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MontanaPBS Receives 11 Emmy® Nominations for 2017
Nominated programs include Backroads of Montana, The Rundown with Beth Saboe and The Violin Alone

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BOZEMAN, MT. – MontanaPBS is proud to receive 11 Emmy® Award Nominations from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Recipients will be awarded at the Emmy® Awards Banquet, which will be hosted at Freemont Studios in Seattle, WA on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

The nominations are:

**Arts/Entertainment - Program/Special**
*Backroads of Montana: Rich with Tradition*  
Ray Ekness, BMC Director | John Twiggs, Producer | William Marcus, Director, BMC

**Politics/Government - Program/Special**
*Vacancy in the House* | Anna Rau, Producer

**Documentary - Cultural**
*The Violin Alone*  
Scott Sterling, Producer & Director | Aaron Pruitt, Executive Producer  
Eric Funk, Composer | Vilmos Olah, Violinist

**Director**
Scott Sterling (*The Violin Alone*)

**Writer - Program**
Scott Sterling (*The Violin Alone*)

**Photographer - Program**
Scott Sterling, Rick Smith (*The Violin Alone*)

**Editor - Program**
Beth Saboe, Ben Skudlarek (*The Rundown with Beth Saboe: Enemy on our Shores*)  
Scott Sterling (*The Violin Alone*)

**Graphic Arts**
Kyle Sorenson (*The Violin Alone*)

**Audio**
Jeremiah Slovarp (*The Violin Alone*)

**Musical Composition/Arrangement**
Eric Funk (*The Violin Alone*)

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