I Love Lucie

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The 6th annual Lucie Awards were presented last night at New York's Lincoln Center. This event is often quoted as the "Oscars of photography" and has grown into an impressive, prestigious awards program recognizing excellence in various photography genres, from sports to editorial to the fine-arts.

The following are the awards of particular interest to the fine-art and book community from this year's event.

And the winners are:

BOOK PUBLISHER OF THE YEAR

21st Editions | Jamie Baldridge - The Everywhere Chronicles

Other nominees:

Aperture | Richard Misrach - On The Beach

Chronicle Books | Manuel Alvarez Bravo - Photopoetry

Nazraeli Press | Jeff Chien-Hsing Liao - Habitat 7

Powerhouse Books | Helen Levitt - Helen Levitt

Steidl | The Robert Frank Project | Robert Frank - The Americans

PHOTOGRAPHY CURATOR/EXHIBITION OF THE YEAR

Terence Pepper + Vanity Fair Editor David Friend for Vanity Fair Portraits 1913-2008 | National Portrait Gallery, London

Other nominees:

Melissa Harris for Josef Koudelka - Invasion 68: Prague | Aperture Gallery, NYC

Brian Wallis and Cynthia Young for Cornell Capa: Concerned Photographer | International Center of Photography, New York

Virginia Heckert for Bernd and Hilla Becher: Basic Forms | Getty Center, Los Angeles

Jeff L. Rosenheim for Lee Friedlander: A Ramble in Olmsted Parks | Metropolitan Museum of Art,

New York

PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE OF THE YEAR

EyeMazing

Other nominees:

American Photo

Blind Spot

Foam

Focus

Nueva Luz

Photographic Journal

Photography District News

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Last night's pre-announced achievement awards were given to the following photographers and organizations:

Lifetime Achievement Gianni Berengo Gardin

Achievement in Fashion Patrick Demarchelier

Achievement in Sports

John Iacono

Achievement in Documentary

Josef Koudelka

Achievement in Portraiture

Herman Leonard

Achievement in Photojournalism

Susan Meiselas

Achievement in Fine Art

Richard Misrach

Achievement in Advertising

Erwin Olaf

Humanitarian Award

Sara Terry

for The Aftermath Project

Presented by Anne Wilkes-Tucker

Spotlight Award

Visa Pour L'Image Festival (Perpignan, Spain)

View Hossein Farmani, Founder and Creator of the Lucie Awards as he describes the formation of the Lucie Awards.

Visit the Lucie Awards website

View the Lucie Awards Press Release announcing the 2008 winners.

Congratulations to all of the winners and nominees!