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PRESS RELEASE :: 2005 NH INTERNET AWARDS

NH.com announces winners of best New Hampshire Web site contest

Sammy Snail Takes Best of Show

(Manchester, NH -- March 2, 2005) A Web site for children, Sammy Snail and Friends, was chosen as Best of Show at the Seventh Annual New Hampshire Internet Awards March 9th at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. NH.com, the state's premier site for news, information and events, created and hosted the Internet Awards to recognize online excellence in New Hampshire.

The site, designed by Portsmouth-based Hatchling Interactive, was recognized in the Best Site for Kids category and selected as the Best of Show by all 13 judges. More than 200 sites were nominated in 22 categories representing every economic sector in the state: health care, automotive, real estate, public service, government, media, retail and service, as well as sites related to schools, kids, manufacturing, hospitality, tourism and business in general. Ninety-two different designers and companies were represented in the contest. Visit nh.com/internetawards for a complete list of winners.

"This year's contest was extremely competitive," said Kathy Schwartz, NH.com new media manager. "All of the sites entered were excellent and the Best of Show selection was particularly difficult for our judges. Once again, we're very proud to be able to offer this awards program for the state."

Gov. John Lynch addressed the crowd, highlighting key issues affecting the technology industry and business in general. Ektron Founder and President/CEO William Rogers was the keynote speaker and shared his vision of what's ahead for the industry. Mike McDonald, local comedian, was the Awards emcee.

Beyond promoting Web sites as an integral part of any company's business plan, this year's Awards also raised awareness of the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD). CHaD staff members were available to answer questions and accept a donation on behalf of the NH Internet Awards to help further the hospital's use of technology in the care of their pediatric patients.

Launched in 1995, NH.com is New Hampshire's premier information source, providing visitors, residents and newcomers an easy-to-use, comprehensive guide to events, attractions, lodging, jobs, recreation and life in the Granite State. For more information about NH.com log onto its Web site at www.NH.com.

ABOUT NH.com

NH.com is the state's largest online hub serving New Hampshire residents, visitors and newcomers. It is part of McLean Communications of Manchester, a publishing company that also includes *New Hampshire Business Review* and *New Hampshire Magazine*.

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Winners list. Embargoed until 11:59 p.m. March 9, 2005.

CATEGORY

Place Site name/Company
URL
Designer (if different from site name/company)

Best Retail Business Site

THIRD PLACE: no third place

SECOND PLACE Harris Family Furniture
www.harrisfamilyfurniture.com
Total Net NH

FIRST PLACE ECCO USA
www.eccousa.com
PixelMEDIA, Inc.

Best Site for Kids

THIRD PLACE no third place

SECOND PLACE The Children's Museum of Portsmouth
www.childrens-museum.org
Port City Webl

FIRST PLACE Sammy Snail
www.sammysnail.com
Hatchling Studios

Best Hospitality Site

THIRD PLACE The Bedford Village Inn
www.bedfordvillageinn.com

SECOND PLACE The Highlander Inn
www.highlanderinn.com
i4Market, LLC

FIRST PLACE Ski New Hampshire
www.skinh.com
Harbour Light Strategic Marketing

Best Use of Technology

THIRD PLACE Pinpoint Global Communications
www.pinpointglobal.com

SECOND PLACE Choicelinx Corporation
www.choicelinx.com

FIRST PLACE North Hampton School
www.northhamptonschool.com
Newcastle Technology Advisors

Best Corporate Site

THIRD PLACE NitroSecurity
www.nitrosecurity.com
PixelMEDIA, Inc.

SECOND PLACE Segway, LLC
www.segway.com

FIRST PLACE PC Connection
www.pcconnection.com

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Coollest School Web Site

- THIRD PLACE Danbury Elementary School
www.newfound.k12.nh.us/des
Newfound Area School District
- SECOND PLACE Bridgewater-Hebron Village School
www.newfound.k12.nh.us/bhvs
Newfound Area School District
- FIRST PLACE New Hampton Community School
www.newfound.k12.nh.us/nhcs
Newfound Area School District

Best Building and Remodeling Site

- THIRD PLACE The Stabile Companies
www.stabilecompanies.com
Wave Reflections
- SECOND PLACE Learning Structures
www.learningstructures.com
SeaCoast Web Design
- FIRST PLACE Kime Construction
www.kimeconstruction.com
Makibie

Best Media Site

- THIRD PLACE The Keene Sentinel
www.sentinelsource.com
- SECOND PLACE New Hampshire Public Radio
www.nhpr.org
National Web Group
- FIRST PLACE New Hampshire Public Television
www.nhptv.org

Best Wheels Site

- THIRD PLACE Segway, LLC
www.segway.com
- SECOND PLACE Lydall, Inc.'s Cool and Quiet
www.coolandquiet.com
Newcastle Technology Advisors
- FIRST PLACE Car Options Online
www.caroptionsonline.com
Seacoast Online

Best Small Retail Business Site

- THIRD PLACE Pug at the Beach
www.pugatthebeach.com
Varuna Design & Advertising, LLC
- SECOND PLACE Vintage Vending, Inc.
www.vintagevending.com
- FIRST PLACE North Country Smokehouse
www.ncsmokehouse.com
Bresette & Company

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Best Manufacturing Site

THIRD PLACE Globe Manufacturing Company
www.globefiresuits.com
SilverTech, Inc.

SECOND PLACE Sea View Technologies
www.seaviewtech.com
Calypso Communications

FIRST PLACE PAK 2000
www.pak2000.com
Newcastle Technology Advisors

The Outer Limits Award (26 employees or more)

THIRD PLACE Debra Winkler Personal Search
www.debrawinklerpersonalsearch.com
Bresette & Company

SECOND PLACE Pan Communications
www.pancommunications.com
PixelMEDIA, Inc.

FIRST PLACE York Hospital
www.yorkhospital.com
Newcastle Technology Advisors

Best Service Business Site

THIRD PLACE CPManagement, Inc.
www.cpmangement.com
Varuna Design & Advertising, LLC

SECOND PLACE Tidal Media Group
www.tidalmediagroup.com

FIRST PLACE Acorn Creative
www.acorncreative.com

Best Real Estate Site

THIRD PLACE Lighthouse Real Estate
www.thelighthouse realestate.com
Tidal Media Group

SECOND PLACE Mitchell Sevigny – Portsmouth NH Real Estate
www.mitch7e.com
Agentmaster LLC

FIRST PLACE Remax Coast to Coast Properties
www.greatislandcondo.com
Tidal Media Group

Best Tourism Site

THIRD PLACE Society for the Protection of NH Forests
www.spnhf.org
SilverTech, Inc.

SECOND PLACE Laconia Motorcycle Rally Association
www.laconiamcweek.com
National Web Group

FIRST PLACE Manchester Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.manchestercvb.com
wedu, inc.

Best Education Site

THIRD PLACE University of NH School of Health and Human Services
www.shhs.unh.edu

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Earl Studios LLC

SECOND PLACE The Derryfield School
www.derryfield.org
Whipplehill Communications, Inc.

FIRST PLACE NH Tobacco Prevention and Control Program
www.nhynot.com
Creative Co-op LLC

Best Government Site

THIRD PLACE NI2 Center for Infrastructure Expertise
www.ni2cie.org

SECOND PLACE City of Claremont
www.claremonth.org
SilverTech, Inc.

FIRST PLACE New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
www.nh.gov/folklife
PixelMEDIA, Inc.

Best Small Service Business Site

THIRD PLACE Secondwind Water Systems
www.secondwindwatersystems.com
Newcastle Technology Advisors

SECOND PLACE The Bedford Granite Group
www.bedfordgranite.com

FIRST PLACE The Wedding Window
www.weddingwindow.com

Best Entertainment Site

THIRD PLACE Harbor Arts
www.harborarts.org
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SECOND PLACE The Hogs Trough Saloon
www.thehogstroughsaloon.com

FIRST PLACE The Music Hall
www.themusichall.org
Hatchling Studios

Best Health Care Site

THIRD PLACE Wentworth Douglass Hospital
www.wdhospital.com
Bresette & Company

SECOND PLACE New London Center for Naturopathic Health
www.gillianmartlew.com
BBM Designs

FIRST PLACE NH Tobacco Prevention and Control Program
www.nhynot.com
Creative Co-op LLC

Outer Limits Awards (25 employees or less)

THIRD PLACE Amerivault
www.amerivault.com
i4Market, LLC

SECOND PLACE EMedHome
www.emedhome.com

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FIRST PLACE Irwin Pollack Co.
www.irwinpollack.com
SilverTech, Inc.

Webster Public Service Award

THIRD PLACE New Hampshire Public Television
www.nhptv.org

SECOND PLACE Concord Hospital
www.concordhospital.org
wedu, inc.

FIRST PLACE Intown Manchester
www.intownmanchester.com
wedu, inc.

BEST OF SHOW Sammy Snail
www.sammysnail.com
Hatchling Studios