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Humanitas Prize announces finalists

Film category includes 'Juno,' 'Lars,' 'Butterfly'

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John Wells, new prexy of the Humanitas Prize, has announced this year's finalists for the kudos.

Humanitas honors film and TV writing that "explores the human condition in a way which affirms the dignity of the human person and reveals common humanity."

Finalists in the feature film category are "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," written by Ronald Harwood; "Juno," written by Diablo Cody; and "Lars and the Real Girl," written by Nancy Oliver.

Wells, who takes over as president from Frank Desiderio, served as prexy of the WGA West from 1999-2001. His writing credits include "ER," "The West Wing" and "Third Watch."

Kudos, including \$115,000 in prize money, will be given out at a luncheon on Sept. 17 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The 2008 Humanitas Prize finalists are:

Feature Film Category (\$10,000)

``The Diving Bell and The Butterfly," written by Ronald Harwood

``Juno," written by Diablo Cody

``Lars and the Real Girl," written by Nancy Oliver

90 Minute Category (\$10,000)

``Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," written by Daniel Giat

``Charlie & Me," written by Karen Legasse Struck
``A Life Interrupted," written by John Wierick
``Pictures of Hollis Woods," written by Ann Peacock, Daniel Petrie Jr. & Camille Thomasson

60 Minute Category (\$10,000)

``Boston Legal": ``Roe V. Wade, The Musical, written by David E. Kelly & Susan Dickes (teleplay); David E. Kelly, Susan Dickes & Jill Goldsmith (story)
``John Adams": ``Part 1," written by Kirk Ellis
``The Wire": ``Late Editions," written by George Pelecanos (teleplay); David Simon & George Pelecanos (story)

30 Minute Category (\$10,000)

``The Bill Engvall Show": ``Aloha Raffles," written by Kathy Ann Stumpe
``In Treatment": ``Sophie Week 2," written by Sarah Treem
``Scrubs": ``My Long Goodbye," written by Dave Tennant

Children's Animation Category (\$10,000)

``My Friends Tigger & Pooh": ``Eeyore's Sad Day," written by Brian Hohlfeld
``Sweet Blackberry Presents": ``The Journey Of Henry Box Brown," written by Karyn Parsons
``Toddworld": ``Come Out Of Your Shell," written by Don Gillies

Children's Live Action Category (\$10,000)

``Johnny Kapahala": ``Back On Board," written by Ann Austen, Douglas Sloan, Max Enscoe & Annie DeYoung (teleplay); Ann Austen & Douglas Sloan (story)
``Minutemen," written by John Killoran (teleplay); David Diamond & David Weissman (story)
``Sheira and Loli's Dittydoodle Works": ``Sacrifice," written by David Lawrence, Bill Rodman & Cory Rosenberg

Sundance Feature Film Category (\$10,000)

``Henry Poole Is Here," written by Albert Torres
``A Raisin in the Sun," written by Paris Qualles
``The Visitor," written by Tom McCarthy

The David & Lynn Angell Fellowship in Comedy Writing (\$10,000)

``Fair": written by Cameron Porsandeh
``McKellar Hall": written by Nik Blahunka & Marcy Holland

The Humanitas Student Drama Fellowship (\$10,000)

``Heroes": ``The Cure," written by Marla DuMont
``House": ``Witch Is It," written by Katherine F. Lovejoy

The Documentary Award (\$5,000)

To be announced at the luncheon.

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