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FAVOURITE BROADCASTS — CHOSEN BY 'REAL' PEOPLE

Winners of the Voice of the Listener & Viewer 2008 Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting

**The Award Ceremony takes place at the
VLV's 26th Annual Spring Conference
1.45pm, Thursday 30 April at the Geological Society,
Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1**

SARAH MONTAGUE of BBC Radio 4's *Today* will present the trophies

LITTLE DORRIT missed out on a BAFTA, but VLV Members have voted it **BEST NEW TELEVISION PROGRAMME** of 2008. **MONEY BOX** was **BEST RADIO PROGRAMME** of 2008.

EDWARD STOURTON wins **BEST INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR TO RADIO** and film-maker **PHIL GRABSKY** — maker of *In Search of Mozart and Beethoven* and C5's art history programmes — has been selected for a special educational award.

Now in its 17th year, the VLV Awards - organised by board member Carol Cattley (tel. 01235 850811, e-mail carol-uptonoxon@zen.co.uk) - are supported by the the Voice of the Listener Trust, with a special award presented by Roberts Radio.

Full list of winners:

Radio

BEST RADIO PROGRAMME — MONEY BOX

Presenter **Paul Lewis**, series producer **Lesley McAlpine**, producer **Diane Richardson** and reporter **Samantha Washington** will attend the presentation.

BEST NEW RADIO PROGRAMME — AMERICA—EMPIRE OF LIBERTY

Writer and presenter **David Reynolds**, producer **Sue Ellis**, researcher **Polly Hope** and studio manager **Drew Leckie** will attend.

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BEST INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR TO RADIO — EDWARD STOURTON

He will attend.

Television

BEST TELEVISION PROGRAMME — NATURAL WORLD

Series Editor **Tim Martin** and script consultant **Sue Western** will attend.

BEST NEW TELEVISION PROGRAMME — LITTLE DORRIT

Executive producer **Anne Pivcevic** and producer **Lisa Osborne** will attend.

BEST CHILDREN'S TELEVISION PROGRAMME — NEWSROUND

Editor **Sinead Rocks** and presenter **Sonali Shah** will attend.

BEST INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR TO TELEVISION — EVAN DAVIS

Special Awards

VLV's Naomi Sargent Educational Award — PHIL GRABSKY

He will attend with Nicky Thomas, associate producer

Roberts Radio Special Award — LINDSEY MACK.

She will attend. Leslie Burrage, Roberts CEO, chose her for her contribution at the BBC towards the development of DAB Radio.

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