



# NEWS RELEASE

## WINNERS FOR THE DOCUMENTARY CATEGORIES OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY® AWARDS ANNOUNCED

*Barbara Kopple honored with a  
Lifetime Achievement Award*

(NEW YORK) SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 – Winners of the Documentary categories of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual News and Documentary Emmy® Awards were announced tonight by The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS). The awards were presented at the Palladium Times Square in New York City.

Acclaimed documentarian Barbara Kopple was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her distinguished body of work. The award was presented to her by Thom Powers, the co-founder of DOC NYC and the host of the Pure Nonfiction podcast.

The News & Documentary Emmy® Awards were presented as two individual ceremonies: categories honoring Television News Programming were presented last night; categories honoring Documentaries were presented this evening. Both last night's and tonight's ceremonies were live-streamed on our dedicated platform, [Watch.TheEmmys.TV](https://www.watchtheemmys.tv) powered by Vimeo.

"There has never been a time when the need for thoughtful and hard-hitting documentaries has been greater, nor a time when excellence in this genre has been more deserving of note, honor and celebration", said Terry O'Reilly, Chairman, NATAS. "Tonight's Emmy honorees take us behind the headlines to explore the many facets of our shared global reality and do so at the highest level of the craft. We congratulate them for their achievement."

"Tonight's documentary Emmy winners are to be celebrated for bringing us in-depth explorations of the world in all its complexity," said Adam Sharp, NATAS CEO & President. "One person who exemplifies this more than any other is our Lifetime Achievement honoree, Barbara Kopple, whose work has cast a critical gaze at the core of the American experience itself. We also are thrilled to congratulate our inaugural class of national documentary Gold and Silver Circle honorees for their service to our industry and their countless hours of mentorship and support for the next generation."

The inaugural class of national Gold and Silver Circle honorees for documentary was inducted tonight. The Gold and Silver Circle is a society honoring members of the television and wider broadcasting community who have made an enduring contribution to the industry. Gold Circle and Silver members have a tenure of 50 and 25 years in the broadcasting profession respectively.

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## GOLD CIRCLE - 2023 DOCUMENTARY INDUCTEES:

Jon Alpert, Documentarian, Journalist, CoFounder of DCTV  
Keiko Tsuno, Documentarian, Journalist, CoFounder of DCTV

## SILVER CIRCLE - 2023 DOCUMENTARY INDUCTEES:

Daniel H. Birman, Documentarian, Birman Productions  
Lois Vossen, Executive Producer, Independent Lens  
Chris White, Executive Producer, American Documentary

Tonight's Documentary ceremony was hosted by a group of industry leaders introducing different segments of the show. The group included:

Nancy Abraham, Executive Vice President, Documentary Programming, HBO  
Jelani Cobb, Dean, Columbia Journalism School, Staff Writer, The New Yorker  
Kathryn Ferguson, Director and Writer, Director of "Nothing Compares"  
Lisa Heller, Executive Vice President, Documentary and Family Programming, HBO  
Elvis Mitchell, Film critic, Host of KCRW's, "The Treatment," Director, "Is That Black Enough For You?!?"  
Thom Powers, co-founder of DOC NYC, host of the Pure Nonfiction podcast, documentary programmer for the Toronto International Film Festival and Miami Film Festival  
Mariana van Zeller, Correspondent, "Trafficked with Mariana van Zeller"

The 44th Annual News & Documentary Emmy® Awards honor programming content from more than 2300 submissions that originally premiered in calendar-year 2022, judged by a pool of over 1000 peer professionals from across the television and streaming/digital media News & Documentary industry.

The 44th Annual News & Documentary Emmy® Awards was produced by NATAS with Lisa Armstrong and Adam Sharp, Executive Producers, and David Winn and Christine Chin, News & Documentary Administration. Tonight's program was Directed by John D'Incecco.

All programming is available on the web at [Watch.TheEmmys.TV](https://www.theemmys.tv) and via The Emmys® apps for iOS, tvOS, Android, FireTV, Roku, and Samsung Smart TV (full list at [apps.theemmys.tv](https://apps.theemmys.tv)).

The complete list of winners is also available on the National Television Academy's website: [theemmys.tv](https://www.theemmys.tv)

All voting was tabulated by the accounting firm of Lutz & Carr, LLP.

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## **ABOUT NATAS**

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a service organization dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational, and technical achievements within the television industry. It recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy® Awards for News & Documentary, Sports, Daytime and Daytime Creative Arts programming, as well as achievements in television Technology & Engineering.

NATAS membership consists of more than 18,000+ broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the country. Beyond awards, NATAS has extensive educational programs including regional student television and its Student Award for Excellence and the National Student Production Awards for outstanding journalistic work by high school students, as well as scholarships, publications, and major activities for both industry professionals and the viewing public.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.theemmys.tv/>

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The numerical breakdown, by media entities, as compiled by the independent accountancy firm of Lutz and Carr, LLP, follows:

### **Over-the-Air, Cable, Satellite and Internet Broadcast Winners**

HBO Max	6
National Geographic	5
Amazon Prime	3
Netflix	2
Paramount+	2
CNN	1
Peacock	1
PBS	1
VOD	1

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OUTSTANDING CURRENT AFFAIRS DOCUMENTARY

**Retrograde**

**National Geographic  
[National Geographic  
Documentary Films]  
Our Time Project]**

**Executive Producers**

Baktash Ahadi, Carolyn Bernstein, David Fialkow, Joedan Okun

**Produced by**

Matthew Heineman, Caitlin McNally

**Field Producers**

Saifullah Mohammadi, Mohammad Zaher Tahery

**Co-Producer**

Lani Levine

**Afghanistan Unit Producer**

Richard Butler

**Senior Line Producer**

Stephanie Stoltzfus

**Line Producer**

Andrew Petrilak

**Story Producer**

Javed Rezayee

**Associate Producers**

Mohammad Anil Qasemi, Cyrus Mirzashafa, Ahmad Shah Amin

**Cinematographers**

Tim Gruzca, Matthew Heineman, Olivier Sarbil

**Editors**

Pablo Garza, Matthew Heineman, Grace Zahrah

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OUTSTANDING POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTARY

**In Her Hands**

**Netflix**

**[Netflix | Propagate | Moondogs  
Productions | Hiddenlight Productions]**

**Executive Producers**

Tamana Ayazi, Chelsea Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Stephen Ellis, Elaine Frontain Bryant, Roma Khanna, George Loening, Marcel Mettelsiefen, Howard T. Owens, Isabel San Vargas, Rob Sharenow, Ben Silverman, Siobhan Sinnerton, Johnny Webb

**Producers**

Juan Camilo Cruz, Jonathan Schaerf

**Field Producers**

Aleem Agha, Sayed Aman Sadat

**Line Producer**

Cherry Dorrett

**Associate Producers**

Nevine Mabro, Catalina Ramirez

**Directors**

Tamana Ayazi, Marcel Mettelsiefen

**Editors**

Ines Boffi, Stephen Ellis, Philipp Gromov

**Director of Photography**

Marcel Mettelsiefen

**Cinematographers**

Jordan Bryon, Khyber Khan, Ross McDonnell, Olivier Sabril

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OUTSTANDING SOCIAL ISSUE DOCUMENTARY

**The Janes**

**HBO Max**  
**[Pentimento Productions]**

**Executive Producers**

Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, Susan Lacy

**Director/Producer**

Emma Pildes

**Senior Producer**

Sara Rodriguez

**Producers**

Daniel Arcana, Jessica Levin

**Director**

Tia Lessin

**Editor**

Kristen Huntley

OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY

**Escape From Kabul**

**HBO Max**  
**[HBO Documentary Films | BBC |**  
**ARTE France | AMOS Pictures]**

**Executive Producers**

Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, Gian Quaglieni, Dan Reed, Sarah Waldron

**Director/Producer/Director of Photography**

Jamie Roberts

**Producers**

Zarifa Amir, Masood Shnizai

**Coordinating Producer**

Anna Klein

**Line Producer**

Claire Walker

**Editor**

William Grayburn

**Additional Cinematography**

Milo Riley-Smith, Adnan Sarwar



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OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL DOCUMENTARY

**Hostages**

**HBO Max  
[Show of Force]**

**Executive Producers**

Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, Sara Rodriguez

**Supervising Producer**

Brian David Cange

**Producer / Directors**

Joshua Bennett, Maro Chermayeff, Jeff Dupre, Sam Pollard

**Director**

Abbas Motlagh

**Series Producer**

Saralena Weinfield

**Story Producer**

Lucy Sexton

**Field Producer**

Katayoun Arsanjani

**Consulting Producer**

Karim Sadjadpour

**Local Producer**

Gelareh Kiazand

**Associate Producer**

Claire Sinofsky

**Archival Producers**

Timothy Moran, Amy Schewel

**Editors**

Edward Barteski Jr, R.A. Fedde, David Osit, E. Donna Shepherd

**Directors of Photography**

Wolfgang Held, Ali Jalali

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OUTSTANDING ARTS AND CULTURE DOCUMENTARY

**MTV Documentary Films**

*Art & Crimes by Crimes*

**Paramount+**

**[AJNA Films | MTV Documentary Films]**

**Executive Producers**

Hallee Adelman, Ivy Herman, Sheila Nevins, Joe Plummer, Patty Quillin, Jenifer Westphal

**Co-Executive Producers**

Leslie Berriman, Ruth Ann Harnisch, Nion McEvoy, Sheri Sobrato-Brisson

**Producer / Director / Writer**

Alysa Nahmias

**Producers**

Benjamin Murray, Amanda Spain

**Editors**

Benedict Kasulis, Kristen Nutile, Miranda Yousef

**Cinematographer**

Marie Hinson

**Writer**

Miranda Yousef

OUTSTANDING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DOCUMENTARY

**How To Survive A Pandemic**

**HBO Max**

**[HBO Documentary Films | Impact Partners  
| Sandbox Films | Alfred P. Sloan Foundation |  
Wellcome Trust and Sky | Public Square Films]**

**Executive Producers**

Nancy Abraham, Kate Berry, Greg Boustead, Luke Colson, David Fialkow, Nina Fialkow, Jessica Harrop, Lisa Heller, Jenny Raskin, Jim Swartz, Susan Swartz, Joy Tomchin, GERALYN WHITE DREYFOUS

**Co-Executive Producers**

John Driscoll, Lauren Driscoll, Marni E.J. Grossman, Molly Forstall, Scott Forstall

**Director/Writer**

David France

**Senior Producer**

Sara Rodriguez

**Senior Story Producer**

Gretchen Goetz

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### **Story Producer**

Ann Tyler Moses

### **Supervising Producer**

Yuna Ma

### **Producer**

Mira Chang

### **Field Producers**

Giorgi Angelini, Balthazar Bierman, Johnny Crockett, Aarón Fernández, Micah Fink, Nada-Mai Issa, Arthur Jones, Rob Neuhold, Kanika Raheja, Monica Raheja, Adriano Rocha, Dax Stringer, Laura Stucki Ferrara, Nicolas Zen-Ruffinen

### **Field Associate Producer**

Gisela Regis Stangl

### **Associate Producer**

Mitchell Fraser

### **Archival Producers**

Shanti Avirgan, Olivia Streisand

### **Consulting Producer**

Jon Cohen

### **Editors**

Adam Evans, Amy Foote

### **Editor/Writer**

Tyler H. Walk

### **Directors of Photography**

Tom Bergmann, Wolfgang Held, John Pope

## OUTSTANDING NATURE DOCUMENTARY

**Wildcat**

**Amazon Prime**  
**[Amazon Studios | 30WEST |**  
**Emerging Earth Films | Unbound Films]**

### **Executive Producers**

Adriana Banta, Alexandria Bombach, Dan Friedkin, Micah Green, Trevor Groth, Stephen G. Hall, Sarah Hong, Michael J. Kelly, Alison J. Saifer, Daniel Steinman

### **Director/Producers**

Trevor Beck Frost, Melissa Lesh

### **Producer**

Alysa Nahmias

### **Co-Producer**

Mariah Wilson

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**Producer/Editor**

Joshua Altman

**Editors**

Ben Gold, David Zieff

**Cameraperson**

Mallory Bracken

**Cinematographer**

Harry Turner

**Field Producer / Cameraperson**

Samantha Zwicker

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DOCUMENTARY**

**POV**

*The Last Out*

**PBS**

[American Documentary | POV |  
Latino Public Broadcasting]

**Executive Producers**

Alex Brouwer, Erika Dilday, Phil Hoelting, Marco Vicini, Sonia Villanueva De Brouwer, Chris White

**Producers**

Michael Gassert, Sami Khan, Jonathan Miller

**Directors**

Michael Gassert, Sami Khan

**Editors**

Mark Becker, Carla Gutierrez

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OUTSTANDING CRIME AND JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY

**MTV Documentary Films**

*The Fire That Took Her*

**Paramount+**

**[Motto Pictures | MTV Documentary Films]**

**Executive Producers**

Gretchen McGowan, Sheila Nevins, Nick Quested

**Co-Executive Producer**

Abby Lynn Kang Davis

**Producer / Director**

Patricia E. Gillespie

**Producers**

Christopher Clements, Julie Goldman, Carolyn Hepburn, Kristi Jacobson, Tracy Elizabeth Jarrett

**Co-Producers**

Courtney Crockett, J. Daniel Torres

**Associate Producer**

Alejandra Leipen

**Editor**

Emiliano Battista

**Cinematographers**

Tom Hurwitz, Martina Radwan, Lisa Rinzler

OUTSTANDING SHORT DOCUMENTARY

**The Flagmakers**

**National Geographic**

**[National Geographic Documentary  
Films | Improbable Pictures]**

**Executive Producers**

Giannis Antetokounmpo, Carolyn Bernstein, Ben Forkner, Sylvia Golden, Mark Gordon, Ryan Harrington, Pamela Ryckman, Jenna Segal, Jayne Baron Sherman, Deborah C. van Eck

**Producer/ Directors**

Sharon Liese, Cynthia Wade

**Co-Producer**

Samantha Hake

**Editors**

Hillary Bachelder, Dava Whisenant, ACE

**Additional Editor**

Eric Daniel Metzgar

**Cinematographer**

Boaz Freund

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BEST DOCUMENTARY

**The Janes**

**HBO Max**  
**[Pentimento Productions]**

**Executive Producers**

Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, Susan Lacy

**Director/Producer**

Emma Pildes

**Senior Producer**

Sara Rodriguez

**Producers**

Daniel Arcana, Jessica Levin

**Director**

Tia Lessin

**Editor**

Kristen Huntley

OUTSTANDING WRITING: DOCUMENTARY

**Good Night Oppy**

**Amazon Prime**  
**[Amblin Entertainment | Film 45 |**  
**Tripod Media | Amazon Studios]**

**Writers**

Helen Kearns, Ryan White

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH: DOCUMENTARY

**Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power**

**Peacock**  
**[Multitude Films]**

**Researchers**

Dema Paxton Fofang, Anya Rous

**Archival Producer**

Lizzy McGlynn

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OUTSTANDING DIRECTION: DOCUMENTARY

**The Janes**

**HBO Max  
[Pentimento Productions]**

Directors

Tia Lessin, Emma Pildes

OUTSTANDING CINEMATOGRAPHY: DOCUMENTARY

**Retrograde**

**National Geographic  
[National Geographic Documentary  
Films | Our Time Project]**

Cinematographers

Tim Gucza, Matthew Heineman, Olivier Sarbil

OUTSTANDING EDITING: DOCUMENTARY

**Retrograde**

**National Geographic  
[National Geographic Documentary  
Films | Our Time Project]**

Editors

Pablo Garza, Matthew Heineman, Grace Zahrah

Additional Editors

Andy Gersh, Jim Hession, David Zieff

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OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ART DIRECTION: DOCUMENTARY

**A Trip to Infinity**

**Netflix**

**[Netflix | Room 608 | MakeMake]**

**Creative Directors**

Jon Halperin, Drew Takahashi, Colin Thorton, Neil Wilson

**3D Artist**

Raven Kwok

**Senior Animator**

Gordon Clark

**Visual Effects**

Henrik Reistad, Dimitrios Sakkas, Susi Sie, Christian Stangl Stangl

**Motion Graphics**

Grant Sanderson, Rebecka Taule

**Animators**

Pasquale D'Amico, Pasquale D'Amico, Adrianna Dufay, Florian Grolig, Florian Grolig, Jimbo\_Matison, Mac Premo, Henrik Reistad, Gergely Wootsch

**Digital Artist**

Tadju Takahashi

OUTSTANDING MUSIC COMPOSITION

**CNN Films**

*Julia*

**CNN**

**Composer**

Rachel Portman



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OUTSTANDING SOUND

**Good Night Oppy**

**Amazon Prime**  
**[Amblin Entertainment | Film 45 |**  
**Tripod Media | Amazon Studios]**

**Sound Designer**

Dave Whitehead

**Score Mixer**

Greg Hayes

**Sound Design & Supervisor / Re-recording mixer**

Mark Mangini

**Sound Designer**

Tim Watson

**Sound Effects Recordists**

Eric Basta, Charlie Campagna

**Supervising Dialogue Editor**

Dave Bach

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DIRECTION AND SCENIC DESIGN

**The Pez Outlaw**

**VOD**  
**[Sidestilt]**

**Director of Photography**

Britton Foster

**Production Designers**

Amy Bandlien Storkel, David Pink, Lauren Schilling, Bryan Storkel

**Gaffer**

Chad Miller

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OUTSTANDING PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Super/Natural**

**National Geographic  
[Concept Arts]**

**VP Creative**

Tyler Korba

**VP Design**

Brian Everett

**Executive Writer/Producer**

Sarah Lavoie

**Design Director**

Carla Daeninckx

**EVP Creative**

Chris Spencer

**Senior Project Manager**

Kendrah Polk

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Breakdown by Network, Show, Program or Segment

<b><u>HBO Max</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
The Janes	3
Escape From Kabul	1
Hostages	1
How To Survive A Pandemic	1
<b><u>National Geographic</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>
Retrograde	3
The Flagmakers	1
Super/Natural	1
<b><u>Amazon Prime</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>
Good Night Oppy	2
Wildcat	1
<b><u>Netflix</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
A Trip to Infinity	1
In Her Hands	1
<b><u>Paramount+</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
MTV Documentary Films	2
Art & Krimes by Krimes	1
The Fire That Took Her	1
<b><u>CNN</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
CNN Films	1
Julia	1
<b><u>Peacock</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power	1

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<b><u>PBS</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>POV</b>		<b>1</b>
The Last Out		1
<b><u>VOD</u></b>		<b><u>1</u></b>
<b>The Pez Outlaw</b>		<b>1</b>