



2006 ASIAN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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**AZN TELEVISION ANNOUNCES THE NOMINEES FOR
THE “2006 ASIAN EXCELLENCE AWARDS FEATURING THE
RÉMY MARTIN® X.O HONORS”**

Asian Excellence Awards to Premiere Sunday, January 29 at 8:00 p.m. EST/PST

LOS ANGELES, January 11, 2006 – At a press conference held today at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, actress Bai Ling and producer/Asian Excellence Awards Committee co-chair Teddy Zee announced the nominees for “The 2006 Asian Excellence Awards Featuring the Rémy Martin® X.O Honors.” The show, which honors outstanding achievements of Asians and Asian Americans in entertainment, music, and science, will air on AZN Television, the channel for Asian America, for the first time on **Sunday, January 29 at 8:00 p.m. EST/PST**.

The nominees are as follows:

Outstanding Female TV Performance

Yunjim Kim – “Lost”
Kristin Kreuk – “Smallville”
Parminder Nagra – “ER”
Sandra Oh – “Grey’s Anatomy”

Outstanding Male TV Performance

Naveen Andrews – “Lost”
Mark-Paul Gosselaar – “Commander in Chief”
Daniel Dae Kim – “Lost”
B.D. Wong – “Law & Order: SVU”

Outstanding Film Performance

Joan Chen – “Saving Face”
Stephen Chow – “Kung Fu Hustle”
Michelle Krusiec – “Saving Face”
Gong Li – “Memoirs of a Geisha”

Outstanding Film

“2046”
“Kung Fu Hustle”
“Memoirs of a Geisha”
“Saving Face”

Outstanding Live Performance

“Lennon” (the Broadway cast)
KA
Linkin Park

Outstanding Newcomer

Lynn Chen (“Saving Face”)
Katie Leung (“Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire”)
Grace Park (the new “Battlestar Galactica”)
Rex Lee (“Entourage”)

“The 2006 Asian Excellence Awards Featuring the Rémy Martin® X.O Honors” will be hosted by **Kelly Hu** (actress, “X-Men II,” “The Scorpion King”) and **Bobby Lee** (actor/comedian, “Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle”).

Rémy Martin, the principal sponsor of the show, will present three special honors during the program. The Rémy Martin® X.O Honors will be presented for Inspiration (**Dr. David D. Ho**), Visibility (**Lucy Liu**) and Bridge (**Quentin Tarantino**). A Lifetime Achievement honor will be posthumously awarded to filmmaker **Ismail Merchant** by AZN Television and Remy Martin, with special tributes from actors who have participated in various Merchant/Ivory productions, including **Naomi Watts**, **Ralph Fiennes** and **Natasha Richardson**.

In addition, The Asian Excellence Awards will include a special tribute to the late **Pat Morita**, featuring comments from the prolific actor’s co-star **Ralph Macchio**, who starred with Morita in the successful “Karate Kid” movies, and a performance by Fort Minor.

Also participating in the show will be, **Earvin “Magic” Johnson** (NBA Champion and Humanitarian), **Bai Ling** (actress “Lords of Dogtown,” “Anna and the King”), **Jason Scott Lee** (actor “Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story”), **Lisa Ling** (host “The View,” “National Geographic Explorer”), **Alice Wu** (writer/director “Saving Face”), **Karl Yune** (actor “Memoirs of a Geisha”), **Carrie Ann Inaba** (choreographer “American Idol”), **Rob Schneider** (actor “Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo”), **John Cho** (actor “Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle), **Harold Perrineau** (actor “Lost”), **Tamlyn Tomita** (actress “The Day After Tomorrow”), **Maggie Q** (actress “Mission Impossible III”) and **Johnnie To** (director/producer “Election”).

The “2006 Asian Excellence Awards Featuring the Rémy Martin® X.O Honors” will be taped at the legendary Wiltern LG Theatre in Hollywood, California and will air on AZN Television on the first day of the Lunar New Year, January 29, 2006, 8:00 p.m. Welly Yang, Syd Vinnedge and Peilin Chou are Executive Producers of the show. Veteran awards show producer Greg Sills serves as the Supervising Producer for the show.

AZN Television

AZN Television is the network for Asian America. A wholly-owned company of Comcast Corporation, the channel’s programming targets the fast-growing, English-speaking and multi-generational Asian American community. Genres include the most popular Asian films, dramas, documentaries and anime as well as original programming. For more information, visit azntv.com

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