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THE BEST OF THE BEST IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WERE RECOGNIZED AT PIASC'S GRAPHICS **NIGHT ABOARD THE HISTORICAL QUEEN MARY!**

Los Angeles, CA - Janet Green, Public Relations Chair of PIASC presented the Print Excellence Awards winners of the 9th Annual Regional Print Excellence Awards competition at the recent PIASC Graphics Night held at The Queen Mary in Long Beach. Only the Best of Show, Best of Division, and Best of Category awards were presented at this event; however, complete listings of all winners are available at www.piasc.org/printexcellence/winners.

The night was a true celebration of print... a night full of color and excitement as over 300 guests leisurely admired the exemplary Best of Category and Award of Excellence winning entries while enjoying a hosted cocktail reception. During the reception, guests were thrilled to take part of the "People's Choice Award" by submitting a vote of the one piece that captured their attention.

After the reception, guests were invited to enter the Grand Salon for a fabulous dining experience while Commodore Everett delighted them with a brief history of The Queen Mary. Dinner was followed by the presentation of the Executive of the Year Award to Ken Bittner, President of Diversified Printers, Inc. Then, Janet Green announced the winners of the Print Excellence Awards as David Overgaard, PIASC incoming Chair, presented the stunning glass awards.

Those companies participating could receive up to 6 different awards:

- Best of Show, awarded to the one most outstanding entry from the entire competition.
- Best of Division, awarded to one company within like-size printers with the highest average score.
- Best of Category, awarded to the most outstanding entry in each category.
- Award of Excellence, awarded to those entries which are runner-ups for each category.
- Certificate of Merit, awarded to those meritorious of recognition for their high level of quality in printing and design.
- People's Choice Award, awarded to the one piece which was selected by industry peers and guests during the annual Graphics Night.

And the Best of Show went to:

Color FX, Inc. for its "Special FX Self-Promotion Brochure" Sponsored by: UPS

Best of Division winners are:

Division 1: <u>Clear Image Printing</u>

Sponsored by: Kelly Paper & Spicers Paper

Division 2: <u>Jano Graphics</u>

Sponsored by: Graphic Electric, Inc.

Division 3: Color FX, Inc.

Sponsored by:

 Division 4: Lithographix, Inc. Sponsored by:

Division 6: Switch Studio

Sponsored by: Taylor Graphics, Inc.

And the winner for the People's Choice Award went to:

Dual Graphics for its "Chuck Lorre Book & Case"

There were 70 Best of Category Awards and 68 Awards of Excellence. Award recipients are as follows:

Automation Printing Co.

2 Best of Categories

Bert-Co Industries

4 Best of Categories 1 Award of Excellence

BurdgeCooper 2 Best of Categories

1 Award of Excellence

3 Certificates of Merit

C&S Sales

1 Best of Category

Chromatic Inc., Lithographers

2 Best of Categories

2 Awards of Excellence

2 Certificates of Merit

Church of Scientology International

2 Best of Categories

3 Awards of Excellence

Clear Image Printing

Best of Division

6 Best of Categories

3 Awards of Excellence

Clear Print

1 Award of Excellence

Color FX, Inc.

Best of Show

Best of Division

3 Best of Categories

Color Incorporated

1 Best of Category

1 Award of Excellence

1 Certificate of Merit

Colorcom, Inc.

1 Best of Category

2 Awards of Excellence

Continental Colorcraft

3 Best of Categories

1 Certificate of Merit

Coronet Printing

1 Award of Excellence

Crown Printers

4 Best of Categories

5 Awards of Excellence

D'Andrea Graphic Communications

1 Best of Category

Daneels USA

1 Best of Category

Design Printing

2 Best of Categories

9 Awards of Excellence

Dual Graphics

People's Choice

7 Best of Categories 12 Awards of Excellence

G2 Graphic Service

3 Best of Categories

2 Awards of Excellence

Impress Communications, Inc.

1 Best of Category

1 Award of Excellence

Jano Graphics

Best of Division

2 Best of Categories

1 Certificate of Merit

Lester Lithograph, Inc.

2 Best of Categories

4 Awards of Excellence

7 Certificates of Merit

Lithographix, Inc.

Best of Division

2 Best of Categories

Maskell Graphics, Inc.

2 Best of Categories

2 Awards of Excellence

Patterson Graphics Corporation

1 Award of Excellence

PJ Printers

3 Best of Categories

Presentation Folder Inc.

1 Best of Category

1 Award of Excellence

Queen Beach Printers, Inc.

1 Best of Category

3 Awards of Excellence

Red Bull Media House N.A., Inc.

1 Best of Category

Shanahan Printing & Graphics, Inc.

3 Certificates of Merit

Southern California Graphics Co.

3 Best of Categories

2 Awards of Excellence

2 Certificates of Merit

Stoughton Printing Co.

1 Best of Category

1 Award of Excellence 1 Certificate of Merit

Superior Lithographics, Inc.

1 Award of Excellence

Switch Studio

Best of Division

4 Best of Categories 3 Awards of Excellence

3 Certificates of Merit

The Source Printing Made Easy

1 Best of Category

1 Award of Excellence

1 Certificate of Merit

Thoro Packaging 1 Best of Category

2 Awards of Excellence

2 Certificates of Merit

Typecraft Wood & Jones Inc.

2 Certificates of Merit

V3 Corporation

2 Awards of Excellence

2 Certificates of Merit

Vanguard Printing 1 Award of Excellence

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PIASC will submit the Best of Category winning entries at no additional charge to PIA's National "Premier Print Awards" competition also known as the Benny's. The winners of Premier Print Awards will be announced at PRINT13 in Chicago this October.

Start preparing for next year's competition by putting aside your best work! Deadline for the 10th Annual Print Excellence Awards: Call for Entries is **Friday, February 21, 2014.**

Congratulations to all awardees!

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