

Best of Our Valley 2012: Media

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*From the Valley's most listened-to radio stations to most tuned-in news broadcasts, here's a look at the prized picks in local media...



Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ

Lady La, 101.5 KZON

Thanks to her faithful following through social media, local DJ of 101.5 KZON, Lady La, has redefined the relationship between Web and radio. Her bubbly personality and desire to bring the best of entertainment news has earned her Top Dog in a male-dominated realm. 1015jamz.radio.com.

Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ: Afternoon Drive

Super Snake, 101.5 KZON

Driving to work is only half the battle; let's not forget the drive back home. Super Snake of 101.5 KZON is making that trek easier by bringing everyone the best beats during their afternoon commute. 1015jamz.radio.com.



Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ: Morning Drive

Johnjay and Rich, 104.7 KISS

There's no better way to start off your day than with a great cup of Johnjay and Rich. The dynamic duo, which hosts 104.7 KISS show "Johnjay and Rich," makes the drive to work much easier to get through with their fun antics and celebrity interviews. www.1047kissfm.com; www.johnjayandrich.com.

Best Local Radio Talk Show or DJ: Daytime

Aaron Taylor, 104.7 KISS

From Scottsdale to Northern Cali, DJ Aaron Taylor rocks the afternoon feed for 104.7 KISS, mixing great classics like Bob Marley and Prince with the likes of Alicia Keys and Jay-Z. www.1047kissfm.com.



Favorite Local Morning Show

"Good Morning Arizona"-2011 Winner

Is there anything 3TV isn't great at? From Favorite Local Morning and Daytime Shows ("Good Morning Arizona" and "Your Life A to Z," respectively) to Favorite Nightly Newscast (3TV News at 10 p.m.), 3TV seems to have the news covered from sunrise to sunset. But the station doesn't stop there. Don't forget Favorite Anchor Team, Carey Peña and Fields Mosely; Favorite Weekend Anchor, Tess Rafols; Favorite Weather Personality, April Warnecke; Favorite Sportscaster, Tim Ring; Favorite Male TV Personality: Morning or Daytime, Scott Pasmore; and Best Local News Web site, www.azfamily.com. Together, these winners make 3TV the go-to station when it comes to what's going on around the Valley. As the drum rolls continue, the fashion-forward Carey Peña manages to impress voters with spot-on style while reporting on breaking stories. And last, but certainly not least, the 2012 News Anchor of the Year, Beverly Kidd. Though Kidd recently left 3TV to focus on her family, she was a beloved presence on the station for 10 years. Much more than an average news station, let's just hope 3TV is also great at mounting all the awards in one space. www.azfamily.com.

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News Anchor of the Year
Beverly Kidd

Best News Station
3TV-2011 Winner

Favorite Anchor: Weekends
Tess Rafols

Favorite Anchor Team
Carey Peña and Fields Moseley

Favorite Local Daytime Show
"Your Life A to Z"-2011 Winner



Most Fashionable News Anchor
Carey Peña-2011 Winner

Favorite Meteorologist or Weather Personality
April Warnecke

Favorite Nightly Newscast
3TV News at 10 p.m.

Favorite Sportscaster
Tim Ring

Favorite Male TV Personality: Morning or Daytime
Scott Pasmore

Best Local News Web Site
www.azfamily.com-2011 Winner

Best Today's Hits Radio Station
101.5 KZON

If it's Bruno or Bieber, Rihanna or Taylor, the No. 1 station to listen to today's hits is 101.5 KZON. All day, everyday, catch up-and-coming artists rule the waves with their catchy songs and growing following. 1015jamz.radio.com.

Favorite Afternoon or Evening Show
"Valley Dish," 12 News-2011 Winner

Sometimes figuring out what to cook can be the most stressful part of the day. Well, relax in comfort with 12 News "Valley Dish" as host Tram Mai, along with local chefs, walks viewers through great gourmet dishes on-a-dime. www.azcentral.com.

Best Country Radio Station
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107.9 KMLE

If you're looking for an escape from city life, you've found your sonic haven with 107.9 KMLE. Not only is it the Best of Our Valley overall radio station, it's also the best country station so every Urban and Brooks fan can listen with pride. www.kmle108.radio.com.

Favorite Local Blog or Web Site

Phoenix Bites

If you're food savvy and local-minded, here's one site you want to bookmark. Phoenix Bites gives Valley dwellers a look into all things food and drink—from interviews with chefs to restaurant reviews. www.phoenixbites.com.

Best Jazz Radio Station

95.5 KYOT

Valley Jazz station 95.5 KYOT takes the genre to the next level with its beautiful blend of classics and contemporary tunes fit for any admirer of jazz. www.kyot.com.

Favorite Female TV Personality: Afternoon or Evening News

Linda Williams, FOX 10

Boston native and Sun Devil alumna, Linda Williams, has been tackling investigative journalism under FOX 10 since 1981. Williams' FOX 10 journey began as a tape editor then general assignment reporter, and, finally, news anchor. www.myfoxphoenix.com.

Best Rock Radio Station

98 KUPD-2011 Winner

With the annual music festival, U-Fest, and nonstop back-to-back DJ shows, 98 KUPD has headbanged its way into the most prominent Valley rock station. Listeners tune in to hear the likes of Korn, Slipknot and Alice in Chains. www.98kupd.com.

Favorite Male TV Personality: Afternoon or Evening News

Marc Martinez, FOX 10

From flying with the Canadian Snowbirds aerial team to being one of the only journalists allowed on board a space shuttle, the sky seems to be the limit for Marc Martinez. And he sure has his work cut out for him as a co-anchor with Linda Williams on FOX 10, reporting on breakthrough news every Saturday and Sunday. www.myfoxphoenix.com.

Best Talk News Radio Station

92.3 KTAR-2011 Winner

Offering in-depth analyses on current local, national and global news, 92.3 KTAR keeps you filled in throughout the day so you won't miss a beat on the most important topics. www.ktar.com.

Best Traffic Personality

Jason Christopher, 102.5 KNIX

Know where to go and when to go with Jason Christopher from 102.5 KNIX. He gives up-to-date reports from the Valley's busy streets and breaks it down so any driver can wheel their way to where they need to be. www.knixcountry.com.

Favorite Female TV Personality: Morning or Daytime

Destry Jetton, 12 News-2011 Winner

As host of "Arizona Middy," Destry Jetton shares delicious recipes, fashion shows, DIY tips, great giveaways and fun kid-friendly events for the busy moms and dads in the Valley. www.azcentral.com.
