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## Maryland Public Television earns 20 regional Emmy® Awards

*2026 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 presented [Maryland Public Television](#) (MPT) with 20 Emmys during its 68<sup>th</sup> Capital Emmy® Awards ceremony at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on Saturday, June 20.

[NATAS-NCCB](#) 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 recognizes excellence across a range of television genres and production roles.

MPT's 20 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 249 regional Emmys out of 578 total nominations. It has also earned six Community Service Awards, two Overall Excellence Awards, two Board of Governors Awards (the chapter's highest honor), and five national Emmy Awards.



After garnering 44 nominations this year, MPT earned Capital Emmy Awards in the following categories:

- **INFORMATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL – SHORT FORM CONTENT**
  - [Maryland Farm & Harvest: OlaLekan](#)
    - Richard Royle, Producer
- **INFORMATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL – LONG FORM CONTENT**
  - [Artworks: The Art of Architecture Part I – Conception](#)
    - Trae Mitchell, Producer
    - T.L. Benton, Producer

- **CHESAPEAKE HERITAGE – SHORT FORM CONTENT**
  - [\*Outdoors Maryland: Breaking the Ice\*](#)
    - Stefanie Robey, Producer
  - [\*MD250 Commission: How do you say Semiquincentennial?\*](#)
    - Jason Cohen, Producer
    - Shannon Turner, Director
- **CHESAPEAKE HERITAGE – LONG FORM CONTENT**
  - [\*Resurrecting Poplar Island\*](#)
    - Sarah Sampson, Producer
    - Patrick Keegan, Executive Producer
- **ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT – LONG FORM CONTENT**
  - [\*Artworks: The Art of Painting\*](#)
    - T.L. Benton, Producer
    - Rikki Hughes, Producer
    - Wendel Patrick, Host
  - [\*Artworks: The Art of Sacred Spaces\*](#)
    - T.L. Benton, Producer
    - Trae Mitchell, Producer
- **BUSINESS/CONSUMER – SHORT FORM CONTENT**
  - [\*Maryland Farm & Harvest: Brandywine Cow Cuddling\*](#)
    - Jay McDonald, Producer
- **DIVERSITY/EQUITY/INCLUSION – LONG FORM CONTENT**
  - [\*6 Days of Determination: The Story of the 1990 Morgan State Student Protest\*](#)
    - Travis Mitchell, Producer
    - T.L. Benton, Producer
    - Trae Mitchell, Producer
    - Mike Adeyeye, Cinematographer
- **EDUCATION/SCHOOLS – LONG FORM CONTENT**
  - [\*Outdoors Maryland: Racing Leviathan\*](#)
    - Stefanie Robey, Producer
    - Nick Caloyianis, Field Producer
- **ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE – SHORT FORM CONTENT**
  - [\*Outdoors Maryland: An Island Becoming\*](#)
    - Stefanie Robey, Producer
    - Sarah Sampson, Producer
  - [\*Outdoors Maryland: For the Birds\*](#)
    - Sam Mallon, Producer
    - Stefanie Robey, Series Producer

- [Maryland Farm & Harvest: Saving the Bay – A Billion Oysters at a Time](#)
  - Richard Royle, Producer
- **ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE – LONG FORM CONTENT**
  - [Outdoors Maryland: A Fragile Inheritance](#)
    - Stefanie Robey, Producer
- **LIFESTYLE – SHORT FORM CONTENT**
  - [Outdoors Maryland: Darkness Illuminated](#)
    - Andrew Paterson, Producer
- **TECHNOLOGY**
  - [Maryland Farm & Harvest: 1 Million Wasp Eggs – Using Drone Tech to Combat Pests](#)
    - Luke Fisher, Producer
  - [Outdoors Maryland: The Listening Post](#)
    - Andrew Paterson, Producer
- **AUDIO RECORDING, MIXING, AND DESIGN**
  - [Maryland By Air](#)
    - Jillian Kuchman, Audio Producer
    - David Wainwright, Audio Producer
    - Nicole Phillips-Naylor, Audio Producer
- **DIRECTOR – PROGRAM**
  - [Key Bridge Disaster: Reflect, Recover, Rebuild](#)
    - Sandy Petrykowski, Director
- **WRITER – LONG FORM CONTENT**
  - [Outdoors Maryland: A Fragile Inheritance](#)
    - Stefanie Robey, Writer

The full list of Capital Emmy Awards nominees and winners and a recording of the June 20 ceremony are available on the NATAS-NCCB website at [capitalemmys.tv](http://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](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).