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Anak TV Seal winners announced

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PARENTS AND educators want to know: What are the most child-friendly shows on free TV? Well, it depends on whom you ask. Among the more reputable evaluators are the jurors for the Anak TV Seal citations, an annual evaluation conducted by the Southeast Asian Foundation for Children and Television.

Last Dec. 9, at the Soka Gakkai building in Quezon City, the foundation honored 71 programs affirmed by its jurors as child-friendly shows. The people behind those shows should feel right proud, because they were voted on by more than 3,600 judges representing all walks of life, in 46 separate jury evaluations held all over the country.

Take a bow

In particular, ABC-5 should take a bow, because it topped all other channels, with 16 of its shows cited- "Animal X," "Art Is Kool," "Field Trip," "Gourmet Everyday," "Healthline," "How 'Bout My Place," "Island Flavors," "Kabataan News Network," "Mom in the City," "Mommy Academy," "The Practical Cook Show," "The Probe Documentaries," "Quiz Bee," "Trip Ko 'To," "Tutubi Patrol" and "**Word Made Flesh.**"

Studio 23 has 11 seals for its programs- "Breakfast Supersize," "Gameplan," "Jimmy Neutron," "Math Tinik," "Petko," "Postman Pat," "Sineskwela," "Seventh Heaven," "Sports TV," "Team Explorer" and "Y Speak Live."

Awards

GMA Network netted nine awards-for "Art Angel," "At Your Service," "Dora the Explorer," "Happy Tales," "I-Witness," "Kapuso Mo-Jessica Soho," "Lovely Day," "Maynila" and "Wish Ko Lang."

RPN garnered eight seals-for "Asin at Ilaw," "As Told by Ginger," "Biyaheng Langit," "Popeye and Son," "Roadtrip," "RPN Jr. News," "Signs and Wonders," and "Wild Thornberries."

NBN also received eight awards-for "Business and Leisure," "Damayan," "GSIS Members' Hour," "MMDA on the Road," "Network Forum," "Next Stop," "Talk Ko 'To," and "Teledyaryo."

Net 25 got seven seals-for "Arts 21," "Auto Motor Sports," "Convergence Reloaded," "Euromaxx," "In Focus," "The Planet" and "Tomorrow, Today."

ABS-CBN collected four awards-for "Art Jam," "Bear in the Big Blue House," "Madeline" and "Silip-Sining sa Lipunan."

IBC also had four awards-for "Ang Bagong Entrepinoy," "A Taste of Life," "Good Take" and "Serbis on the Go," while Zoe Broadcasting has three-for "Adyenda," "Diyos at Bayan" and "The 700 Club." And SBN received one award for "Ang Buhay Pinoy."

While we don't agree with all of the jurors' decisions, we congratulate them for a job generally well done. The viewers have spoken!

We must point out that ABC-5's impressive showing affirms the relatively new channel's stated goal of providing alternative viewing options for Filipinos.

Conversely, we note that ABS-CBN got only four awards. A major network like it should do much better. We hope that this will be a cautionary reminder for ABS-CBN to think more about the welfare of children and families in their program offerings and presentation styles next year.

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