



THE TIZIANO PROJECT

THE TIZIANO PROJECT WINS 2011 GRACIE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEWS WEBSITE

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(Feb. 2, 2011) Los Angeles, Calif. -- The Tiziano Project | 360 Kurdistan, an unprecedented and comprehensive multimedia website on the culture, history and economy of modern Iraqi Kurdistan, has won the 2011 Gracie Award for Outstanding News Website.

The Gracies recognize exemplary programming created for women, by women and about women and encourages the realistic and multifaceted portrayal of women in news. The Tiziano Project | 360 Kurdistan was honored for its innovative and authentic portrayal of young women in northern Iraq.

The Tiziano Project trained seven female citizen journalists during a 2010 two-month summer training program, who constituted more than half of the graduating class. These students reported incredible stories of gender-based triumph and struggle that, until now, were missing from mainstream media sources.

"The young women in our program courageously reported on parts of their city that other women didn't dare to explore, and compassionately investigated stories others didn't dare tell," explains Victoria Fine, a co-leader of the summer program. "The result is a compilation of shared experiences that effectively changes the image of women in the modern Middle East."

The Tiziano Project | 360 Kurdistan has also been honored with the 2010 New Media Award Best In Industry for Culture & Multimedia Storytelling and the Interactive Media Council Outstanding Achievement In Photography. The site has been highlighted as an Adobe Site Of The Day and is currently a 2011 finalist in the South By Southwest finalist in Activism.

About The Gracie Awards

The Gracies are presented by the Alliance For Women In Media and were established to honor programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable and web-based media.

About The Tiziano Project

The Tiziano Project strives to develop and encourage first-class collaborative journalism on a global scale. We provide community members in conflict, post-conflict, and underreported regions with the equipment, training, and affiliations necessary to report their stories and improve their lives.

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