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## Maryland Public Television earns seven Emmy® Awards in regional competition

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) presented [Maryland Public Television](#) (MPT) with seven Emmys during its 63<sup>rd</sup> Emmy® Awards ceremony on Saturday, June 26.

The [National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of NATAS](#) comprises television industry professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Its annual Emmy Awards competition acknowledges excellence in areas including entertainment programs, news and documentary shows, and sports programming.

Over the course of its more than 50-year history, MPT has earned 185 regional Emmys out of 412 nominations, the Board of Governors Award (the regional NATAS chapter's highest honor), and four national Emmy Awards.

This year, MPT earned 12 Emmy Award nominations in 10 categories and received awards in the following categories:

- **category 13C: Chesapeake Heritage - Long Form Content**  
*Chesapeake Beacons*  
John Paulson, Producer  
Sarah Sampson, Producer  
Frank Batavick, Executive Producer
- **category 22D: Historical/Cultural - Long Form Content (longer than 10 minutes)**  
*Maryland Mystery Lady*  
Amy Oden, Producer
- **category 23B: Technology - Short Form Content (up to 10 minutes)**  
*Maryland Farm & Harvest: Future of Farming: Drones*  
Stefanie Robey, Producer

- **category 27A: Lifestyle - Short Form Content (up to 10 minutes)**  
Maryland Farm & Harvest: Goats for Hire - The Four Legged Landscaping Crew  
Harpreet Kaur, Segment Producer
- **category 36B: Magazine Program (Series)**  
Maryland Farm & Harvest Episode 711: Maryland-Made Drinks  
Joseph Ligo, Series Producer/Director  
Harpreet Kaur, Segment Producer  
Stefanie Robey, Segment Producer  
Abigail Sussman, Associate Producer  
Frank Batavick, Executive Producer
- **category 15C: Business/Consumer - Short Form Content (up to 10 minutes)**  
Maryland Farm & Harvest: Farmer Makes Firewood A "Blazing" Success  
Harpreet Kaur, Segment Producer
- **category 51E: Photographer: Long Form Content (longer than 10 minutes)**  
Chesapeake Beacons  
Dave Earnest, Aerial Photographer  
John Paulson, Photographer  
Richard MacDonald, Aerial Photographer  
Timothy Pugh, Photographer  
Benjamin Zschunke, Photographer  
Michael Estrabillo, Photographer  
Michael Sobola, 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, D.C. 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 Maryland Public Television**

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) affiliate, offering entertaining, informative, educational, and inspiring content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices. A state agency, it operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. MPT creates and distributes local, regional, and national content and is a frequent winner of regional Emmy® Awards. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through instructional events and [Thinkport.org](http://Thinkport.org). MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit [mpt.org](http://mpt.org).