



## 2015 Masters Award Recipient

Beryl Dakers  
South Carolina Educational Television

***SC broadcast pioneer, dedicated to creating educational, inspirational public affairs and cultural arts programming, for over 40 years***

- 1972 – 1977 News Reporter, WIS Radio; Reporter, Show Host and Public Affairs Director, WIS Television, Columbia
- 1977 – Joined SCETV as News and Public Affairs Director and later named Director of Cultural Programming
- Covered first Spoleto Festival USA (1977), and for 24 consecutive years, interviewing influential artists of the 20th century
- Created and hosted dozens of award-winning local programs and documentaries, including ***Nature Scene***, which ran for 25 years and was nationally syndicated
- 2000 – Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award (Governor's Award in the Arts)
- 2002 - SC Black Hall of Fame
- 2006 AT&T African American History Calendar Honoree
- Nominee for Regional Emmy for ***The Door Project***
- Other industry recognitions include: National Black Programming Award, CINE Golden Eagle Award, National Association of Black Journalists Award, and SC Speaker of the Year
- Passionate advocate for the arts, child welfare, and human and civil rights, whose community and civic involvement include: National Urban League and two terms as Board Chair of the Columbia Urban League, Brother and Sisters, Inc., Columbia Museum of Art, SC Arts Alliance, SisterCare, Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Wesley United Methodist Church and many more.