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**HONOREES ANNOUNCED FOR
76TH ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING EMMY® AWARDS
PRESENTED DECEMBER 4, 2025 IN NEW YORK**



Tom Leighton, Lifetime Achievement Honoree

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New York - September 18, 2025 – The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) has announced the honorees for the upcoming 76th Annual Technology and Engineering Emmy® Awards. The ceremony is set to take place on December 4, 2025 at Prince George's Ballroom in New York City.

Tom Leighton, co-founder of Akamai, will be presented with Lifetime Achievement Honors. In his career, he has patented over 50 developments surrounding content delivery, internet protocols, algorithms for networks, cryptography, and digital rights management, and he created the largest distributed computing platform, which today delivers and secures tens of millions of requests per second to billions of users around the world.

Adam Sharp, President & CEO of NATAS, shares: "We're delighted to honor once again those individuals and companies carrying the torch of innovation for our industry. Tom Leighton has led the way for television's latest golden age, pioneering the technologies that deliver compelling content to every device in our homes and pockets. We look forward to celebrating these spectacular honorees and announcing the final winners on December 4."

Nominees for the Excellence in Production Technology Application:

- Major League Baseball
- NASA+, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse: Through the Eyes of NASA
- NBC, Decision 2024: Election Night
- Sky, First Live Broadcast / Sky Glass Launch
- Thunder City Production Solutions, Florida Atlantic University Basketball on ESPN

Honorees at the 2025 Technology and Engineering Emmy Awards will include:

Pioneering Standardization of VOD Asset Metadata Distribution Specifications

- CableLabs

360-degree consumer and professional camera technology with Panoramic Image Stitching Algorithms and Software for immersive video production and seamless live streaming

- GoPro
- Insta360
- Google
- Adobe
- Apple
- ByteDance

Specification for AV1

- Alliance for Open Media

SMPTE ST 2067 — Standardization of Interoperable Master Format (IMF)

- SMPTE
- Advanced Media Workflow Association (AMWA)
- Digital Cinema Initiatives (DCI)
- University of Southern California's Entertainment Technology Center (USC-ETC)

Pioneering Mastering HDR Display

- Dolby Labs

AI Image/Video Enhancement for High Quality TV Catalog Restoration

- MTI Films
- Topaz Labs

Standardization of Common Media Application Format (CMAF)

- The Applications Format group under ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 3 MPEG Systems

Also celebrated at the December 4th ceremony will be the following **Technology Pioneers**:

- For the pioneering concepts of the light valve: Michael Faraday and John Kerr
- For the pioneering development of the photocell: Alexandre-Edmond Becquerel, Julius Johann, Phillipp Ludwig Elster, and Hans Friedrich Karl Geitel
- For the pioneering development of optical-input facsimile transmission, Carlo Mario Perosino, Édouard Belin, and Arthur Korn

About the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

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 Children's & Family programming, as well as achievements in television Technology & Engineering.

NATAS membership is made up of National members joined by more than 18,000+ broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the country. Beyond awards, NATAS has extensive educational programs including its National Student Production Awards for outstanding journalistic work by high school students, as well as scholarships for aspiring filmmakers and broadcasters.

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