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KGMB9 WINS FOUR EMMY® AWARDS EARNING TOP HONORS AT THE 37TH ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA EMMY® AWARDS CEREMONY—MORE THAN ANY OTHER LOCAL STATION.

KGMB9 was honored with four EMMY® Awards by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) on Saturday night, earning two top awards of the evening: one for Best Newscast and another for overall Station Excellence. The EMMY® Award honors excellence in all fields of television production.

Below is the complete list of awards KGMB9 earned for their work in 2007:

- **Station Excellence** – KGMB9 was honored for outstanding achievement in overall station operations during 2007. This includes the overall local product including all news and sports coverage, other locally-produced programs, promotional announcements and community outreach. In this category, KGMB9 was up against some of California’s largest, most renowned television stations.
- **Best Evening Newscast (Medium Market)** – Hawaii’s number-one rated **KGMB9 News at 10** picked up the EMMY® for Best Evening Newscast.
- **Best Sports – Regularly Scheduled Program** – KGMB9’s Sports Department was acknowledged by the judges for the second year in a row for their work on *June Jones: Perfect in Paradise*, the culmination of an entire season of the top-notch, in-depth, dazzling coach’s show, *June Jones*.
- **Best Live Directing** – Michael Harris received an EMMY® for his stellar work on *Lantern Floating Hawaii*, where he juggled more than a dozen camera feeds in this beautiful program, broadcast live from the shores of Ala Moana Beach Park. The *Lantern Floating Hawaii* Special aired on KGMB9 in May 2007 and was co-produced by Shinnyo-En. Harris is also the director of *Sunrise on KGMB9*.

“I got chicken skin when I heard the news,” said KGMB9 President and General Manager Rick Blangiardi. “This is a major accomplishment by the men and women of KGMB9 who are so dedicated to serving the State of Hawaii with the absolute best news coverage each day.”

“I’m so proud of our group,” said KGMB9 News Director Chris Archer. “Long days. Early mornings. Lots of work. A great validation for all of our effort, and a great honor for Hawaii to be acknowledged on such a large stage.”

The awards were presented Saturday evening, May 10th at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. The NATAS San Francisco/Northern California chapter is comprised of broadcast and cable stations in Northern California, Hawaii and Reno, Nevada.

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