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Maryland Public Television wins 18 Capital Emmy® Awards during regional competition

2025 haul is most in statewide public TV network's history

OWINGS MILLS, MD – The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS-NCCB) presented [Maryland Public Television](http://mpt.org) (MPT) with 18 Emmys during its 67th Capital Emmy® Awards ceremony at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on Saturday, June 21.

[NATAS-NCCB](http://natas-nccb.org) comprises television industry professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. The NCCB chapter is one of the largest in NATAS, with more than 1,500 members. Its annual Capital Emmy Awards competition acknowledges excellence in a range of television program genres and production roles.

MPT's 18 Emmys are the most the statewide public TV network has earned during a single competition in its more than 55-year history. To date, MPT has received 229 regional Emmys out of 534 total nominations. It is also the recipient of the Board of Governors Award (the chapter's highest honor), Community Service and Overall Excellence awards, and four national Emmy Awards.



After garnering 38 nominations this year, MPT earned Capital Emmy Awards in the following categories:

- **SPORTS - ONE-TIME SPECIAL**
 - *Inside the CIAA: Impact* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Travis Mitchell, executive producer; T.L. Benton, producer; Trae Mitchell, associate producer
- **INFORMATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL - SHORT FORM CONTENT**
 - *Maryland Farm & Harvest: The Longhorns of Downey Family Farm* ([WATCH HERE](#) – segment starts at 11:28)
 - Luke Fisher, segment producer

- **CHESAPEAKE HERITAGE - LONG FORM CONTENT**
 - *Racing Rivals: Log Canoes of Chesapeake Bay* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Sarah Sampson, producer/director; Patrick Keegan, executive producer
- **ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT - SHORT FORM CONTENT**
 - *Artworks Shorts: Art of Photography* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - T.L. Benton, producer; Mike Adeyeye, co-director; Trae Mitchell, director
- **ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT - LONG FORM CONTENT**
 - *Outdoors Maryland: Weaving Nature* ([WATCH HERE](#)) – segment starts at 1:07)
 - Jeff Bieber, producer
- **BUSINESS/CONSUMER - LONG FORM CONTENT**
 - *Made in Maryland* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Patrick Keegan, executive producer; Barbie Jenkins, series producer
- **DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION - LONG FORM CONTENT**
 - *Artworks: The Art of Strings* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - T.L. Benton, producer/director; Travis Mitchell, executive producer; Mike Adeyeye, cinematographer
- **EDUCATION/SCHOOLS - SHORT FORM CONTENT**
 - *Maryland Farm & Harvest: Bishop Walsh School Grows* ([WATCH HERE](#)) – segment starts at 9:57)
 - Jay McDonald, producer
- **EDUCATION/SCHOOLS - SHORT FORM CONTENT**
 - *Outdoors Maryland: Nature's Classroom* ([WATCH HERE](#)) – segment starts at 17:08)
 - Jonathan Gruber, producer; Stefanie Robey, producer
- **ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE - SHORT FORM CONTENT**
 - *Outdoors Maryland: Saltmarsh Sunrises* ([WATCH HERE](#)) – segment starts at 9:02)
 - Will Parson, producer
- **ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE - LONG FORM CONTENT**
 - *Outdoors Maryland: Chesapeake Bay Episode* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Stefanie Robey, series producer; Kathryn Pasternak, segment producer; Henley Moore, segment producer; Frank Batavick, executive producer
- **TECHNOLOGY**
 - *Maryland Farm & Harvest: Indoor Salmon Fishery - IMET* ([WATCH HERE](#)) – segment starts at 9:34)
 - Richard Royle, producer
- **EDITOR - PROGRAM**
 - *Racing Rivals: Log Canoes of Chesapeake Bay* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Brandon Holthaus, online editor

- **TALENT: PROGRAM HOST/MODERATOR/CORRESPONDENT**
 - Frank Sesno, *Chesapeake Bay Summit 2024: Course Correction* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Frank Sesno, moderator
- **TALENT: PROGRAM HOST/MODERATOR/CORRESPONDENT**
 - Joanne Clendining: *Maryland Farm & Harvest* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Joanne Clendining, host
- **WRITER - LONG FORM CONTENT**
 - *Racing Rivals: Log Canoes of Chesapeake Bay* ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Sarah Sampson, writer
- **WRITER - LONG FORM CONTENT**
 - *Outdoors Maryland: Upstream Odyssey* ([WATCH HERE](#)) – segment starts at 12:10
 - Sarah Sampson, writer
- **PHOTOGRAPHER: PROGRAM**
 - *Outdoors Maryland: Upstream Odyssey* ([WATCH HERE](#)) – segment starts at 12:10
 - Nick Caloyianis, videographer

Two MPT broadcast partners also took home Emmy Awards during Saturday's ceremony. The Emmy-winning MPT acquisitions are:

- **DOCUMENTARY - CULTURAL/TOPICAL**
 - *FORAGER* – Spring And Fall Productions, LLC ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - Renee Fischer, producer/director/editor
- **DOCUMENTARY - HISTORICAL**
 - *History of a National Treasure* – Morgan State University ([WATCH HERE](#))
 - DeWayne Wickham, producer/director/writer; David Wilson, producer; Randall Pinkston, narrator; Ivery Johnson, editor

The full list of Capital Emmy Awards nominees and winners and a recording of the June 21 ceremony are available on the NATAS-NCCB website at capitalemmys.tv.

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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining, 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. MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit mpt.org.