



2012
QUESTAR
AWARDS

Call for Entries

• DVDs • New Media • TV • Video • Web •
Corporations • Government • Non-Profits

~~Deadline: March 23, 2012~~
Extended Deadline: **April 24, 2012**



THE QUESTAR AWARDS...

CELEBRATING VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the 21st Annual **QUESTAR Awards!**

This International Festival honors the best Commercials, Documentaries, Event Openers, PSAs, VNRs and Web-links from around the world.

This global competition provides an international forum to celebrate excellence in visual communications.

The winners receive stunning personalized foil-stamped award certificates. Best of Category winners are presented with prestigious brass-plated plaques. The BEST OF SHOW winner takes the impressive **QUESTAR** trophy, an internationally recognized symbol of excellence.

Most importantly, win or not, you benefit by the opportunity to review the judges' comments. Simply by entering you develop a competitive advantage.

And you may go on to win!

Winners attract new clients—and keep current ones. PLUS winning a **QUESTAR** Award allows you to publicize the importance of your work.

Wishing you glory, fame and success in this year's competition!

Cheers,



Reni L. Witt
President

P.S. It's a tremendous honor to be recognized by such a distinguished festival.

— Enter Today! Remember the deadline is ~~March 23, 2012~~
April 24, 2012

MISSION STATEMENT

MerComm, Inc. was founded in 1987 with the principal purpose of advancing the arts and sciences of communications in an international arena. MerComm strives to establish and promote high standards of individual and collective achievement. By way of recognizing the multi-disciplines involved in professional communications, MerComm, Inc. sponsors six award programs:

ASTRID Awards, Design • **GALAXY Awards, Marketing**
QUESTAR Awards, Video • **iNOVA Awards, Websites**
ARC Awards, Annual Reports • **MERCURY Awards, Public Relations**

MerComm's award programs are now in their twenty-sixth year drawing entries from around the world: Afghanistan, Antigua West Indies, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Brasil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, France, French West Indies, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, People's Republic of China, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sultanate of Oman, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yugoslavia, and Zimbabwe. Our mission is to honor the individuals whose work has made an outstanding contribution to their organization, corporation, or client.

KUDOS ALL AROUND!

"It's an honor to participate in the very renowned QUESTAR Awards. It's an important and famous festival."

AUDI AG

Ingolstadt, Germany

"Thank you so much! We are very excited to win the Gold Award."

CURRAN & CONNORS, INC.

Northfield, Illinois USA

"We are thrilled with our wins!"

HAWTHORNE DIRECT

Fairfield, Iowa USA

"Thanks for the Silver Award."

INPOINT DIGITAL

Hong Kong

"Winning the Silver Prize is great news!"

JCDECAUXMEA

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

"This is really wonderful news for us. Thank you very much for the Grand Award."

STRATEGIC FINANCIAL RELATIONS LIMITED

Hong Kong

"Thank you for the good news! It's so honourable for us to receive these awards."

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETARIES

Wanchai, Hong Kong

"A Grand Award! That is wonderful!!! Amazing news! We will celebrate this exciting and prestigious award!"

THE WAR AMPS

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

BEST OF SHOW

CC Two

LLOYD'S BANKING GROUP

"Better Together"

(UNITED KINGDOM)

GOLD WINNERS

ADVERTISEMENTS/COMMERCIALS:

Travel & Tourism

Meetings & Exhibitions Hong Kong

The Black Book:

A MICE Guide for Hong Kong

(HONG KONG)

BROADCAST/CABLE PROGRAMS:

Documentary

Strategic Public Relations Group

UNITED COMPANY RUSAL

"Evolution of Russia"

(RUSSIA)

BROADCAST/CABLE PROGRAMS:

Sales/Infomercial

Hawthorne Direct

CARBONITE

"Carbonite Online Back-Up"

(USA)

CORPORATION: Annual Reports

Curran & Connors

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

2010 Annual Report

(USA)

CORPORATION: Health Awareness

American Specialty Health

"Silver & Fit Healthy Aging Classes"

(USA)

EMERGING MEDIA: Animation

New York Institute of Technology

NYIT Phone App

(USA)

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

Education

CC Two

BRAY LEINO

"Looking for Sarah"

(UNITED KINGDOM)

GRAND AWARD WINNERS

BEST OF BRAND EXPERIENCE

KircherBurkhardt Stuttgart GmbH

DR. ING H.C. F. PORSCHE AG

"Porsche Museum – Doha, Qatar"

(GERMANY)

BEST OF DOCUMENTARIES

The Board of Management of the

Chinese Permanent Cemeteries

"Love Eternal" 100 Years'

History of BMCPC

(HONG KONG)

BEST OF EVENT OPENERS

CC Two

LLOYDS BANKING GROUP

"Better Together"

(UNITED KINGDOM)

BEST OF PUBLIC AWARENESS

Strategic Public Relations Group

UNITED COMPANY RUSAL

"Evolution of Russia"

(RUSSIA)

BEST OF PSA'S

The War Amps

"Noah and the Eskimos"

(CANADA)



AWARDS CALENDAR

April 24th
March 23rd Deadline for Entries

May 24th Winners Notified

June 22nd Grand Winners Announced

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!
www.mercommawards.com

ENTRY INFORMATION

READY...SET...Go!

WHO

The **QUESTAR Awards** creates a level playing field for all entrants including large international agencies, corporations and production studios, as well as small and regional ones, and even individual "one-man" bands.

WHAT

The following must be included in order to process your entry:

- Completed Entry Form
- 3 Copies of Entry Submitted
- Entry Fee
- Please send one completed entry form per entry. For multiple entries, please photocopy Entry Form.

WHEN

Entries must be postmarked by ~~March 23, 2012.~~
April 24, 2012

WHERE

Send the fee, entry form, and entry submission to:
**MerComm, Inc., 500 Executive Blvd.
Ossining, NY 10562 USA**

Payment may be made by check, American Express, MasterCard, VISA, or bank-to-bank transfer. Make checks payable to MerComm/QSR. Please contact our offices for information concerning bank-to-bank transfers.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRIES

If the program soundtrack is not English, please provide a script translated into English, a subtitled version, or a dubbed version in English. DVDs in NTSC is the preferred format.

ENTRY FEES

The fee for entries is \$210 per entry. Fees include handling and preparation costs for the judging sessions, the judge's score sheets with written comments, a complete Winner's Pack with award certificate for the winners, as well as posting and hyperlinking your corporate name on the website.

ELIGIBILITY

Any material produced, screened, aired, displayed or marketed from March 23, 2011 to March 23, 2012 is eligible, as well as any previously produced material which is still appearing or has been re-introduced during the eligible time.

NOMINATOR

The person submitting the entry will be our contact throughout the course of the competition, and will receive all information and announcements concerning award status.

CATEGORIES

Five major categories are offered in the 2012 **QUESTAR Awards**. Nominators may enter their work in any combination of categories and classifications. However, a separate fee must be sent for each entry.

JUDGING

The **QUESTAR Awards** is unique in that each entry is judged against itself, to the degree that the individual entry achieves its intended purpose. Entries from large or small organizations have an equal chance at winning; judging is based not on budget, but on the values of creativity, craft, and skill, as symbolized by the **QUESTAR Awards**.

Each entry is evaluated three separate times during the preliminary rounds. The three sets of scores are then averaged into a single score for the individual entry. A certain minimum score must be achieved to qualify for an award. Only one Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Honors Award will be given in each classification; however if no entry scores high enough, no award will be given.

The Gold Award Winners become candidates for a Grand Award. In addition, one BEST OF SHOW Award will be presented to the one entry that best exemplifies the spirit of the **QUESTAR Awards**.

RETURN MATERIAL

All entries submitted to the competition become property of the **QUESTAR Awards** and may be used for promotional purposes by MerComm, Inc. Entries will be returned if specifically requested on the Entry Form and accompanied by an additional \$25.00 each for shipping and handling.

IMPORTANT AWARD CERTIFICATES

Should your entry win an award, your certificate will be personalized in the following format:

Nominating Company
CLIENT COMPANY
Title of Entry

If you would prefer any variation of the official format, kindly let us know, in writing, on the Entry Form.

CATEGORIES & CLASSIFICATIONS

A. ADVERTISEMENTS/ COMMERCIALS

- A-01 Automotive
- A-02 Banks/Credit Cards
- A-03 Community/Local
- A-04 Fund Raising
- A-05 Gift Items
- A-06 Holiday
- A-07 Infomercial
- A-08 In-Store/Public Area
- A-09 New Product/Svc.
- A-10 Public Serv. /Announcement
- A-11 Real Estate
- A-12 Sports
- A-13 Travel & Tourism
- A-14 Other/Misc.

B. BROADCAST/ CABLE PROGRAMS

- B-01 Arts Culture
- B-02 Brand Image Campaign
- B-03 Corporate Identity
- B-04 Documentary
- B-05 Energy/Environmental
- B-06 Fund Raising
- B-07 Government
- B-08 Healthcare
- B-09 In-flight Production
- B-10 Motivation
- B-11 News Promotions
- B-12 Openings & Events
- B-13 Public Service Program
- B-14 Religion & Ethics
- B-15 Sales/Infomercials
- B-16 Tourism/Travel/ Destination Promotion
- B-17 Video News Release
- B-18 Other/Misc.

C. CORPORATIONS

- C-01 Anniversary
- C-02 Annual Report
- C-03 Automobile/Enthusiast
- C-04 Banking/Financial
- C-05 Brand Experience
- C-06 B-Roll
- C-07 Client Presentation
- C-08 Contest/Sweepstake
- C-09 Corporate Identity
- C-10 Documentary
- C-11 Educational/Infomercial
- C-12 Event Opener
- C-13 Health Awareness
- C-14 Hotels/Restaurants
- C-15 In-House Production
- C-16 Internal Communications
- C-17 Marketing
- C-18 Medicine/Pharmaceuticals
- C-19 Meeting Modules
- C-20 Premium Brand
- C-21 Product/Service Promotion
- C-22 Public Awareness
- C-23 Recruitment
- C-24 Safety & Security
- C-25 Special Project
- C-26 Staff Training
- C-27 Stakeholder Communications
- C-28 Travel/Tourism
- C-30 Other/Misc.

D. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- D-01 Association
- D-02 Brand Image Campaign
- D-03 Child Abuse Awareness
- D-04 Documentary
- D-05 Education
- D-06 Fund Raiser
- D-07 Government
- D-08 Health Awareness
- D-09 Inspiration
- D-10 Organization Overview
- D-11 Safety
- D-12 Other/Misc.

E. EMERGING MEDIA

- E-01 App
- E-02 Facebook
- E-03 Social Media
- E-04 Twitter
- E-05 YouTube
- E-06 Other/Misc.

THE JUDGES

The distinguished panels of judges recognize the art of communications in a global economy and the science of the new technologies which enable the world-wide exchange of ideas and information. Members of the judging faculty will evaluate the entries based on the standards of international excellence through the measures of creativity and craft.

33 Visual - MEXICO
 Abbott Laboratories
 Addison
 Affno - SRI LANKA
 AHA Design - AUSTRIA
 AIR Health
 Alex Schkrutz Consultancy
 AND Partners
 Asia Public Relations Agency
 - HONG KONG
 Bank of China - HONG KONG
 Baoviet Holdings - VIETNAM
 Baxter International
 BCN Communications
 Beau Gardner Associates Inc.
 Burgess Strategic Marketing Services
 Burson - Marsteller
 Carlow University
 Charles Schwab
 CHC Enterprises
 China Telecom - HONG KONG
 Ciel Design Partners
 C.J. Graphics
 CLP Holdings Ltd - HONG KONG

Coal Creative Consultants - SINGAPORE
 ComfortDelGro Corporation Ltd.
 - SINGAPORE
 Coyne Public Relations
 Creative Fire - CANADA
 Curran & Connors, Inc.
 Curtis Group
 Daniel Kennedy
 Communications Services
 Decker Design, Inc.
 Donahue Communications Inc.
 Edelman/Ruth
 EDICO - HONG KONG
 Eisenman Associates
 Equity Group - HONG KONG
 Euroclear - BELGIUM
 Family Health International
 Finar Kurumsal - TURKEY
 First Rabbit - GERMANY
 Flughafen Wien AG - AUSTRIA
 G+J Corporate Editors - GERMANY
 Greater Toronto Airports Authority
 - CANADA
 Greg Kinch Photography

Hirschhorn Central Communications
 Hoffman Und Campe Corporate
 Publishing - GERMANY
 Horizon Film & Video
 Ideas on Purpose
 i.LINK Group Limited - HONG KONG
 Image Boutique Productions Ltd
 - HONG KONG
 Inbrax - CHILE
 INCA Communications - KOREA
 INC Design
 In-Design - HONG KONG
 Insight Creative - NEW ZEALAND
 iONE Financial Press - HONG KONG
 Jim Barber Studio
 John Giammatteo Photographs
 John Madere Photography
 KircherBurkhardt GmbH - GERMANY
 Kitty Hawk Studios
 köckritzdörrich GmbH - GERMANY
 KRS Consulting
 Lambs Farm
 Lockheed Martin Corporation
 Loved GmbH - GERMANY
 M&M Consultancy - HONG KONG
 MacDonald Design - CANADA
 Maloney & Fox
 Mark Joseph Photography, Inc.
 Marsteller
 Media Genesis

Mensalia GmbH - AUSTRIA
 Mike Klodnicki & Associates
 Milenio 3 - MEXICO
 mind(21)factory - GERMANY
 MWW Group
 O'Connor & Partners
 Ove Design + Communications Ltd.
 - CANADA
 Paragraphs Design
 Perlgut Group
 Phoenix Communications Ltd.
 - HONG KONG
 PVF Investor Relations - GERMANY
 Q&E Advertising - SRI LANKA
 Rat Fuer Ruhm Und Ehre - GERMANY
 REF Financial Press Ltd. - HONG KONG
 Ringzwei - GERMANY
 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 RR Donnelley - HONG KONG
 RTL Group - LUXEMBOURG
 Savage Branding & Corporate Design
 Sedgwick Richardson - HONG KONG
 Sedgwick Richardson - SINGAPORE
 Shian Inc. - JAPAN
 Shoemake Photography Inc.
 Signi Design - MEXICO
 Skaggs Advertising & Design
 Smart Media - SRI LANKA
 Smith & Associates - CANADA

Soapbox Design Communications
 - CANADA
 S/O Project - KOREA
 Southern Company
 Speedy Design Communications
 - HONG KONG
 SRP
 Stan Gellman Graphic Design Inc.
 Strategic Alliance International
 Studio 210
 The Design Associates Ltd.
 - HONG KONG
 The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.
 - HONG KONG
 The Hong Kong Institute of Education
 - HONG KONG
 Thema Communications - GERMANY
 The Third Age - SOUTH KOREA
 Thiel Design
 Tierney Communications
 Time, Inc. Content Solutions
 Toppan Vite Limited - HONG KONG
 Twice Graphics - HONG KONG
 VVA/see see eye
 Weber Shandwick Worldwide
 William Blair & Company
 Yellow Creative (HK) Limited
 - HONG KONG

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

For Office Use Only
Log No. #

TYPE or PRINT all information legibly. Spell out title and company names exactly as they are to appear on winning certificate.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Title of Entry _____

Category-Classification Code: - (Example "C-17") See other page

Category/Classification: _____

Other/Misc. _____
(Describe entry)

Format: DVD-Video DVD-ROM Web-link

Length of Entry: _____ min. _____ sec.

URL: _____

Purpose and intended audience:
(Describe briefly. May be typed on separate sheet.)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Mr. Ms.

Your Name: _____
First/Given Name Last/Family Name

Title/Job Description: _____

Agency/Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Prov./State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____
Country Code City/Area Code Number

Fax: _____
Country Code City/Area Code Number

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

CLIENT INFORMATION

Mr. Ms.

Client's Name: _____
First/Given Name Last/Family Name

Title/Job Description: _____

Corporation/Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Prov./State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____
Country Code City/Area Code Number

Fax: _____
Country Code City/Area Code Number

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Number of Entries:

Entry Fee @ 210.00 per entry \$ _____

5-9 Entries, 5% Discount \$ _____

10-19 Entries, 10% Discount \$ _____

20+ Entries, 20% Discount \$ _____

Please return my entry(ies). Enclosed is an additional \$25 each for shipping and handling. \$ _____

Total Fees Paid \$ _____
(U.S. Dollars)

Check Enclosed Bank-to-Bank Transfer*
(Drawn on U.S. Banks only.) *Contact our office for details

Credit Card

AMEX ----

Expiration Date -

MC/VISA ----

Expiration Date -

Cardholder's Name _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

MAILING/SHIPPING INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: For judging purposes, please send **three copies** of material per entry. Upon receipt, this entry becomes the property of MerComm, Inc. and may be used for display and exhibition purposes.

Make checks payable and mail to:
MerComm/QSR
500 Executive Boulevard
Ossining-on-Hudson, NY 10562 USA

For More Information:

1-914-923-9400

FAX: 1-914-923-9484

info@mercommawards.com

www.mercommawards.com

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SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: Mailing/shipping costs, insurance, and handling fees for all entries are at the entrant's expense. Send entry materials along with entry forms and fees. For foreign entries, we suggest you send your material either by airmail or courier service which will deliver them directly to our offices. To hasten your package through customs, please affix or mark in bold lettering outside the package — "Contest Material. No Commercial Value."