

Diane Rehm is Presented with the Urbino Press Award – ANSA March 14, 2006

The first Urbino Press Award, to be given to NPR Talk show host and journalist Diane Rehm, was announced at a crowded ceremony hosted by the Italian Embassy in Washington, DC. Italian fashion designers Piero and Giacomo Guidi established the award in recognition of American journalists who, with great commitment, strive to keep the public informed about current events. Ms. Rehm will also attend the actual award ceremony which will take place on May 11 in Urbino.

At that event Ms. Rehm, dressed in Renaissance costume - to highlight Urbino's great history and culture and its commitment to the future, will receive a symbolic sculpture and a monetary award and speak of her own professional experience. Ms. Rehm was chosen for her excellence in journalism by a jury composed of Piero and Giacomo Guidi, Giovanni Lani (the award committee's president), senator Palmiro Uccielli (president of the province of Pesaro and Urbino) and the journalist Oscar Bartoli (in charge of the delegation's visit to Washington). Italy's ambassador to the US, Giovanni Castellaneta greeted the large number of Italians with origins in Urbino and welcomed them to a reception at the embassy. A documentary on Urbino as the "ideal city" was shown and there were speeches by Franco Corbucci, the mayor of Urbino, senator Uccielli, Messrs. Lani and Guidi and, of course, by Ms. Rehm, all introduced by Mr. Bartoli.