



ATLANTA INTERFAITH BROADCASTERS

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**Cable & Internet Viewers Can Vote for Favorite Programming
November 3 – December 12**

Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters (October 27, 2008) – AIB viewers can begin casting their vote for favorite AIB programmer beginning Monday, November 3. The Viewers Choice award is one of six awards to be presented at the 8th Annual Allen Awards held on March 24, 2009 at the Atlanta History Center. To vote, viewers can visit AIBTV.com and click on *Allen Awards – Vote Here* or send their choice to *Viewers Choice Award, AIB, 1075 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309*. The deadline for entries is December 12, 2008.

2009 marks AIB's 40th Anniversary. AIB began in 1969 to accommodate metro Atlanta's growing diverse religious communities. Focus was on the origination and distribution of public service programming on television and radio stations. Programs dealt with community issues from an interfaith perspective with all faiths, economic and social groups represented. The Allen Awards are named in honor of AIB's founder and late President, Rev. John H. Allen.

The Allen Awards honor and recognize metro Atlanta programmers for broadcast excellence that seeks to encourage and celebrate the human spirit. Six awards will be presented including Best Music and Creative Arts, the John H. Allen Humanitarian Award, **Viewers Choice** and the John A. Conant Community Service Award.

The complete list of the award categories are **Best Faith Based Worship, Best Faith Based Non Worship, Best Music & Creative Arts, Viewers Choice, John H. Allen Humanitarian Award** and the **John A. Conant Community Service Award**. The **JOHN H. ALLEN HUMANITARIAN AWARD** recognizes distinguished achievement and meritorious service by an organization or individual that bridges religious, ethnic and social backgrounds to make our world a better place; the **JOHN A. CONANT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** is given in memory of former AIB Board President, John A. Conant and is presented to two non-profit organizations whose work improves and enriches the lives and conditions of those living in the Metro Atlanta community.

AIB programming and award winning original series can be viewed on Comcast – Digital Channel 5, BellSouth Entertainment – Channel 4 and Charter Communications (Smyrna) – Channel 22

About AIB: Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters, Inc. is the nation's largest regional interfaith cable network and has been providing faith-based communities and nonprofit service organizations access to a larger audience for 39 years. Seen in over 1,000,000 homes across 19 metro area counties, AIB is a self-supporting organization and does not allow the solicitation of funds or attacks on other faiths. AIB is Atlanta's beacon for ethnic, cultural and religious harmony – viewers find Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhists, Hindus and others presenting their views. www.AIBTV.com ###