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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Tune in to C-SPAN Thursday, May 16 for this year's live telecast of the WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS AWARDS DINNER.

Coverage of the black-tie gala begins at 7:00pm edt from Washington's Shoreham Hotel and includes interviews with several of this year's award-winning still and video photographers. In addition, C-SPAN plans to air each of the award-winning photos and tapes in categories such as "Campaign," "Presidential," "Feature," "Personality," and "Picture Story."

This year's WHNPA competition drew a record number of entries that reflect 1984's special events -- the political campaigns, the Olympics, and the elections.

At approximately 8:30 pm, the cameras turn to the hotel ballroom for the official awards ceremony. Among the honorees are the still photographer of the year -- Jodi Cobb of National Geographic and the film/video cameraman of the year, Tad Dukehart of WDVM-TV. After the program, C-SPAN will continue until 10:00 pm edt with more of the prize winning stills and videos.

The entire three-hour package will re-air Saturday, May 18 at 11:00 pm edt.

This is the third year that C-SPAN coverage has allowed cable viewers across the country to sit in on the gala Washington event that pays tribute to the newsmen and women who work behind the camera. C-SPAN's round-the-clock public affairs programming can be seen in 21 million American homes.

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