

Atlantic Journalism Awards

AJAs Announces 2023 Finalists

(March 20, 2023) The Atlantic Journalism Awards (AJAs) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2023 Eastlink Atlantic Journalism Awards.

Winners will be announced during the awards show, being held at 7:00 PM on April 20, 2023 in three locations:

- Prince Hall, University of King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Kinsella Auditorium, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick
- College of the North Atlantic, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

Finalists will receive a complimentary ticket to the venue of their choice; other tickets will be available for \$35 per person (each ticket purchase helps support the attendance of post-secondary journalism students). Tickets will be on sale before March 24, 2023.

Note: In each category, finalists are listed in alphabetical order.

NEWSPAPERS

Breaking News

- "Crew of Atlantic Destiny fishing vessel airlifted to Yarmouth Airport after emergency at sea", by Tina Comeau, Saltwire Network/Tri-County Vanguard, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia (03-Mar-21)
- "Fiona's Fury", by Rosalyn Roy, The Wreckhouse Weekly, Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador (26-Sep-22)
- "Prince Edward Island health minister says no conflict over deputy regarding Medavie contract", by Stu Neatby, SaltWire Network, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (25-Oct-21)

Enterprise Reporting

- "Donald Sobey's sexual assault of a young man was an open secret. Now his victim is finally telling his story...", by Stephen Kimber, Globe and Mail, Halifax, Nova Scotia (23-Aug-22)
- "Eight care workers complained before police called in senior sex abuse case", by Chris Lambie, The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, Nova Scotia (Sept. 24, 2021; Oct. 2, 2021; Nov. 9, 2021; April 9, 2022.)
- "Who Killed Shirley Milberry?", by Mike Landry, Telegraph-Journal, Saint John, New Brunswick (Jul 31, 2021; May. 16, 2022; Oct. 21, 2022)

Feature

- “A Newfoundland hospital switched them at birth. Fifty-three years later, a DNA test brought them together”, by Lindsay Jones, The Globe & Mail, Halifax, Nova Scotia (Sept. 23, 2022)
- “Switched at Birth”, by Tara Bradbury, The Telegram, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (Oct. 27, 2022; Dec. 23, 2022)
- “Who will apologize to Jason Sark?”, by Paul MacNeill, Eastern Graphic, Montague, Prince Edward Island (23-Mar-22)

Photojournalism News

- “Memorial Cup Final, Celebration and Defeat”, by Michael HawkiNova Scotia, New Brunswick Telegraph Journal (freelance), Rothesay, New Brunswick (22-Sep-22)
- “Roof Work”, by Keith Gosse, The Telegram, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (May 17 2022)
- “World Juniors”, by John Morris, John Morris, Charlottetown, PE (29-Dec-22)

Photojournalism Portrait/Feature

- “Safe! Maybe?”, by Keith Gosse, The Telegram, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (November 4 2021)
- “Shadow biker”, by Keith Gosse, The Telegram, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (December 29 2022)
- “The Blue House”, by Rene J Roy, The Wreckhouse Weekly, Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador (Sept 24 2022)

Editorial Cartooning

- Bruce MacKinnon, The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, Nova Scotia (Body of work)
- Michael de Adder, Saltwire, Halifax, Nova Scotia (Body of work)

Best Community Newspaper News Story

- “An inspiration to all: Yarmouth paramedic Terry Muise honoured”, by Tina Comeau, Saltwire Network/Tri-County Vanguard, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia (Feb-22)
- “Hurricane Fiona”, by Rene J Roy, The Wreckhouse Weekly, Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador (24-Sep-22)
- “Transitional nightmare”, by Rachel Collier, Eastern Graphic, Montague, Prince Edward Island (09-Mar-22)

RADIO

Breaking News (the judges selected only one finalist in this category)

Gold award winner: Hurricane Fiona Hits Southwest Coast, VOXM, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador

Enterprise Reporting

- “Cost of Getting By”, by David Burke, CBC Cape Breton, Halifax, Nova Scotia (June 13/14/15 2022)
- “Finding Home”, by Caroline Hillier/Krissy Holmes, CBC Radio, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (Dec. 30)
- “More than a statistic: remembering Luke Landry”, by Vanessa Blanch, CBC New Brunswick, Moncton, New Brunswick (Nov 24 & 28, 2022)

Feature

- “Hola, Glovertown”, by Caroline Hillier/Mary-Catherine McIntosh, CBC Radio, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (Jul-23)
- “I Still Live Here”, by John Gaudi, Atlantic Voice, Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador (06-Nov-22)
- “Operation Hemlock”, by Phlis McGregor, CBC NS, Halifax, Nova Scotia (29-May-22)

Best Information News Radio Program

- “Newfoundland Morning: Fiona Remote Show”, by Bernice Hillier, CBC Radio, Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador (Oct. 28, 2022)
- “On Target with Linda Swain Guest: Lela EvaNova Scotia on Truth and Reconciliation”, by Linda Swain, VOXM, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador
- “St. John's Morning Show”, by Jo-Ann Dooley/Krissy Holmes/Garrett Barry/Ariana Kelland/Jonny Hodder/Caroline Hillier /Andrew Wiseman, CBC NL, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Best Newscast

- “91.9 The Bend News at 7 AM”, 91.9 The Bend, Moncton, New Brunswick (19-Jul-22)
- “CHSJ News at 7 AM”, Country 94.1 FM, Saint John, New Brunswick (04-Aug-22)
- “The Morning News”, CityNews Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia (26-Sep-22)

TELEVISION

Breaking/Spot News

- « L'Église de Shemogue détruite par un incendie », by Pascal Raiche-Nogue, ICI Acadie, Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick (09-Dec-21)
- “MV Holiday Island fire”, by Steve Bruce, CBC Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (22-Jul-22)
- “Mi'kmaw Fishery”, by Angel Moore, APTN, Halifax, Nova Scotia (10-Sep-21)

Enterprise Reporting

- “Request for Assistance: HMCS Margaret Brooke Re-Deployment”, by Jodi Cooke, NTV News, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (27-Sep)
- “Return to Davis Inlet”, by Ariana Kelland, Katie Breen, Angela Gilbert, CBC NL, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (20-Nov-22)
- “Seuls devant un mal inconnu”, by Nicolas Steinbach, ICI Acadie, Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick (6-janv-2022)

Feature

- “Habitats: Diving for Ghost Gear in Hickman's Harbour”, by Amanda Bulman and Rodrigo Iniguez, CBC NL, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (March 30th, 2022)
- “Project Bonavista”, by Mark Cumby and Lindsay Bird, CBC NL, St. John's, Newfoundland Labrador (07-Jul-22)
- “Ugpi'ganjig Threatened”, by Jacques Poitras, Michael Heenan, CBC NB, Fredericton, New Brunswick (10-May-22)

Videojournalist

- Aniekane Etuhube, CBC NB, Fredericton, New Brunswick (Body of work)
- Beth Penney, NTV News, St. John's, Newfoundland Labrador (Body of work)
- Alix Villeneuve, ICI Acadie (Radio-Canada), Fredericton, New Brunswick (Body of work)

Best Newscast

- “CBC News: Compass”, CBC PEI, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (26-Sep-22)
- « Le Téléjournal Acadie, Épisode du 28 septembre 2022 », by Équipe du Téléjournal Acadie, ICI Acadie, Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick (2022-09-28)
- “NTV Evening Newshour”, NTV News, St. John's, NL (Sept. 26)

MAGAZINES

Best Profile (the judges selected only one finalist in this category)

Gold award winner: “Chief Terry Paul: Atlantic Canada’s first Indigenous CEO of the Year”, by Stephen Kimber, Atlantic Business Magazine, St. John’s, Newfoundland Labrador (July, 2022)

Best Article

- “A new Come to Stay story”, by Louis Power, Atlantic Business Magazine, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (July 2022)
- “Confronting hockey’s dark side”, by Ameeta Vohra, Halifax Magazine/Unravel Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia (November/December 2022)
- “Verafin: the \$2.75 billion backstory”, by Stephen Kimber, Atlantic Business Magazine, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (November 2021)

Best Cover

- “She writes the songs”, by Shawn Dalton, Saltscapes, Halifax, Nova Scotia (August 2021)
- “The innovation issue”, by Carolyn Greene, Atlantic Business Magazine, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (November 2022)
- “The wondrous snowy owl”, by Shawn Dalton, Saltscapes, Halifax, Nova Scotia (February 2022)

DIGITAL JOURNALISM

Enterprise/Long form

- “Investigation: past safety violations loom large over reopening of Canadian coal mine”, by Cloe Logan, Canada’s National Observer, Halifax, Nova Scotia (September 15, 16 and 20, 2022)
- “Revered, feared”, by Frances Willick, CBC Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia (November 3, 2021)
- “The lives of others”, by Lindsay Jones, The Atavist Magazine, Halifax, Nova Scotia (March 31, 2021)

Breaking News

- «En pleine crise des urgences, les têtes tombent au Nouveau-Brunswick », par Catherine Allard, ICI Acadie, Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick (15 juillet, 2022)
- “Fiona fallout in Prince Edward Island”, by Teresa Wright, Global News, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (September/October 2022)
- “Halifax police arrest, pepper spray protestors as city evicts homeless people from parks”, by Zane Woodford, Halifax Examiner, Halifax, Nova Scotia (August 19, 2021)

ANY MEDIUM

Arts & Entertainment

- “Perchance Theatre Project revealing more of Newfoundland and Labrador”, by Ashley Fitzpatrick, The Independent, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (February 25, 2022)
- “She writes it our way”, by Crystal Murray, Saltscapes, Halifax, Nova Scotia (August, 2021)
- “The Rowdyman 50th anniversary”, by Barb Sweet, The Telegram/Saltwire, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (January 22-28, 2022)

Business Reporting

- “Hola, Glovertown”, by Caroline Hillier, Danny Arsenault, Mike Rossiter, John Gushue, CBC NL, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (July 22, 2022)
- “Stephenville Airport deal scrutiny”, by Troy Turner, Rob Antle, Colleen Connors, Avanthika Anand, CBC NL, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (February 24, September 2, December 13, 2022)
- “Will Trudeau succeed where other PMs have failed?”, by Ashley Fitzpatrick, Atlantic Business Magazine, St. John’s, Newfoundland & Labrador (September, 2021)

Commentary

- “Could a robot write this? LessoNova Scotia on using AI writing tools, and what they mean for journalism”, by Philip Moscovitch, Halifax Examiner, Halifax, Nova Scotia (December 15, 2022)
- “The witchification of Lisa Banfield”, by Tim Bousquet, Halifax Examiner, Halifax, Nova Scotia (July 17, 2022)
- “Trying to turn a parent’s grief into action”, by John DeMont, Chronicle Herald/Saltwire, Halifax, Nova Scotia (June 16, 2021)

Sports Reporting

- “A tribute to Trevor Ettinger”, by Jeremy Fraser, Cape Breton Post, Sydney, Nova Scotia (September 29, 2021)
- “Confronting hockey’s dark side”, by Ameeta Vohra, Halifax Magazine/Unravel Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia (November/December 2022)
- “Equity on ice”, by Karissa Donkin, CBC NB/Atlantic Investigative Unit, Fredericton, New Brunswick (October 25, 2022)

Jim MacNeill New Journalist Award

- Marykate O’Neill, NTV News, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador (Body of work)
- Nicola Seguin, CBC NS, Halifax, Nova Scotia (Body of work)
- Hannah Rudderham, CBC NB, Fredericton, New Brunswick (Body of work)