



# Kathy Griffin To Host

## The WIN Awards 2005 "Amaze Yourself"

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**Los Angeles, CA** – (September 3, 2005) Women's Image Network, (WIN) is thrilled to have secured an extraordinary and hilarious comic talent as its host, **Kathy Griffin** who for three consecutive years also co-hosted The Billboard Music Awards. Ms. Griffin may be best known for her four year stint as Brooke Shield's acerbic colleague, Vickie Groener on "Suddenly Susan" (NBC). Most recently her Bravo series, "Kathy Griffin: My Life On The D-List," just wrapped its first season. Again for Bravo she just wrapped the special, "Kathy Griffin Is Not Nicole Kidman.", while her stand-up show "Allegedly" was just released on DVD.

About The WIN Awards, Kathy Griffin says, "I'm so proud to be affiliated with a group that works so hard for the advancement of women. Everyone knows I like to make fun of celebrities, male and female alike, but in the end, I am a girl's girl...and it is crucial that we all stick together."

Given Kathy's great passion for reality television she not only won as a participant on ABC's "Celebrity Mole", but she also hosted "Average Joe" (NBC) and "Kathy's So-Called Reality", (MTV). An LA Groundlings member Kathy built career by guest starring on "Mad About You," "ER," and recurring on "Seinfeld." In 1998, she landed the "HBO, Half Hour Comedy Special" and the HBO, One-Hour Special, "A Hot Cup of Talk." Kathy has appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman," "Live with Regis and Kelly", "X-Files" (in a dual role) and in Eminem's video, "The Real Slim Shady", co-directed by Dr. Dre. Her feature film credits include "It's Pat," "Four Rooms," "Muppets From Space," and "Lion of Oz", among others. Griffin has also voiced many characters on shows such as "Dilbert" and "The Simpsons".

Now in year twelve, The WIN Awards will be presented on September 26 from 7 to 10 P.M. at The Ford Ampitheatre in Los Angeles. Beginning in 1993, The WIN Awards honor excellence in film, television and advertising that dispels female stereotypes. Gathering together top film, television and advertising artists at its one of a kind awards show, The WIN Awards are produced by Women's Image Network a non-profit company which is committed to creating social parity for women. WIN rewards broadcast advertising, feature and documentary films and television shows in the following categories: Drama Series, Comedy Series, Animation Series, News Series, Reality Series and shows or films Directed or Produced By a Woman.

Former WIN Award recipients include **Laura Ziskin, Lauren Bacall, Cate Blanchett, Pierce Brosnan, Lily Tomlin, Lynn Redgrave, Catherine Hardwicke, Sara Jessica Parker, David**

**E. Kelly, Jessica Lange, Tom Wilkinson, Lauren Shuler Donner, Linda Wolf, Eric Roberts, Vicky Jenson and Jack Nicholson**, to name a few.

The WIN Awards 2005 will also celebrate the lively and talented film director, **Gurinder Chadha**, with its Chaplin Limelight Award an honor bestowed to exceptional directors who brings a sense of innovation and originality, together with a standard of excellence, to her creative pursuits. Gurinder Chadha's directing credits include BRIDE & PREJUDICE, BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM and the upcoming Sony film, I DREAM OF JEANNIE, which will be a prequel to the popular television show. Sid Ganis, Alex Ziskin and Louis D'Esposito will produce.

Moreover, the founder and CEO of advertising agency, Wieden + Kennedy, Dan Wieden will present Ms. Lu Chekowsky, who is launching Heart New York, a new advertising agency devoted to promoting positive images of women in advertising in Spring 2006. Ms. Chekowsky will pick up The 2005 Harriett Abbot Award for innovation and vision in the field of advertising. According to Lu's mentor, the advertising creative doyenne Janet Champ, "Lu is the kind of woman who hears no and believes it means Yes. She's idealistic enough to want to change the world, and determined enough to make those changes real. She's this force of nature, all unstoppable and unwilling to yield, which is why she will do great things".

The WIN Awards will be held September 26, 2005 at The Ford Amphitheatre at 7 p.m. (VIP ticket holders) or 8 P.M. general public, where WIN will announce The WIN Awards winners.

VENUE: THE FORD AMPHITHEATRE

DATE: Monday, September 26, 2005

TIME: 7 PM VIP RECEPTION / RED CARPET ARRIVALS/ 8 PM SHOW

DRESS: Outdoor Theatre/ Weather Appropriate

WIN 24-HOUR HOTLINE: **310-229-5365**

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*"Women's Image Network, (WIN), and our honorees and nominees share our vision to see women attain social and economic parity. We have a mutual goal to see women's complete humanity portrayed in the media and our celebrated participants approach their work with innovation, vision and promise. When women's voices stay silent, the world is deprived of their contribution. And though women represent over 50% of the population, females remain vastly under-represented in media creation, especially in advertising where women comprise just 15% of ad agency creative departments and just 22% of The*

*Director's Guild of America, (DGA). The WIN Awards not only celebrate established creatives, but also aim to encourage young women to enter the entertainment industry." Phyllis Stuart, WIN Founder*