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**WJA names 'Awards for Excellence' contenders**

APRIL 18, 2006 - New York -- The Women's Jewelry Association (WJA) unveiled its nominees for the annual "Awards for Excellence," which honor jewelry industry luminaries who've made a significant contribution to the trade in the past year.

Now in its 23rd year and themed "The Emphasis is on Excellence" for 2006, WJA will give the awards July 30 at its Gala Dinner, during the JA New York Summer Show. WJA's awards honor industry members across a range of categories. This year's nominees, in their respective categories, are:

**Designer, Fine Jewelry and Watches:** Lisa Jenks, Lisa Jenks Ltd.; Mignon Faget, Mignon Faget Ltd.; Laura Gibson, Laura Gibson Designs; Caroline Ballou, Caroline Ballou Fine Jewelry; Claudia Endler, Claudia Endler Designs

**Manufacturer, Dealer, Supplier for Fine Jewelry and Watches:** Andrea Hill, The Bell Group; Gena Alulis, Superfit; Marie Bodman, Breiting; Victoria Tse, Christian Tse

**Retail (more than 15 stores) :** Aida Alvarez, Mayor's; Debbie Harvey, Shane Co.; Joy Ehmann, Sterling Jewelers, Inc.

**Retail (fewer than 15 stores) :** Cathy Calhoun, Zenker Jewelers; Laura Stanley, Stanley Jewelers; Sally Furer, Robins Bros.

**Sales and Merchandising:** Ellen Soto, Tach© Jewelry; Susan Rothman, Hearts On Fire; Diane Vunic, Suna; Marilyn Leibman, MJSA

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At its gala, WJA will also recognize *JCK* Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Director Hedda Schupak with its 2006 Hall of Fame Award. In addition, Terry Burman, CEO of Signet Group and executive chairman of Sterling Jewelers, Inc., will receive WJA's Ben Kaiser Award, which the organization presents to men in the trade who have put significant effort into the advancement of women within the jewelry industry.

WJA's Gala dinner will be held at New York's Chelsea Piers, Pier 60. Tickets for the event are \$250 for WJA members and \$300 for non-members. For more information, visit: [www.womensjewelry.org](http://www.womensjewelry.org)

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