



NEWS FROM ATLANTA MAGAZINE

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***Atlanta* magazine a finalist in the 2009 National Magazine Awards**

*The magazine is also a finalist in nine categories
of the 2009 City and Regional Magazine Association (CRMA) Awards.*

Atlanta magazine is a finalist in the 2009 National Magazine Awards, the magazine publishing industry's highest honor. The magazine is nominated in the single-topic issue category for its April 2008 issue.

The National Magazine Awards are presented by the American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) in partnership with the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. The 2009 awards drew more than 1,700 entries from 350 magazines nationwide. The complete list of finalists is available at magazine.org.

"It is an honor to be recognized by our peers," said Rebecca Burns, editor in chief of *Atlanta* magazine. "But it is especially rewarding to be recognized for a subject that carries deep meaning for our staff, for our readers, and for our city."

The April 2008 issue commemorates the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination by providing readers with historical context on King's life, work, and death, as well as analysis of his three major platforms—racism, poverty, and war. Features in the issue include: an oral history recounting King's 1968 funeral; a profile of Joseph Lowery, eventual head of the SCLC; and a portfolio of civil rights—era photographs. Poverty and racism are explored through features on

Atlanta's public school resegregation and the city's stunning "wealth gap." King's other platform, war, is revealed in the best way possible: his own words, via an excerpt from the 1967 speech "Beyond Vietnam." Unifying these elements is a series of quotes from King's speeches and writing; used to introduce each feature, they offer a seamless integration of design and prose and ensure King's voice is present throughout the issue. Selections from the issue can be read at atlantamagazine.com.

In 2008, *Atlanta* magazine took home its first National Magazine Award for "You Have Thousands of Angels Around You," by Paige Williams, which won in the feature-writing category.

Atlanta magazine's King issue also is a finalist in three categories in the 2009 awards presented by the City and Regional Magazine Association (CRMA): excellence in writing, excellence in design, and special issue. *Atlanta* magazine is a finalist as well for photo essay, cover design, reader service, lifestyle and leisure, and general excellence. Finally, bringing the magazine's total CRMA nominations to nine, is the naming of deputy editor Steve Fennessy as a finalist in the writer of the year category. The 2009 CRMA awards drew 800 entries from 59 publications nationwide. The awards will be presented in late May in New Orleans. The full list of finalists is available at citymag.org.

Founded in 1961, *Atlanta* magazine has served as the authority on Atlanta, providing its monthly readers with a mix of long-form nonfiction, lively lifestyle coverage, in-depth service journalism, and literary essays, columns, and profiles. *Atlanta* magazine has been recognized regionally and nationally for journalism and design excellence with more than 300 regional and national awards. *Atlanta* magazine is owned by Emmis Publishing, which owns a number of city and regional magazines including *Texas Monthly* and *Los Angeles* magazine.

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