

SA Blog Awards 2009 press release

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With the increase of internet penetration and the lowering of bandwidth fees across South Africa more and more people are becoming active online, in particular in the blogging space. A blog is a type of website, typically updated regularly and arranged chronologically that can be edited without too much technical knowhow. At present the annual 2009 South African Blog Awards are entering the final voting stages and they have been receiving a record number of both applicants and voters.

The Blog awards aims to promote, showcase and reward South Africa's top bloggers and is now in its 5th year. The Awards were started by [Jonathan Cherry](#) but are now being organised by the Cape Town based social media education specialists, [Huddlemind](#) along with Miguel dos Santos who founded the online voting system and website. This year the event has its first paying title sponsor in the form of [24.com](#) helping provide support, prizes and bringing blogging into the local public eye.

Voting takes place from the 1st march till the 1st of April. Anyone can vote and all the blogs nominated are written by South Africans or people living in the country. There are 24 categories up for grabs this year such as political, humorous, Photographic and environmental as well as the South African Blog of the year. Winners are voted on by the public and a select board of judges made up of local successful entrepreneurs in the online scene such as [Rob Stokes](#) , [Heather Ford](#), [Tertia Albertyn](#), [Vincent Maher](#) and [Vinny Lingham](#) who was recently selected as a Young Global Leader for 2009 by the [World Economic Forum](#).

Prizes for the winners are gold dog tags engraved with the relevant web sites address, and some exclusive awards sponsored by select companies. (Vida e café, Audi, Stuff magazine, The Times, Stormhoek, Glaceau vitamin water, Spring Leap, Quirk, and Kika-Sac footballs, woo-themes, Afrigator,)

The Awards ceremony takes place in Cape Town on the 3rd April at the newly opened Chevelle nightclub. To enter, vote, attend or to just find out more information go to www.sablogawards.com , or follow the latest updates and results on twitter at www.twitter.com/sablogawards.