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***KAHANI* PICKED AS TOP CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE**

Newton, MA – Citing its outstanding contributions to children's education, the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) recently selected *Kahani* as the recipient of its 2006 Multicultural Children's Publication Award.

“The award is given for outstanding publications which foster awareness, acceptance, and affirmation of diversity for pre-K to 12th grade students,” said Pamala V. Morris, chair of the awards committee. *Kahani* also “maintains high multicultural standards and contributes to the development of multicultural education,” she added.

This is the second major national award *Kahani* has picked up this year. “It is really important for us to keep winning these kinds of awards because it makes us try harder with every issue,” said Monika Jain, editor of the magazine. “It is really gratifying to see that all our work is paying off.” *Kahani* won a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Association of Educational Publishers earlier this year.

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Published in Massachusetts, *Kahani* is a literary publication for children of South Asian descent. It features original short stories and illustrations from published as well emerging South Asian writers and artists. Every issue of *Kahani* also includes a biography series, book reviews, and interactive columns based on math, science, and language. Some of the themes the magazine has explored include *The South Asian Diaspora*, *Magic!* and *Creativity*. Subscriptions cost \$20.00 for four issues.

Sunitha Das, *Kahani*'s director of marketing, said these national accolades help cement the publication's credentials, thereby attracting more mainstream talent. "Narinder Dhani, who wrote *BendIt Like Beckham*, is writing an original short story for us in the next issue." She added, "It will be illustrated by Pakistan's award-winning artist Ambreen Butt."

Based in Bethesda, Maryland, NAME is a national organization that seeks to promote the development of culturally responsible and responsive curricula at schools and universities. Bhavna Vaswani, a NAME member and teacher at the Newton Public Schools, nominated *Kahani* for the award. The awards were announced in October in Phoenix, Arizona.

To find out more about *Kahani*, visit www.kahani.com.

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