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Maryland Public Television earns 17 Emmy® Award nominations in annual regional competition

*Included are eight total nominations for popular MPT series Maryland Farm & Harvest and Outdoors Maryland*

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television (MPT) today announced the statewide public television network has earned 17 Emmy® Award nominations from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter (NCCB) of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS). Nominations for the NATAS chapter’s 62nd Emmy Awards were revealed over three days, from May 12 - 14.

The competition is open to any television station, company, production house, or independent producer in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Nominations recognize work performed during 2019 in more than 120 categories of production and television crafts.

The NATAS-NCCB’s 62nd annual Emmy Awards will be announced on August 8.

Over the course of its more than 50-year history, MPT has earned 170 regional Emmys out of 400 nominations, the Board of Governors Award (the regional chapter’s highest honor), and four national Emmy Awards.

Maryland Public Television’s 17 nominations this year were earned in these 10 categories:

- **category 12C: Chesapeake Heritage - Program/Special**
  *Chesapeake and Delaware Canal: Gateway to the World*
  John Paulson, Producer
  Michael English, Executive Producer

  *Maryland Crabs: Tradition & Taste*
  Heidi Hanson, Producer
  Chris Warner, Director
  Michael English, Executive Producer
- **category 13C: Arts/Entertainment - Program/Special**
  *Made Possible By Viewers Like You: 50 Years of Maryland Public Television*
  Linda Taggart, Executive in Charge of Production
  Eric Neumann, Executive Producer
  Jonathan Slade, Producer
  Patrick Shea, Producer

  *WTMD First Thursday Festival - episode 201*
  Frank Batavick, Producer
  Adam Oberfeld, Producer
  Scott Mullins, Executive Producer

- **category 21C: Historical/Cultural - Program Feature/Segment**
  *Statues of Change*
  Heidi Hanson, Producer
  Chris Warner, Director
  Michael English, Executive Producer

- **category 28: Interview/Discussion**
  *Direct Connection* - DeRay Mckesson interview
  Jeff Salkin, Host/Anchor
  Roxana Bardan, Producer
  Mark Keefer, Executive Producer

- **category 29A: Magazine Program - Feature/Segment**
  *Maryland Farm & Harvest - Steam Society Show segment - episode 706*
  Joseph Ligo, Producer

  *Outdoors Maryland: Water From the Air*
  Michael Sobola, Producer

- **category 29B: Magazine Program/Special**
  *Maryland Farm & Harvest - episode 701*
  Joe Ligo, Series Producer
  Harpreet Kaur, Segment Producer
  Stefanie Robey, Segment Producer
  Abigail Sussman, Associate Producer
  Frank Batavick, Executive Producer

  *Outdoors Maryland - Blue Ribbon River - episode 3202*
  Robert Ferrier, Producer
  Sarah Sampson, Series Producer

- **category 38: Audio Sound Design & Audio Mix Composite**
  *Chesapeake and Delaware Canal: Gateway to the World*
  Jillian Kuchman, Mixer/Editor

- **category 40A: Editor - Program (Non-News)**
  *Made Possible by Viewers Like You: 50 Years of Maryland Public Television*
  Patrick Shea, Editor
Maryland Farm & Harvest - episode 613
Brandon Holthaus, Online Editor

- category 46: Program Host/Moderator
  Maryland Farm & Harvest
  Joanne Clendining, Host

- category 50A: Photographer - Program (Non-News)
  Chesapeake and Delaware Canal: Gateway to the World
  Timothy Pugh, Photographer
  Dave Earnest, Photographer
  Nick Caloyianis, Aerial Photographer

Maryland Farm & Harvest - Live Births segment – episode 609
Nick Caloyianis, Photographer

Outdoors Maryland - Blue Ribbon River - episode 3202
Dave Earnest, Aerial Videographer
Michael Estrabillo, Ground Videographer
Nick Caloyianis, Aerial Photographer

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter (NCCB) of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a non-profit, professional organization serving the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC television community. NATAS-NCCB is dedicated to advancement in the art and science of television. The Academy’s goals are to foster creative leadership in the television industry, and to encourage artistic, educational and cultural excellence and technical progress.

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About MPT
Launched in 1969 and headquartered in Owings Mills, MD, Maryland Public Television is a nonprofit, state-licensed public television network and member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). MPT’s six transmitters cover Maryland plus portions of contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards, MPT creates local, regional, and national television shows. Beyond broadcast, MPT’s commitment to professional educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through year-round instructional events and the super-website Thinkport, which garners in excess of five million page views annually. MPT’s community engagement connects viewers with local resources on significant health, education, arts, and public interest topics through year-round outreach events, viewer forums, program screenings, and phone bank call-in opportunities. For more information visit mpt.org.