



**The International Women's Media Foundation's 18th Annual
Courage in Journalism Awards to be held in Los Angeles on October 30th**

WHO: **Lydia Cacho**, of Mexico, correspondent for CIMAC news agency and feature writer for *Dia Siete* magazine in Mexico. **Serkalem Fasil***, of Ethiopia, former co-owner and publisher of the weekly newspapers *Asqual*, *Menelik* and *Satenaw*. Six Iraqi women journalists of McClatchy's Baghdad bureau: **Huda Ahmed**, **Shatha al Awsy**, **Sahar Issa****, **Alaa Majeed**, **Zaineb Obeid** and **Ban Adil Sarhan**.

The IWMF will also present its *Lifetime Achievement Award* to **Peta Thornycroft**, a renowned journalist from Zimbabwe.

Jamie Alter and **Michael Lynton**, Chairman and CEO, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and **Monica Lozano**, Publisher and CEO, *La Opinion*, are event chairs for the Los Angeles awards ceremony. **Bank of America** is the national presenting sponsor of the *Courage in Journalism Awards*.

Angelina Jolie, **Meg Ryan**, **Maria Elena Salinas** of Univision, and **Rick Rodriguez** of the *Sacramento Bee* will present awards.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 PM cocktails, 7:30 PM dinner & awards

WHERE: The Beverly Hills Hotel, 9641 Sunset Blvd., Beverly Hills

***Kifle Mulat**, president of the Ethiopian Free Press Journalists Association, will accept for Serkalem Fasil. Sahar Issa will accept for the McClatchy journalists.

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For more in depth bios on the winners please visit: <http://www.iwmf.org/courage>.

Tickets can be purchased at: www.iwmf.org/network/courage.

For more information please visit the International Women's Media Foundation website at www.iwmf.org. Awards will also be presented at ceremonies in New York on October 23, 2007. A reception/panel discussion with award winners will take place in Washington, D.C., on October 25, 2007.

The International Women's Media Foundation created the *Courage in Journalism Awards* in 1990 to honor women journalists who have shown extraordinary strength of character and integrity while reporting the news under dangerous or difficult circumstances. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* recognizes a woman journalist who has a pioneering spirit and whose determination has paved the way for future generations of women in the media.

The IWMF is a global network dedicated to strengthening the role of women in the news media worldwide as a means to further freedom of the press.

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