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IPR REPORTERS RECEIVE NATIONAL NEWS AWARDS

June 23, 2014 (Des Moines, IA) —Iowa Public Radio congratulates its news team on their receipt of Public Radio News Directors Incorporated (PRNDI) awards, given out last night at the annual conference in Arlington, Virginia. IPR was awarded with a second-place award for the *River to River* feature, “The Crime of Stalking,” hosted by Ben Kieffer and produced by Sarah Boden, and a second-place award for Clay Master’s story, “A Unique Digital Music Service, For Locals Only.”

- **“The Crime of Stalking”—Second Place, Call-In Program:** IPR’s *River to River* focuses on the news, issues and events in our state. The program, “The Crime of Stalking,” included the firsthand perspective of a stalking victim, as well as advice from law enforcement professionals and others for reporting and dealing with a stalker.

River to River host Ben Kieffer joined Iowa Public Radio in 2000. Ben has won numerous awards for his work over the course of more than 20 years in public media. Sarah Boden, producer on this program, is a reporter for Iowa Public Radio. She joined IPR’s ranks as talk show producer on Nov. 5, 2012—the day before the 2012 presidential election.

- **“A Unique Digital Music Service, For Locals Only”—Second Place, Nationally Edited Soft Feature:** This story, which was produced by IPR’s Clay Masters, ran nationally on NPR’s *All Things Considered*. It features the Iowa City Library Local Music Project, which allows local library users to download local music for free and has gained national attention.

Clay Masters joined the Iowa Public Radio newsroom as a correspondent in 2012 and now hosts *Morning Edition*. Clay is an award-winning multi-media journalist whose radio stories and television documentaries have been featured on various public media programs and stations across the country. He was one of the founding reporters of Harvest Public Media, the CPB-funded Local Journalism project covering agriculture in the Midwest.

Both award-winning features are on IPR's website at <http://iowapublicradio.org/iowa-public-radios-award-winning-news-stories>

PRNDI is a non-profit professional association that exists to improve local news and information programming by serving public radio journalists. PRNDI educates, advocates and organizes to promote high standards, ethical principles, and significant public service. Each year, the organization recognizes the best of local public radio news in a wide array of categories, and awards are distributed at their national conference.

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