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HOT BIRD™ TV AWARDS 2011: NOMINEE CHANNELS ANNOUNCED**Record 160 channels participate in this year's event for thematic satellite TV channels****Voting now open for the People's Choice Award!**

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The nominations were announced today for this year's HOT BIRD™ TV Awards, the unique international broadcasting event celebrating the achievements of thematic satellite TV channels.

A record 160 channels from vibrant and competitive TV markets entered this year's event. Original programming, quality production and new concepts were the criteria guiding the jury of media experts that met for two days in Paris and selected channels from 13 countries. Their choice of winners will be announced and honoured on Friday November 25 at a gala ceremony in Venice in the Scuola Grande of San Giovanni Evangelista.

Duilio Giammaria, Chairman of the jury, commented on this year's participants: "Year on year, the members of the jury of the HOT BIRD™ TV Awards are impressed by the capability of content producers to innovate, seek originality and create trends. This excellence deserves recognition and we are delighted to be part of an event that rewards their constant effort and investment."

The nominations for 2011 are:

Children'sCarousel (Russia)
MiniMini (Poland)
Yourfamily (Germany)**Culture/Education**Babel (Italy)
Mezzo Live HD (France)
Rai Storia (Italy)**Fiction/General Entertainment**Comedy Central Polska (Poland)
PMC Family (United Arab Emirates)
SkyUno (Italy)**Cinema**Kino Soyuz (Russia)
NTV Plus 3D by Panasonic (Russia)
Sky Cinema 1 HD (Italy)**Documentaries**BBC Knowledge (Poland)
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Votes open for People's Choice Award

This year's event again includes the People's Choice Award, won by the channel with the largest number of votes from viewers. All participating channels are eligible to take part in the **People's Choice**, with viewers invited to vote through each channel's website and key industry sites including hotbirdtvawards.com, broadbandtvnews.com, eutelsat.com, eurovisioni.it, satexpo.com and lyngsat.com.

The HOT BIRD™ TV Awards Jury includes experts from leading publications and TV associations: **Jerzy Barski**, *Tv-Sat Magazine* (Poland), **Jacques Braun**, *Eurodata TV* (France), **Sergey Buntman**, *Echo de Moscow* (Russia), **Paolo Dalla Chiara**, *Pentastudio* (Italy), **Paolo Lutteri**, *EGTA* (Europe), **Giovanna Maggioni**, *Upa* (Italy), **Fusun Nebil**, *Turk Internet* (Turkey), **Giacomo Mazzone**, *Eurovisioni* (Europe), **Mimi Turner**, *The Hollywood Reporter* (Europe). Jury Chairman, **Duilio Giammaria**, *Rai* (Italy); technical expert **Mauro Roffi**, *Millecanali* (Italy).

The HOT BIRD™ TV AWARDS is an event promoted by **Eutelsat**, Europe's leading satellite operator, in collaboration with **Eurovisioni**, a European festival dedicated to cinema and television and **SAT Expo**, the international exhibition of advanced digital and satellite telecommunications. This year's event is sponsored by **Thales Alenia Space** and **Astrium**.

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Eurovisioni

Eurovisioni, International Festival of Cinema and Television, was created in 1987 and now on its 25th edition. Eurovisioni 2011 (from 16 to 19 October) received the patronage of the Italian President, Giorgio Napolitano, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the Presidency of Italy's Council of Ministers, the Italian Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, and others. The initiative includes support from Eutelsat, RAI, the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities, SACEM, Sky Italia, Canal +, ARD, France Télévisions, RTVE, TOR Film Production.

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