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## A Night of A Thousand Stars at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gracie Awards® Gala



Pictured Above: AnnaLynne McCord and Hannah Storm; Nancy Giles and Maria Menounos; Kathy O'Brien and Jessica Simpson; Candy Spelling; Kerri Kasem; Sylvia Strobel, Christina Norman, Suze Orman and Cary Broussard; Cat Deeley; Jessica Yellin, Jon Klein and Kareen Wynter

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Los Angeles, CA – May 26, 2010 – Last night, Hollywood's stars shone a little brighter as the [Alliance for Women in Media](#) (formerly American Women in Radio and Television) descended upon the historic Beverly Hilton Hotel, where the [35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gracie Awards](#) made their LA debut. 2010 National Gracie Award winners were honored in a star-studded gala hosted by *Access Hollywood's* [Maria Menounos](#). The Gracie Awards Gala recognizes exemplary programming created for, by and about women in all facets of electronic media, including radio, television, cable and web-based media.

The black-tie Gala attracted the best and brightest in the field, including: **Penn Badgley** and **Kelly Rutherford**, CW's *Gossip Girl*; **Nancy Giles**, CBS News' *Sunday Morning*; **Peri Gilpin**, ABC Family's *Make It or Break It*; **Sharon Gless**, USA Network's *Burn Notice*; **Rashida Jones**, NBC's *Parks & Recreation*; **Kerri Kasem**, Co-Host, Premiere Radio Network's *Sixx Sense*; **Jane Krakowski**, NBC's *30 Rock*; **Peggy Lipton**, Legendary Actress; **Robin Meade**, HLN's *Morning Express with Robin Meade*; **Andrea Mitchell**, NBC News; **Amy Poehler**, NBC's *Parks & Recreation* and Nickelodeon's *The Mighty B!*; **Hannah Storm**, ESPN's *SportsCenter*; **Jessica Yellin**, CNN, and many more.

Award-winning singer and songwriter **Jessica Simpson** was honored with the [2010 Dove Real Beauty Award](#). Alliance for Women in Media and Dove created the *Dove Real Beauty Award* to honor an individual who best embodies and expresses the "substance and spirit" of real beauty through her life and career. As an entertainer and business woman growing up in the spotlight, Jessica Simpson represents real women's challenges with beauty and demonstrates how to face them with grace and courage. Jessica is now using her own experiences to inspire and encourage women everywhere to believe in themselves.

The Spelling Family, represented by matriarch **Candy Spelling**, received the [2010 Gracies Lifetime Achievement Award](#), to honor the family's extraordinary contributions to television. The Spelling Family was the first to create the mega female superstars in night-time television through smart, innovative programming which attracted a female viewing audience. Spelling's legacy lives on in the countless iconic television shows still being enjoyed today as well as the influence these shows have on today's programming.

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**Suze Orman**, CNBC personal finance icon and bestselling author, received the [2010 Gracies Tribute Award](#), which is bestowed upon an individual who truly plays a key role in laying the foundation for future generations of women in the media. Suze Orman's impressive success throughout a diverse cross section of media properties is a striking example of the achievements and accomplishments women can claim.

The [audience was dazzled by Grammy award-winning songstress Macy Gray, who will debut her new album \*The Sellout\* this June, and rising teen sensation \*The Stunners\*](#), who will release their debut album this May.

"The Alliance for Women in Media is proud to honor such extraordinary women, who not only symbolize the best in the media, but also a standard of excellence that all can aspire to," emphasized Alliance for Women in Media President Cary J. Broussard. "We congratulate and commend all of this year's winners."

The Gracies are presented by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Alliance for Women in Media that 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, honors 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.

The event was made possible through the generous support of the 2010 title sponsor Dove and *The Campaign for Real Beauty* and the following additional sponsors: AETN - A&E Television Networks/Lifetime, Arbitron, Beasley Broadcast Group, Inc., Clear Channel Communications, ESPN, Ford Motor Company, Google, Harpo Radio, HBO, Katz Media Group, Loreen Arbus Foundation, National Cable & Telecommunications Association, National Public Radio (NPR), NBC Universal, Nickelodeon, Style Network, The Writers and Producers of House, Turner Broadcasting, Inc. (CNN), Universal Media Studios, VCI Solutions and WE TV.

For more information about the 2010 Gracies, please visit [www.thegracies.org](http://www.thegracies.org). For the most up-to-date, insider information, follow the Gracie Awards on Twitter @thegracies. **CREDENTIALLED PRESS:** For press information, please contact ESP Public Relations at 310-827-9727.

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**About the [Alliance for Women in Media](#):** The year 2010 marks the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alliance for Women in Media (formerly known as American Women in Radio & Television), the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing women in media and entertainment. The Alliance for Women in Media carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource to its members and the industry at large. Founded in 1951, the organization 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 [Alliance for Women in Media Foundation](#):** Alliance for Women in Media Foundation (formerly known as American Women in Radio & Television) is the philanthropic arm of the organization, supporting educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation 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. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns including most recently *Empowering America* which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this initiative, the Foundation 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<sup>®</sup>, a live gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.