

Nat Nakasa – 2003 Awards

Winner

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Debbie Yazbek

The award celebrates integrity, fearlessness, courage and determination by journalists in the face of obstacles and previously had always been won by a writer. All four of these qualities were shown by Debbie Yazbek, the Star's Chief Photographer. In his motivation for nominating Yazbek, The Star's Creative Director, David Hazelhurst said, "her physical courage and fearlessness were legendary at The Star. She has faced chilling challenges in several riot situations. One example was in Alexandra Township during a riot when the leader of a gang of thugs shouted at her: 'You like to be raped baby? Come round the corner'."