



Gracie Award-Winning CBS News Correspondent Nancy Giles to Host Gracie Awards Luncheon

April 16, 2009 (McLean, VA) – American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT) is pleased to announce that television and radio personality **Nancy Giles** will serve as host of the 2009 Gracie Awards Luncheon. The luncheon, to be held at New York's Tavern on the Green on Thursday, June 4, 2009, recognizes local markets, public and student winners.

Giles, who hosted the luncheon last year, is currently a contributor to the award-winning *CBS News' Sunday Morning*, voicing her opinions on everything from politics and race to pop culture and the conspiracy of high heels. As an actress, she was in the ensemble cast of ABC-TV's Emmy Award-winning series *China Beach*, and in the film *Working Girl*. She was the announcer and sometime co-host of *Fox After Breakfast*.

Giles has also enjoyed success on the radio with *The Jay Thomas Morning Show* based in New York City, and based in Philadelphia, the Gracie award-winning *Giles and Moriarty*.

"The Gracies are a joyous celebration of the dedication and creativity of women in radio and television. I'm honored to be a presenter, a host, and a past winner," noted Nancy Giles.

The Gracies are presented by the Foundation of AWRT, the philanthropic arm of AWRT, which supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Gracie Awards, established in 1975, honor programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable and web-based media, including news, drama, comedy, commercials, public service, documentary and sports.

Tickets for the Luncheon are \$115 for AWRT Members/\$150 for Non-Members and can be purchased online at www.thegracies.org. Sponsored tables are available. For more information, please contact Kyle Fernley at (703) 506-3290.

For more information about the Gracie Awards, please visit www.thegracies.org.

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About AWRT: The year 2009 marks the 58th anniversary of American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT), the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing women in media and entertainment. AWRT carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource to its members and the industry at large. Founded in 1951, AWRT works to improve the quality of electronic media; promote the entry, development and advancement of women in the field; foster communication and idea exchange; and give back to the community we serve.

About The Foundation of AWRT: The Foundation of AWRT is the philanthropic arm of American Women in Radio & Television, supporting educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Foundation of AWRT has created partnerships and joint initiatives with the National Middle School Association, the Emma Bowen Foundation, the American Red Cross and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation of AWRT. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns, including most recently AWRT Empowering America, which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this initiative, the Foundation of AWRT has adopted needy urban middle schools around the country and provided educational donations derived from collateral based on the Empowering America program. The Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs, including the Gracie Awards®, a live, New York-based gala that honors exemplary programming created for, by and about women.