

2026 IRMA Awards

Winners and Finalists

Presented Friday, September 18, 2026
Calgary, Alberta

Magazine of the Year, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: *Adirondack Life*

Finalist: *Acadiana Profile*

Finalist: *Louisiana Life*

Magazine of the Year, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: *Texas Highways*

Finalist: *New Mexico Magazine*

Finalist: *Arizona Highways*

Public Issues

Gold: "Addition and Subtraction", *Adirondack Life*

Gold: "Home of the Clouds", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "Connecting Time, Place, and People", *El Palacio*

Bronze: "How Does a Child Become a Killer?", *The Bermudian*

Historic Feature, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Strike and Struggle", *El Palacio*

Silver: "Treasure Island", *Adirondack Life*

Bronze: "Hockey's Immortal Challengers", *Saltscapes*

Historic Feature, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Staring Into Space", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "The Last Voyage of the HMS Speedy", *Cottage Life*

Bronze: "The Ties That Bind", *Texas Highways*

Merit: "If These Walls Could Talk", *New Mexico Magazine*

Nature and Environment, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Hiding in Plain Sight", *Louisiana Life*

Gold: "The River Fixers", *Adirondack Life*

Silver: "Hoop Net Fishing", *Acadiana Profile*

Bronze: "Living on the Edge", *KANSAS! Magazine*

Merit: "Unbridled: Living with the Feral Takhini River Horses", *The Yukon Magazine*

Nature and Environment, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Gone in Seven Seconds", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "As Different As Night and Day", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "Drop By Drop", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "Flow State", *Avenue*

Travel Feature

Gold: "Arizona Unplugged", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "Frontier Spirits", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "Architecture of Restlessness", *Texas Highways*

Art and Culture Feature, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Mardi Gras Magic", *Louisiana Life*

Silver: "Trailblazers", *Acadiana Profile*

Bronze: "Symphonies in the Skies", *El Palacio*

Merit: "The Lost Trail of Tiffany", *Mountain Home*

Merit: "More Than Skin Deep: How and Why Traditional Tattoos Are Coming Back", *The Yukon Magazine*

Art and Culture Feature, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Earth, Water, Wind, and Fire", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Help Yourself", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "She's a Relative Unknown", *Arizona Highways*

Recreation Feature

Gold: "Show of Hands", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Art City, Here We Come", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "Sweeping Down the Main", *Oklahoma Today*

General Feature, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Northern Cousins in a World of Silos", *The Yukon Magazine*

Silver: "Art and Activism at Highlands University", *El Palacio*

Bronze: "Going Off Script", *Mountain Home*

Bronze: "Where Herons Gather", *Adirondack Life*

Merit: "In Stone", *Wyoming Wildlife*

General Feature, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "A Tale of Two Crops", *New Mexico Magazine*

Silver: "Alternative Energy", *Arizona Highways*

Bronze: "Born to the Skies", *Texas Highways*

Profile, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Character Study", *Adirondack Life*

Silver: "Pathway and Relationship", *El Palacio*

Bronze: "Gina Pflieger's Warriors Wear Gowns", *Mountain Home*

Profile, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Forces for Nature", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "An Island of One's Own", *Cottage Life*

Bronze: "Standing Perfectly Still", *Arizona Highways*

Reader Service Article

Gold: "Flight Of Fancy", *New Mexico Magazine*

Silver: "Spirited Away", *Texas Highways*

Bronze: "Being Loved to Death", *Wyoming Wildlife*

Bronze: "The Big Fights", *Cottage Life*

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Gold: "Ducking and Weaving", *Louisiana Life*

Gold: "Fork Yeah", *Acadiana Profile*

Silver: "Dome Away from Home", *Texas Highways*

Bronze: "Neither Hide Nor Hair", *Arizona Highways*

Essay

Gold: "Amarillo by Morning", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Learning How to Fall", *Adirondack Life*

Bronze: "In a Big Country", *Cottage Life*

Merit: "Painful Lessons", *Arizona Highways*

Column

Gold: "Editor's Letter", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "Short Carries", *Adirondack Life*

Bronze: "Wild Notes", *Oklahoma Today*

Bronze: "El Palacio Letter from the Editor", *El Palacio*

Best New Magazine Writer of the Year

Gold: "Bobby Alemán: Where the Raindrop Ends", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Cathay Williams: In Search of Liberation With the Buffalo Soldiers", *El Palacio*

Bronze: "Blending Land With Curriculum", *The Yukon Magazine*

Magazine Writer of the Year

Gold: "Kevin Rabalais", *Louisiana Life*

Silver: "Annette McGivney", *Arizona Highways*

Bronze: "Ian Dille", *Texas Highways*

Single Photo

Gold: "Gone in Seven Seconds", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Capture", *KANSAS! Magazine*

Bronze: "Ashley Riggs", *Arizona Highways*

Merit: "Noisy Neighbors", *Adirondack Life*

Photo Series, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Hoop Net Fishing", *Acadiana Profile*

Silver: "Enjoy the Ride", *Oklahoma Today*

Bronze: "Ducking and Weaving", *Louisiana Life*

Photo Series, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Big Skies", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Different Point of View", *Arizona Highways*

Bronze: "The Crown Prince", *New Mexico Magazine*

Portrait Photo

Gold: "Bill Anton", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "Andy Armendariz Sr.", *Texas Highways*

Bronze: "Character Study", *Adirondack Life*

Merit: "Self Portrait in a Complex Mirror", *New Mexico Magazine*

Portrait Series

Gold: "The Makers and the Music", *Acadiana Profile*

Gold: "The Young'Uns", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "Bewitched by the Bayou", *Texas Highways*

Bronze: "Okies of the Year - Thunder Players", *Oklahoma Today*

Magazine Photographer of the Year

Gold: "Joel Hazelton", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "Joseph Vidrine", *Acadiana Profile*

Silver: "Danley Romero", *Louisiana Life*

Bronze: "George Andrejko", *Arizona Wildlife Views*

Merit: "Julia Cumes", *Cape Cod & the Islands Magazine*

Illustration -- Feature or Series

Gold: "The Cottager's Guide to Cloud Collecting", *Cottage Life*

Gold: "State Parks Field Guide", *Oklahoma Today*

Silver: "Back Where They Belong", *Arizona Highways*

Bronze: "Mysteries and Legends", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "Dark Tourism", *Texas Highways*

Merit: "Cathay Williams: In Search of Liberation with the Buffalo Soldiers", *El Palacio*

Spot Illustration

Gold: "Open Road: Tied to a String", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Wide, Wide World of Opportunities", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "Wild Notes", *Oklahoma Today*

Home and Garden

Gold: "Into the Woods", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "An Island of One's Own", *Cottage Life*

Bronze: "Growing Up Brandreth", *Adirondack Life*

Merit: "Rooted in Place", *Maine Home+Design*

Art Direction of a Single Story, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Surf and Turf", *Louisiana Life*

Silver: "Light Recipes", *Acadiana Profile*

Bronze: "A New Outlook", *Maine Home+Design*

Art Direction of a Single Story, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Music Venues", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "A Court of Poison Ivy and Acorns", *Cottage Life*

Bronze: "The Fairest of Them All", *New Mexico Magazine*

Overall Art Direction, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Sarah Majeste", *Acadiana Profile*

Silver: "Sarah Majeste", *Louisiana Life*

Bronze: "Mark Mahorsky", *Adirondack Life*

Overall Art Direction, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Mark Mahorsky, Sara D'Eugenio, Chris Linnen, Brandon Jakobeit", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "John McCauley, Karin Eberhardt", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "Taylor Kristan", *Cottage Life*

Department

Gold: "Fuel", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Home", *Acadiana Profile*

Bronze: "The Journal", *Arizona Highways*

Food Feature

Gold: "The Reel Deals", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Food Lovers Travel Guide", *Louisiana Life*

Silver: "Fork Yeah", *Acadiana Profile*

Bronze: "Sandwich Quest", *Oklahoma Today*

Merit: "A Cocktail Renaissance", *KANSAS! Magazine*

Special Focus

Gold: "The Music Issue", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Arizona Highways One Hundred Years 1925 to 2025", *Arizona Highways*

Bronze: "The Food Issue", *Acadiana Profile*

Editorial Package

Gold: "The Music Issue", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "Calgary's Best Neighbourhoods 2025", *Avenue*

Bronze: "Wyoming Wildlife -- Movement Matters Special Issue", *Wyoming Wildlife*

Merit: "Morning Glories", *Cottage Life*

Cover, Circulation 34,999 or Less

Gold: "Hiding in Plain Sight, May/June 2025", *Louisiana Life*

Silver: "Okies of the Year, Nov/Dec 2025", *Oklahoma Today*

Bronze: "The Best of Bermuda Awards, Summer 2025", *The Bermudian*

Bronze: "Look Who's Talking, Spring 2025", *The Yukon Magazine*

Merit: "A Field Guide to Summer, June/July 2025", *Acadiana Profile*

Cover, Circulation 35,000 or More

Gold: "Everything's Big Here, July/August 2025", *Texas Highways*

Silver: "The Wildlife Issue, July 2025", *New Mexico Magazine*

Bronze: "Arizona Highways, April 2025", *Arizona Highways*

Best Print Calendar

Gold: "Louisiana Culinary Calendar", *Louisiana Life*

Silver: "Oklahoma Today Covers Calendar", *Oklahoma Today*

Bronze: "Classic Calendar 2025", *Arizona Highways*

Bronze: "New Mexico Magazine Artist Calendar", *New Mexico Magazine*

Merit: "2026 Calendar", *Arizona Wildlife Views*

Best Brand Innovation

Gold: "Top 20 Under 20", *Avenue*

Gold: "Route 66 Centennial", *New Mexico Magazine*

Silver: "Oklahoma Today Video Podcast", *Oklahoma Today*

Website of the Year

Gold: "arizonahighways.com", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "TexasHighways.com", *Texas Highways*

Bronze: "Louisiana Life Website", *Louisiana Life*

Merit: "Acadiana Profile Website", *Acadiana Profile*

Newsletter

Gold: "New Mexico Magazine, Newsletter", *New Mexico Magazine*

Silver: "Texas Highways Newsletters", *Texas Highways*

Bronze: "Acadiana Profile", *Acadiana Profile*

Podcast

Gold: "Arizona Highways Podcast", *Arizona Highways*

Silver: "The Yukon Magazine Podcast", *The Yukon Magazine*

Bronze: "Louisiana Insider", *Louisiana Life*

Merit: "Encounter Culture", *El Palacio*