

Web Marketing Association to Name Best Automotive Website of 2005

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(PRWEB) April 5, 2005 -- The Web Marketing Association announces the call for entries for its 9th annual international WebAward Competition (http://www.2005webaward.org), the InternetÂ□s premier award competition that judges website development against an ever increasing Internet standard of excellence and against peer sites within an industry. The auto industry represents an important category in the WebAward competition, and the Web Marketing Association will again be honoring the Best Automotive Web site of 2005. The deadline for entry is June 1, 2005.

A □ The auto industry is very competitive when it comes to Web development and companies can benefit from
the independent evaluation of their online efforts that the award judges provide, $\hat{A} \square$ said William Rice,
President of the Web Marketing Association. Â□That is the goal of the WebAward Competition - to provide a
forum to recognize the people and organizations responsible for developing some of the most effective websites
on the Net today. Winning a WebAwardalso provides a great opportunity to market your success to the outside
world. $\hat{A}\Box$

Here are some of the past WebAwardsBest Automotive Website winners:

- 2004 Four Toyota Scion http://www.scion.com
- 2003 The all-new XJ online campaign http://www.jaguarusa.com/2004xj
- 2002 MBUSA.com http://www.mbusa.com
- 2001 Isuzu.com http://www.isuzu.com

A complete list of past winners and the entry for companies who wish to compete for 2005 honors can be found at http://auto.webaward.org

Web sites are judged on design, innovation, content, technology, interactivity, navigation and ease of use. Each WebAwardentry is judged against other entries in the category and then against an overall standard of excellence. The Best of Industry WebAward, a handsome plaque with the image of the winning site embossed, will be given in each of the more than 90 industry categories, including financial services, small business, travel, advertising, transportation, and healthcare.

The competition s highest honor, the 2005 WebAwardBest of Show, will be given to the one site that the judges believe represents outstanding achievement in Web development. Last year s Best of Show winner was Arc Worldwide (http://www.arcww.com) for their work on Behr Paint Interactive. (http://www.behr.com)

The Web Marketing Association will also recognize the interactive agency winning the most awards in the competition with the Top Interactive Agency WebAward. The 2004 Top Agency award was presented to Arnold Worldwide (http://www.arnoldworldwide.com) for their outstanding achievements in Web site development.

Judging for the WebAwards will take place in July and August, and winners will be announced in September, 2005. Judges will consist of a select group of Internet professionals who have direct experience designing and



managing corporate web sites $\hat{A} \Box$ including members of the media, advertising executives, site designers, content providers and webmasters $\hat{A} \Box$ with an in-depth understanding of the current state-of-the-art in Web site design and technology. Past Web Marketing Association WebAward competition judges have included top executives from leading corporations, institutions and media organizations such as Ogilvy Interactive, Saatchi & Saatchi, Blattner Brunner, Comedy Central, Sun Microsystems, Refinery, Euro RSCG, EPB Interactive, New York Post Interactive, The Cincinnati Enquirer, J. Walter Thompson, Xerox, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Modem Media, Answerthink, and Zentropy Partners.

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About the Web Marketing Association

The Web Marketing Association is an organization working to create a high standard of excellence for Web site development and marketing on the Internet. Staffed by volunteers, it is made up of Internet marketing, advertising, PR and design professionals who share an interest in improving the quality of advertising, marketing and promotion used to attract visitors to Web sites. Since 1997, the Web Marketing AssociationÂ□s annual WebAwardCompetition has been helping interactive professionals promote themselves, their companies, and their best work to the outside world. Now in its ninth year, the WebAwardCompetition has become the premier award event for Web developers and marketers worldwide.

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