

## Quotes from Tom Fontana, Humanitas Awards Luncheon

*"We television writers have a responsibility to portray the human personality in all its diversity and at every level—physical, psychological, spiritual. To do less is to minimize human complexity and undercut human dignity."*

*We writers need the courage to look with brutal honesty at human evil, not flinching at its lethal effects, but not succumbing to a despairing cynicism either. I find if I go deep enough, I can always find grounds for hope."*

*"Unfortunately, violence is part of contemporary life so we need to deal with it in our stories. We need to look at the sickness from which it arises, the dehumanizing effects it has not only on its victims and their families, but also on its perpetrators. We also need to explore the nonviolent alternatives to resolving human conflict."*