

**June 7, 2021**

## Montana PBS Wins 7 Emmy® Awards

On Saturday June 5, the 2021 Northwest Emmy® Awards were announced during a 90-minute live virtual ceremony hosted from Seattle, WA. Two Montana PBS films received nods for excellence in media production.

The one-hour film, *Charlie Russell's Old West*, about Montana's favorite cowboy artist received an Emmy® in the DOCUMENTARY (Cultural/Historical) category. Recipients include: Paul Zalis, Co-Producer/Writer – Maria Anderson, Associate Producer – William Marcus and Aaron Pruitt, Executive Producers.

Montana PBS' science film, *The Last Artifact*, about the redefinition of the kilogram received an Emmy® in the DOCUMENTARY (Topical) category. Recipients include Jaime Jacobsen and Ed Watkins, Producers – Aaron Pruitt, Executive Producer.

*The Last Artifact* garnered an additional five Emmys® in professional 'craft' categories:

- DIRECTOR – Jaime Jacobsen and Ed Watkins
- WRITER – NON-NEWS (Short/Long Form Content) – Ben King, Ed Watkins, Stefanie Watkins
- PHOTOGRAPHER – NON-NEWS (Short/Long Form Content) Rick Smith, Scott Sterling
- EDITOR – NON-NEWS (Short/Long Form Content) Ben King, Stefanie Watkins
- AUDIO – Jeremiah Slovarp, Luke Scheeler, Parker Brown, Sheridan Tongue

Finally, Montana PBS producer and on-air host, John Twiggs was inducted into the prestigious SILVER CIRCLE of the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS). The Silver Circle recognizes individuals with more than 25 years of public service, mentoring, leadership and professional accolades. In addition to John Twiggs' service to Montana PBS audiences, he is an Adjunct Professor with the School of Journalism at the University of Montana, educating the next generation of video storytellers and journalists in Montana and beyond.

Montana PBS congratulates all our 2021 Emmy® winners and our Silver Circle inductee.

The Northwest Chapter of NATAS honors excellence in television and media in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Montana. To see the full list of Emmy® nominations and winners or to learn more about NATAS Northwest, visit [natasnw.org](https://natasnw.org).

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