive event. The system must have at least five (5) preliminaries in its system and have been in existence for a minimum of three (3) years.

LITERATURE

Outstanding Magazine - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate a magazine publication from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme, you feel has an impact on the lifestyle community in news, politics, entertainment or fashion.

Outstanding Magazine

In this individual category, you may nominate a magazine publication published by a lifestyle member, edited by a lifestyle member, distribution in the lifestyle community or has an African-American and/or LGBT theme you feel has an impact on the lifestyle community in news, politics, entertainment or fashion.

Outstanding Newspaper - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate a newspaper publication from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme, you feel has an impact on the lifestyle community in news, politics, entertainment or fashion.

Outstanding Newspaper

In this individual category, you may nominate a newspaper publication published by a lifestyle member, edited by a lifestyle member, distribution in the lifestyle community or has an African-American and/or LGBT theme you feel has an impact on the lifestyle community in news, politics, entertainment or fashion.

Outstanding Online Newsletter

In this individual category, you may nominate an online newsletter published by a lifestyle member for the lifestyle community and has an African-American and/or LGBT theme you feel has an impact on the lifestyle community in news, politics, entertainment or fashion. The online newsletter must be published at least weekly and been in existence for at least 1 (one) year.

Outstanding Novel - Mainstream

In this individual category, you may nominate a novel from the mainstream community with or without an African-American or LGBT theme. The novel you choose must have had national distribution. Please list the author and novel.

Outstanding Novel

In this individual category, you may nominate a novel either written by a lifestyle member or has an African-American and/or LGBT theme. Please list the author and novel.

Outstanding Female Author

In this individual category, you may nominate a female lifestyle author that has published more than two novels that has an African-American and/or LGBT theme. The latest novel must have been published within the last two years. Please list the author and novels.

Outstanding Male Author

In this individual category, you may nominate a male lifestyle author that has published more than two novels that has an African-American and/or LGBT theme. The latest novel must have been published within the last two years. Please list the author and novels.

Outstanding Website

In this individual category, you may nominate a lifestyle website that has outstanding graphics, layout, information, and navigation. The website should cover one or more item of news, politics, entertainment, promotions, and/or fashion.

Outstanding Flyer Design

In this individual category, you may nominate a lifestyle flyer or poster that has outstanding graphics, layout, and information. Please list the exact flyer and designer. If you do not know the designer, list only the flyer.

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

Outstanding Black Pride

In this individual category, you may nominate an official Black Pride (member of the International Federation of Black Pride - IFBP) that represents a city/regional event encompassing community, health, education, heritage, and fundraising. This Pride must not be solely judged on clubbing and nightlife events, but in its efforts to partnership with them. The Pride should also be considered based on the production of special events/appearances.

Outstanding Fundraising Event

In this individual category, you may nominate a local, regional, or national fundraising event. The event must be an annual event that has been in existence for a minimum of three years. The event must provide contributions to an official non-profit, 501 (c) 3, charitable organization that provides support to the LGBT Community. The event may be a dinner, dance, concert, special event or anything that brings together a minimum of 250 guests.

Outstanding Health Outreach/Prevention Organization

In this individual category, you may nominate a non-profit, 501 (c) 3, organization that helps to educate, promote, and advocate for health issues/causes (not limited to one particular health issue/cause). The organization must be local, regional, or national and in existence for a minimum of three (3) years. The key component in this nomination should focus on the organization's outreach efforts to promote safer and healthier lives.

Outstanding Social Group

In this individual category, you may nominate a local or regional community or social group that provides community support through volunteerism, support groups, fundraising efforts, support to major events and support as needed by the LGBT Community. This organization must have been in existence for a minimum of three (3) years.

Outstanding Youth Organization

In this individual category, you may nominate a local, regional, or national youth organization that provides LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, and/or Questioning) Youth mentorship, education, support, shelter, hope, and a safe place to be themselves. This organization must have been in existence for a minimum of three (3) years. Please list the organization and city location.

Outstanding Social/Activist Organization

In this individual category, you may nominate a national organization that support, fight, and defend the Rights of the LGBT Community. The organization must have been in existence for a minimum of three (3) years.

Outstanding Female Activist

In this individual category, you may nominate a local, regional, or national female figure who on a constant, without hesitation, or waiver support, fight, and defend the Rights of the LGBT Community. This individual's efforts must be documented in publications, media, or video.

Outstanding Male Activist

In this individual category, you may nominate a local, regional, or national male figure who on a constant, without hesitation, or waiver support, fight, and defend the Rights of the LGBT Community. This individual's efforts must be documented in publications, media, or video.

Outstanding Transgender Activist

In this individual category, you may nominate a local, regional, or national transgender figure who on a constant, without hesitation, or waiver support, fight, and defend the Rights of the LGBT Community. This individual's efforts must be documented in publications, media, or video.

Outstanding Sponsorship Support - Major Corporation

In this individual category, you may nominate a national/international company that has sponsored LGBT events across the country and abroad. When nominating this corporation, you should take into account how many national events, print, and charitable donations you have seen with this corporations support. This is not only an opportunity to nominate the corporation for its support, but to also show appreciation for it.

Outstanding Church/Religious Assembly

In this individual category, you may nominate a church/religious assembly that has a policy of love and acceptance.

(May Only Submit 2 Nomination Ballots Per Computer. Hitting the "Submit" Button More Than Twice Per Computer Will Void Your Nominations)