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## **Ohana Road Receives Prestigious Telly Award**

*Second major award in first year of broadcast*

**HONOLULU (April 2, 2004)** - The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Telly Awards have announced that Ohana Road has been selected as a Finalist Winner for excellence as an automotive TV magazine.

Founded in 1978, the Telly Awards is the premier award honoring outstanding local, regional, and cable TV programs, as well as the finest video and film productions.



The Ohana Road team members recognized as Telly Award Finalists receive a “Bronze Telly” statuette. The firm that makes the Oscar® and Emmy® awards designed and produces the Telly Award statuettes. Each statuette is approximately 12 inches tall and weighs 4.5 pounds.

The Telly Awards annually showcases the best work of the most respected production companies, television stations, cable operators, and corporate video departments in the world. The Telly Awards covers entries from all 50 states and five continents and is a widely known and highly respected national and international competition.

For 25 years the Telly Awards' mission has been to inspire, promote and support creativity in the visual arts. To this end, entries do not compete against each other; rather entries are evaluated based on a standard of excellence established over a quarter century of judging creative work.

Ohana Road, hosted by Hawaii talents Dale Payson and Anita Hall, features five segments including "ride N drive" profiles of current popular model production vehicles and celebrity interviews hosted by Barry Meguiar (including such celebrities as Jay Leno, Billy Gibbons, Dan Gurney, Don Garlits, Carroll "Cobra" Shelby, Mario Andretti, Ted Nugent and others). Also futuristic concept cars, plus Hawaii car enthusiasts and their vehicles are hosted by local comedian Andy Bumatai on each segment. The program ends with Maloney's humorous look at automotives via "A Bunch of Maloney." Magic Island, with Diamond Head as a backdrop, serves as the program's video stage.

Writers for Ohana Road include producer Maloney, host Payson, and Bob Kocher, technical writer. Ohana Road, first aired on KITV (ABC) TV Honolulu in March 2003, also received the Gold Medallion award for Best Automotive Entertainment TV Show at the International Automotive Media Awards Ceremony held at Sardi's in New York City last November. Indy 500 winner Danny Sullivan presented the Gold Medallion to executive producer Bill Maloney.

The International Automotive Media Awards annually recognizes the best automotive newspapers and magazines articles, and radio and TV programs. The Gold Medallion is the top award for each category.

Ohana Road is produced in Hawaii by Motorsports TV Productions and airs Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. and Sunday evenings at 11 p.m. on KITV (ABC). For more information, contact Bill Maloney, executive producer of Ohana Road, at (808) 947-7240 or via e-mail at [billmaloney15@aol.com](mailto:billmaloney15@aol.com)

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