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LONGTIME PHOTOGRAPHER CLINT AUSTIN NAMED 2025 MARSH NELSON MEDIA AWARD RECIPIENT

Celebrating Over 2 Decades of Photo Work with Duluth News Tribune

(DULUTH, MINN.) --- Longtime Duluth News Tribune photographer Clint Austin has been named the 2025 recipient of the Marsh Nelson Media Award, it was announced today by Grandma's Marathon.

Austin has been photographing the marathon for over two decades, documenting various parts of the race from start line to finish line, including one year covering the course along Lake Superior from a small airplane.

In recent years, Austin has been the News Tribune's primary photographer assigned to the finish line in Canal Park. To him, this has been his favorite place to find emotional and meaningful photos to convey the event's true meaning.

"The reactions when runners complete the course are so immediate, raw, and real," Austin said. "The marathon requires participants to dig deep in their physical and mental inventories, and it's nothing short of amazing to see the range of emotions they experience at the finish line."

Named after longtime KDLH-TV sports director Marsh Nelson, this award is given annually to a media member or organization to recognize and celebrate a longstanding commitment to the coverage and development of Grandma's Marathon.

Austin has worked side-by-side for many years with other recipients of the award, including several at the News Tribune, but he never considered that he might one day be on the same list as them.

"I'm humbled by such a great honor. I'm always in awe when I hear stories of Marsh, and it's amazing that he's still such a pillar of the sports community in Duluth," Austin said. "It means a lot to me to be elevated to the level of those who I have considered mentors, colleagues, and friends. I look forward to continuing to document Grandma's Marathon and our community for many years to come."



Austin will officially be presented with his award on Friday, June 20 at the 2025 Grandma's Marathon Awards Brunch at The Garden Event Center in Duluth.

MARSH NELSON MEDIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025 – Clint Austin	2011 – Running Times Magazine
2024 – Jerry Thoreson	2010 – David Jensch
2023 – Chris Allen	2009 – Mark Stodghill
2022 – Deb Messer	2008 – Tom Hansen
2020-21 – n/a	2007 – Barbara Reyelts
2019 – Jake Benson	2006 – Chuck Curtis
2018 – John Gilbert	2005 – Rik Jordan
2017 – Howie Hanson	2004 – Bruce Brothers
2016 – Bob King	2003 – Bob Rich
2015 – Townsquare Media	2002 – Bruce Bennett
2014 – Marathon & Beyond	2001 – Kerry Rodd
2013 – Dan Moller	2000 – Marsh Nelson & Kevin Pates
2012 – Pat Cadigan	

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ABOUT GRANDMA'S MARATHON

Grandma's Marathon began in 1977 when a group of local runners planned a scenic road race from Two Harbors to Duluth, Minnesota. After seeing just 150 registered participants that year, the marathon has now grown into the 10th largest in the United States.

The race got its name from the Duluth-based group of famous Grandma's Restaurants, the first major sponsor of the marathon. Having now added the Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon and William A. Irvin 5K, the race weekend now welcomes more than 20,000 participants to Duluth and the surrounding region each year.

As the popularity of Grandma's Marathon weekend has grown, our mission has stayed the same – to organize, promote, and deliver annual events and programs that cultivate running, educational, social, and charitable opportunities to our communities.

Grandma's Marathon-Duluth, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization with an nine-person, full-time staff and a 17-member Board of Directors.



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