# Charlie Hebdo receives PEN award at literary gala in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Under armed security and a cloud of conflicted opinions and emotions, the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo was presented a freedom of expression award on Tuesday night from the PEN American Center.

Editor-in-chief Gerard Biard and critic-essayist Jean-Baptiste Thore accepted the Freedom of Expression Courage Award to a standing ovation following a weeklong debate — alternately thoughtful and divisive over whether the honor was deserved.

Rushdie and Salman Neil Gaiman were among hundreds of writers, editors and others from the publishing world cheering for Hebdo at the literary and human rights organization's gala at the American Museum of Natural History, where awards also were given to playwright Tom Stoppard, Azerbaijani investigative journalist Khadija Ismayilova and Penguin Random House CEO Markus Dohle.

Just as notable were those who would not, and could not, be there.

Michael Ondaatje, Peter Carey and four other writers scheduled to be table hosts withdrew because of objections to what they considered the magazine's offensive cartoons of Muslims. More than 200 writers, among them Joyce Carol Oates and Michael Cunningham, signed an open letter criticizing PEN. The gathering Tuesday night was overwhelmingly supportive of Hebdo and the award if only because so many opponents stayed home, some by choice, some citing scheduling conflicts.

Those who spoke recalled absent friends. While introducing Stoppard, actress Glenn Close paid tribute to the late Mike Nichols, who



Charlie Hebdo editor-in-chief Gerard Biard, center, accepts the Freedom of Expression Courage Award as Alain Mabanckou,, left, and Charlie Hebdo's critic-essayist Jean-Baptiste Thoret look on during the 2015 PEN Gala Tuesday in New York City

directed her in a Broadway adaptation of Stoppard's "The Real Thing." Ismayilova, given the PEN/ Barbara Goldsmith Freedom to Write Award, has been

imprisoned since December and was represented by fellow journalist Emin Milli. Biard and Thore came on behalf of colleagues killed in the January shooting at the

magazine's Paris offices that their right to publish them I left 12 dead.

In accepting the award, Biard noted the magazine's history of shocking readers with its irreverent drawings of religious figures.

"Growing up to be a citizen is to learn that some ideas, some words, some images, can be shocking," he said. "Being shocked is a part of democratic debate. Being shot is not."

While virtually everyone stood and clapped for Hebdo, not everyone was an admirer. The Iranian-born novelist Porochista Khakpour, a table host, told The Associated Press that she had no plans to applaud even as she affirmed her support for PEN's mission. Roz Chast, the best-selling author and New Yorker cartoonist, called the Hebdo illustrations "sort of stupid and ham-handed."

"But if I didn't support

wouldn't be here," she told the AP.

The Hebdo award made the PEN gala the most controversial in recent memory, but also the best attended. More than 800 came for the event, at \$1,250 a ticket, compared with around 700 a year ago. With the presence of Hebdo officials and the recent shootings near Dallas at an anti-Islam event, guests Tuesday passed through metal detectors and armed police officials. Police cars lined the street outside the museum's main entrance.

Expression itself was the real guest of honor. PEN president Andrew Solomon said the Hebdo award, and dispute, were reminders that the "defense of people murdered for their exercise of free speech is at the heart of what PEN stands for, so is the unfettered articulation of opposing viewpoints."

### **Television > Today's highlights**



Johnny Galecki and Kunal Nayyar in "The Big Bang Theory"

## **The Vampire Diaries**

Elena (Nina Dobrev) and Bonnie (Kat Graham) help Jo (guest star Jodi Lyn O'Keefe) prepare for her wedding day. Meanwhile, hoping to give his brother some perspective, Stefan (Paul Wesley) takes Damon (Ian Somerhalder) on a road trip.

#### **Outrageous Births: Tales from the Crib** TLC 7:00 p.m.

Amazing birth stories come to light in this special series. A weddingcrashing baby interrupts a ceremony and another woman delivers after crashing her car into a canal. Also, a baby with a life-threatening condition is born prematurely at home.

# **111** KFFX KPTV 8:00 p.m.

Brennan (Emily Deschanel) and Booth (David Boreanaz) assume that bullying was a factor in the death of a high school student whose body was found in a ditch. Brennan soon discovers similarities between her teen years and those of the victim.

### **The Big Bang Theory 19 KEPR KOIN** 8:00 p.m.

Sheldon (Jim Parsons) puts the pressure on Penny (Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting) and Leonard (Johnny Galecki) to pick a wedding date in this new episode. Meanwhile, Sheldon also tries to handle some big changes in his relationship with Amy (Mayim Bialik).

# **Grey's Anatomy**

42 KVEW KATU 8:00 p.m. There's never a dull moment for the staff of Seattle's Grey Sloan Me-

morial Hospital. Ellen Pompeo leads an ensemble cast in this medical drama that delves into the personal and professional lives of doctors

# **Beat Bobby Flay**

FOOD 10:00 p.m.

Chefs Geoffrey Zakarian and Chris Santos want to make their moms proud when they enter the arena in this new episode. Seasoned veteran Kathy Cary squares off with acclaimed chef Shanna O'Hea for the chance to take on Bobby Flay.

# The Comedians

FX 10:00 p.m.

When rumors swirl that Josh (Josh Gad) may be up for a movie role, the news quickly goes to Josh's head, and Billy (Billy Crystal) isn't impressed. Crystal and Gad take a hilarious look at the entertainment industry in this comedy.

# Talk shows

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