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**HUMANITAS ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR THE 2010 HUMANITAS PRIZE**

**Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Montage Beverly Hills**

**Los Angeles, Calif. (September 16, 2010)** – The winners for this year's **HUMANITAS Prize** were announced today by Cathleen Young, **HUMANITAS** Executive Director, and President John Wells. Seventeen writers took home a share of \$90,000 in prize money for films and television shows which "entertain, engage and enrich the viewing public." Over 300 writers, directors, producers and entertainment executives gathered today at the Montage Beverly Hills to celebrate great writing at the 36<sup>th</sup> **HUMANITAS Prize**. Nina Tassler was the keynote speaker.

"We honor the most gifted writers working today. It is extremely gratifying to play a role in recognizing and honoring these **HUMANITAS** winners," said Cathleen Young. "The work of these writers is truly inspiring."

**The HUMANITAS Prize winners are:**

**Feature Film Category (\$10,000)**

**Geoffrey Fletcher: PRECIOUS**

**90 Minute Category (\$10,000)**

**Christopher Monger & William Merritt Johnson: TEMPLE GRANDIN**

**60 Minute Category (\$10,000)**

**Ryan Murphy: GLEE: "Wheels"**

**Robert King & Michelle King: THE GOOD WIFE "Pilot"**

**30 Minute Category (\$10,000)**

**Steve Levitan & Christopher Lloyd: MODERN FAMILY "Pilot"**

**Liz Brixius, Linda Wallem & Evan Dunsky: NURSE JACKIE "Pilot"**

**Sundance Feature Film Category (\$10,000)**

**Anne Rosellini & Debra Granik: WINTER'S BONE**

**The HUMANITAS Documentary Award (\$10,000)**

**Jennifer Arnold: A SMALL ACT**

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

**Clay Keller: DINNER THEATRE "Pilot" (original screenplay)**

**The HUMANITAS Student Drama Fellowship (\$10,000)**

**Adam Simon: HOPING FOR DISASTER "Pilot" (original screenplay)**

**Sarah Cornwell: FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS "Just a Game" (spec screenplay)**

Since its inception in 1974, the **HUMANITAS Prize** has presented over 283 prizes and dispersed over \$3 million in prize money to television and motion picture writers whose work honestly explores the complexities of the human experience and sheds light on the positive values of life. Each year, the **HUMANITAS Prize** holds Master Writers Workshops presented by today's leading writers.

Winners of the **HUMANITAS Prize** have included: David E. Kelley (“The Practice,” “Picket Fences”); Ben Affleck and Matt Damon (*Good Will Hunting*); Steven Zaillian (*Schindler’s List*); David Shore (“HOUSE”); Aaron Sorkin (“The West Wing,” “Sports Night”); Tim Robbins (*Dead Man Walking*); Jason Katims (“Friday Night Lights”); Andrew Stanton, Jim Reardon and Pete Docter (*WALL-E*); Steve Levitan (“Frasier”); Aseem Batra (“Scrubs”); Nancy Oliver (*Lars and the Real Girl*); Eric Roth (*The Insider*); Paul Haggis (*Crash*); Steven Bochco (“Hill Street Blues,” “NYPD Blue”); Keir Pearson and Terry George (*Hotel Rwanda*); Richard LaGravenese (*Freedom Writers*); Hanif Kureishi (*Venus*); Peter Morgan (*Longford*); Greg Garcia (“My Name is Earl”); Ruben Santiago-Hudson (*Lackawanna Blues*); Michael Kang (*The Motel*); John Wells (“The West Wing”); Tony Kushner (*Angels in America*); Antwone Fisher (*Antwone Fisher*); Niki Caro (*Whale Rider*); Alan Alda (“M\*A\*S\*H”); Horton Foote (William Faulkner's *Old Man*) and Kenneth Lonergan (*You Can Count on Me*).

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