WBFO Wins Three First-Place Awards in NYS Broadcasters Association Annual Awards

WBFO, Buffalo Toronto Public Media’s NPR station, won three first-place awards in the New York State Broadcasters Association’s 54th Annual Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting.

“As we move forward in a constantly changing journalism landscape, WBFO continues to be a strong source of independent, trusted journalism for our community. These awards validate our mission and our hard work every day,” said Dave Debo, WBFO News Director. “We are proud to have served this region for more than 60 years.”

The awards are:

**Outstanding Sports Coverage**: “A shift in the 11-Day Power Play” by Michael Mroziak was a feature about the third-annual marathon charity hockey game in which an estimated 2,500 local hockey players took turns in keeping a continuous game in progress for 11 continuous days. Click here for the story.

**Outstanding Use of Audio**: “Farm animals steal the stage at the Wyoming County Fair” by Jay Moran was a feature about the Wyoming County Fair in Pike, NY that focuses more on agriculture and community and less on commerce. Click here for the story. This story was featured under WBFO’s Arts & Culture News Desk.

**Outstanding Election Coverage**: “Election 2019” by the WBFO staff included reports before election night, that night’s live coverage, and the next morning. WBFO was also awarded first-place for Outstanding Election Coverage in 2018. Click here for the stories.

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