



Nancy Meyer and Marc N. Weiss

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P.O.V. Founder Marc N. Weiss to Receive 2009 North Star Award

North Star Fund awards Marc N. Weiss, the founder of the P.O.V. series on PBS, with the 2009 North Star Award for his commitment to social justice. Marc will receive the North Star Award at North Star Fund's 30th Anniversary Community Gala on April 30, 2009 at Tribeca Rooftop. As a committed supporter of North Star Fund and advocate and producer of independent media, Marc has worked to give voice and power to unheard individuals and groups working for social justice. Also receiving the North Star Award on April 30 will be philanthropic activist Nancy Meyer, who is married to Mr. Weiss; David Strathairn, the Academy Award-nominated actor; and Marsha Bonner, Vice President of the Marin Community Foundation.

According to Marc N. Weiss, "I'm honored to be recognized for my work as a media activist and a supporter of community change. But it's a particular honor to be recognized by North Star Fund, an organization which I've admired and respected for so many years."

Marc N. Weiss has dedicated his career and philanthropic giving to fostering citizen awareness and action on a broad scale. Before founding P.O.V., Marc was a filmmaker, freelance journalist and film festival consultant. He is also the co-founder of several media organizations, including Association of the Independent Video and Filmmakers, the national trade association of independent film and video makers, and Media Network, a clearinghouse for information on social issue media. Marc created P.O.V. Interactive in 1995 and started Web Lab, a nonprofit internet think tank, in 1997. Marc continues his work as an independent producer. For more information about Marc N. Weiss and P.O.V. visit <http://www.pbs.org/pov>.