Outstanding Documentary Or Nonfiction Special

AFV: America, This Is You!
This documentary special explores the history of America's Funniest Home Videos and the cultural impact it's had on American life, from its unlikely origins, through its constant evolution over 30 years of ever-changing trends and technology, ultimately becoming one of the most culturally influential archives of the American experience.

AKA Jane Roe
At the heart of one of the U.S. Supreme Court's most polarizing decisions, Roe v. Wade, is a woman as controversial as the case itself. Norma McCorvey, aka Jane Roe, in her self-described, deathbed confession, reveals the truth behind her story at a critical moment in America's abortion debate.

America ReFramed: Intelligent Lives
Starring three young adults with intellectual disabilities who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce. Chris Cooper contextualizes their lives through the story of his son Jesse, as he unpacks the shameful and ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the U.S.

Antiques Roadshow: Extraordinary Finds
What happens after the cameras stop rolling on Antiques Roadshow appraisals like the iconic Navajo blanket that was declared a national treasure? In celebration of 500 episodes, follow the stories of some of the series' most pivotal moments through all-new interviews with longtime appraisers and memorable guests.

The Apollo
The storied 85-year history of the iconic Apollo Theater in Harlem, told by those who performed and worked there, and following the Apollo's inaugural staging of Ta-Nehisi Coates' acclaimed Between the World and Me.

Aspire To The Sky: The Wilshire Grand Story
Every building starts as a dream. Earthquakes are an inherent threat to living in California and Los Angeles has dared to build the tallest building west of Chicago because of creative Architects and Engineers that made the Impossible Possible.

Beastie Boys Story
Beastie Boys Mike Diamond and Adam Horovitz tell you a personal story of their band and 40 years of friendship in this live documentary experience.

Becoming
Join former first lady Michelle Obama in a look at her life, hopes and connection with others as she tours with Becoming.
Best Wishes, Warmest Regards: A Schitt’s Creek Farewell
This special is a celebration of Schitt’s Creek and its undeniable cultural impact. Fans go behind the scenes for the first time, with never-before-seen footage of wardrobe fittings, the emotional final table read, audition tapes, and more. It features interviews with the cast, creators, journalists, and celebrity superfans.

The Black Godfather
This documentary examines the life of Clarence Avant, a premiere leader, mentor and friend working for inclusion and equality while fighting for social justice within the industries of music, film, television and politics.

Black Patriots: Heroes Of The Revolution
Featuring NBA legend and activist Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the special paints a comprehensive picture of the African American experience during the Revolutionary War; it shares the story of the war within the revolution through the eyes of some of the most significant African American figures of our country’s foundation.

The 32nd Annual Candlelight Vigil
Thousands of law enforcement professionals gather annually in Washington, D.C. to honor the heroes killed in the line of duty through an emotional candlelight vigil. When Covid-19 forced the 2020 cancellation, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund had six weeks to deliver a live-streamed production of a virtual ceremony.

Chasing Happiness
From humble roots in New Jersey through their meteoric rise to fame, the Jonas Brothers’ bond was unshakeable—until a surprising and painful breakup led Joe, Kevin and Nick down separate paths. With personal interviews, exclusive footage and music, this special is the Jonas Brothers as never seen before.

Circus Of Books
For 35-plus years, the gay porn shop Circus of Books gave LA’s LGBT+ community a space to socialize and celebrate themselves. Unbeknownst to most, the store was owned by Karen and Barry Mason, a straight couple with children who went to religious school and were unaware of their parents’ business.

Coachella: 20 Years In The Desert
Two decades in the making, Coachella: 20 Years in the Desert, opens up the vault to present performances and behind-the-scenes stories that shaped the festival. The film gives a look at Coachella’s beginning, with never-before-seen footage and interviews, and features key performances from some of the biggest names in music.

Cracked Up, The Darrell Hammond Story
The worst crime is being expected not to tell.

The Delicacy
The story of a rare and exotic food, the sea urchin, and how it’s harvested, eaten, and the role it plays in nature and the lives of those who bring it to the table.

Dolly (Biography)
This special traces Dolly Parton’s journey from her childhood and early days in Nashville through her five-decade long career. Reflecting on the stories within her lyrics, the documentary examines hit songs including Jolene, 9 to 5, and I Will Always Love You and includes exclusive interviews with Dolly herself.
**Dolphin Reef**

Narrated by Natalie Portman, this special features Echo, a young Pacific bottlenose dolphin who’s more interested in exploring his coral reef home than learning to survive. But lessons from family—and encounters with some of the ocean’s greatest predators—encourage Echo to master his vital role in the marine community.

**Elemi**

This episode is part of a documentary series featuring the agricultural-based, human stories behind the essential oil industry, as local farmers fight against the exploitation of resources, labor, and destructive farming practices, pushing for their community’s economic growth, fair wages, and to develop sustainable agricultural practices.

**Elemi Gives Back**

This episode is part of a documentary series featuring the agricultural-based, human stories behind the essential oil industry, as local farmers fight against the exploitation of resources, labor, and destructive farming practices, pushing for their community’s economic growth, fair wages, and to develop sustainable agricultural practices.

**Elephant**

Narrated by Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex, this special follows an African elephant herd making a journey hundreds of miles across the vast Kalahari Desert. The family faces brutal heat, dwindling resources and persistent predators as they follow in their ancestors’ footsteps on a quest to reach a lush paradise.

**The Elephant Queen**

Embark on a journey of family, courage, and coming home. Join Athena, the majestic matriarch, as she leads her elephant herd across an unforgiving African landscape. Narrated by Chiwetel Ejiofor.

**Farrah Fawcett Forever (Biography)**

Ten years after her death, this documentary looks at Farrah Fawcett, an American pop culture icon. Farrah defied expectations - from Charlie's Angels, and her iconic bathing suit poster, to movies like The Burning Bed and Extremities, and her fearless and public battle with cancer.

**Garth Brooks: The Road I’m On (Biography)**

In this special, the best-selling solo artist of all time tells his life story, from his early days playing gigs at college bars in Oklahoma and his first unsuccessful trip to Nashville to his record-breaking world tours and balancing family life with global fame.

**The Gift: The Journey Of Johnny Cash**

Johnny Cash stands among the giants of 20th century American life. But his story remains tangled in mystery and myth. Created with the full cooperation of the Cash estate, this special brings Cash the man out from behind the legend.

**The Great Hack**

Explore how a data company named Cambridge Analytica came to symbolize the dark side of social media in the wake of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

**The Greatest Bond**

This documentary highlights the journey of disabled veterans whose lives are transformed through the unconditional love of service dogs that have been expertly trained by female prison inmates.
The Happy Days Of Garry Marshall
In a tribute to a Hollywood legend, the stars of some of TV and film’s most iconic titles come together to celebrate legendary producer and director, Garry Marshall.

Have A Good Trip: Adventures In Psychedelics
Celebrities recall their most mind-bending trips via animations, reenactments, and more in this comedic documentary exploring the story of psychedelics.

Hitsville: The Making Of Motown
A documentary about the birth of Motown in Detroit in 1958 until its relocation to Los Angeles in the 1970s, with Berry Gordy assembling the most successful record label in history. The creation of Motown coincided with a period of significant racial tensions in America, amid the burgeoning civil rights movement.

I Love You, Now Die: The Commonwealth v. Michelle Carter
Can one teenager be responsible for the suicide of another? This documentary delves into the 2014 suicide of 18-year-old Conrad Roy, text messages from 17-year-old girlfriend Michelle Carter which may have encouraged Conrad to kill himself, and the subsequent trial, questioning culpability and mental health in the digital age.

Image Makers: The Adventures Of America’s Pioneer Cinematographers
Hollywood’s pioneer cinematographers brave primitive conditions and equipment – and sometimes rivals’ bullets – as they invent the tools of motion picture art, make international stars out of Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, and Great Garbo, and then keep pushing cinema to new heights.

JFK Jr- The Final Year (Biography)
This documentary shines a light on 1999, the final year of John F. Kennedy Jr’s life, as he coped with the terminal illness of his cousin and closest friend, struggled to save his troubled marriage and tried to rescue his political magazine, George.

Kenny Rogers (Biography)
Kenny Rogers chronicles Rogers’ life from his childhood through his journey to country singer, actor, and pop-culture icon. Utilizing live performances and behind-the-scenes moments from Rogers’ 2017 star-studded farewell concert, All In For The Gambler, this special pays tribute to a true country music legend.

Laughing Matters
This documentary brings comedians together for an honest look and real conversations about comedy and mental health because when the cost of bringing others joy is your own, the cost is too high.

Laurel Canyon: A Place In Time
Laurel Canyon features a portrait of the artists who created a music revolution through a wealth of rare and newly unearthed footage and audio recordings, taking us back in time to a place where a rustic canyon in the heart of Los Angeles became a musical petri dish.

McCarthy (American Experience)
Chronicles the rise and fall of Joseph McCarthy, the Wisconsin Senator who would test the limits of American decency and democracy.
Mike Wallace Is Here
For over fifty years, fearsome newsman Mike Wallace went head-to-head with the 20th century’s most influential figures. Relying exclusively on archival footage, this special interrogates the interrogator, tracking Mike’s storied career and troubled personal life while unpacking how broadcast journalism evolved to today’s precarious tipping point.

Mission: Critical - Langley’s Moon Shot
The success of NASA’s Apollo program relied on three key factors. Entry, descent, and landing. Astronauts trained with unique hand-built hardware at Langley’s Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. In addition, human computers were used to calculate flight characteristics and landings.

A Modern Farewell
This special celebrates the 11 year run of Modern Family, from pilot all the way up to the table read for the finale. Through interviews with the cast and crew we look back at the unprecedented success of this influential show and revisits many moments.

NASA & SpaceX: Journey To The Future
This special reveals the inner workings of SpaceX, with over nine months of exclusive access, as engineers live their motto: “build, test, fix”. The successful Crew Dragon spacecraft and the Falcon 9 rocket herald in the true start of the private space industry.

Natalie Wood: What Remains Behind
This portrait of the Hollywood actress Natalie Wood, told through the eyes of her daughter Natasha Gregson Wagner and those who knew her best, celebrates the woman behind the iconic imagery and explores the compelling details of Wood’s personal life and illustrious career, often overshadowed by her tragic death.

On Location With James Ivory
James Ivory leads viewers on an exclusive tour of his historic Hudson Valley home. He sits down to discuss his early love of architecture and the importance of place in his films.

One Day At Disney
Discover the personal stories of ten incredible people behind the enduring magic of Disney. Through the lens of Bob Iger, we follow each subject, including a legendary animator, an innovative Imagineer and GMA’s Robin Roberts, throughout their day for a glimpse into their journey.

A Secret Love
Falling in love in 1947, two women — Pat Henschel and pro baseball player Terry Donahue — begin a 65-year journey of love and overcoming prejudice.

St. Louis Superman
Bruce Franks Jr., a 34-year-old Ferguson activist and battle rapper who was elected to the overwhelmingly white and Republican Missouri House of Representatives, must overcome both personal trauma and political obstacles to pass a bill critical for his community.

The Story Of Soaps
Tracing how female creators migrated from radio to television to become the dominant force in daytime for more than three decades; the massive impact the iconic genre has had on the world at large.

Suppressed: The Fight To Vote
This special weaves together personal stories from voters across the state of Georgia to paint an undeniable picture of voter suppression in the 2018 midterm election.
**Travis Scott: Look Mom I Can Fly**
While crafting his album Astroworld, Travis Scott juggles controversy, fatherhood and career highs in this intimate documentary.

**Very Ralph**
The first documentary portrait exploring the life and career of fashion legend Ralph Lauren, this film reveals the man behind the iconic brand.

**Who Killed Garrett Phillips?**
This documentary chronicles the 2011 murder of 12-year old Garrett Phillips and the attempts, five years later, to pin the crime on Oral "Nick" Hillary, a Black man in the mostly white community, offering a look at justice delivered and delayed.

**The Witnesses**
The investigative special follows the stories of four former Jehovah's Witnesses, as they recount details of the sexual abuse they endured during their time within the organization. By examining the organization's policies and practices, the special explores whether those procedures operate to conceal the identities of potential child predators.

**WWE 24: Kofi Kingston - The Year Of Return**
The first ever African born WWE champion - Kofi Kingston - receives a hero's welcome as he returns to his birthplace of Ghana, West Africa. There he celebrates the emotional and inspirational achievement of winning the WWE Championship at WrestleMania with 70,000 in attendance and millions watching at home.

---

**End of Category**
### Outstanding Documentary Or Nonfiction Series

**Aaron Hernandez Killing Fields**

So, you think you know the Hernandez story? Think again. For the first time the real, hitherto motive for his killings were revealed with new evidence and an exclusive jailhouse interview. Unlike other series, this was not a re-telling—it was the beginning of a whole new murder investigation.

**Abstract: The Art Of Design**

This series returns to take you beyond blueprints into the art, science, and philosophy of design. Going inside the minds of the world’s greatest designers, showcasing the most inspiring visionaries from a variety of disciplines whose work shapes our culture and future.

**Accused: Guilty Or Innocent?**

This series follows the stories of people alleged to have committed serious crimes from their trials to the verdict. Built around high stakes cases, told solely from the perspective of the accused and their legal team, this unprecedented series reveals the true story of what happens. Are they guilty or innocent?

**American Masters**

Who has changed America? These programs illuminate the stories of our cultural giants. American Masters empowers independent producers to tell compelling, unvarnished stories.

**Atlanta’s Missing And Murdered: The Lost Children**

This documentary series looks at the 1979 - 1981 murders of over 30 African-American youth in Atlanta—from the initial discovery of two murdered teens and the fear that gripped the city to the ultimate indictment of a 23-year-old local and the rush to shut down the case.

**Black Love**

This series pulls back the curtain on how love begins and the reality of life-long love, offering proof that it can happen for everyone, but it isn’t without ups and downs. The series shares, sometimes cringe-worthy, other times utterly magical, always-true love stories in the Black community.

**Cold Justice**

This series follows veteran prosecutor Kelly Siegler and team as they dig into unsolved homicide cases that have lingered for years without answers or justice for victims. Working alongside local law, the team has successfully helped garner 20 arrests and 45 convictions.

**The Confession Tapes**

This true crime documentary series investigates cases where people convicted of murder claim their confessions were coerced, involuntary or false.

**Cosmos: Possible Worlds**

Neil deGrasse Tyson returns to translate more revelations of science into a lavish transporting experience, taking audiences on a series of voyages of exploration. The series reveals previously uncharted realms, including lost worlds, worlds yet to come, and the worlds that humans may one day inhabit.

**Country Music**

From southern Appalachia’s songs of struggle and heartbreak to the rollicking western swing of Texas, from California honky tonsks to Nashville’s Grand Old Opry, the series follows the evolution of country music, focusing on biographies of those who created the music as well as the times in which they lived.
The Devil Next Door
A Cleveland grandfather is brought to trial in Israel, accused of being the infamous Nazi death camp guard known as Ivan the Terrible.

Dirty Money
This series provides an up-close and personal view into untold stories of scandal, financial malfeasance and corruption in the world of business. This season offers a look inside Jared Kushner’s real estate empire, the Wells Fargo banking scandal and Malaysia’s 1MDB corruption case.

Don’t F**k With Cats: Hunting An Internet Killer
A twisted criminal's gruesome videos drive a group of amateur online sleuths to launch a risky manhunt that pulls them into a dark underworld.

E! True Hollywood Story
The series that told Hollywood’s most compelling stories is back. Taking a modern approach and providing a voice to the moments that are reshaping popular culture. Each self-contained documentary explores a topic, headline, or person that became the ground zero for a revolution, change or shift in culture.

The Family
An enigmatic conservative Christian group known as the Family wields enormous influence in Washington, D.C., in pursuit of its global ambitions.

The Food That Built America
This series tells the fascinating history behind the food that built America through the lens of titans such as Henry Heinz, Milton Hershey, John and Will Kellogg, C.W. Post and the McDonald brothers. It explores the innovative, new technologies used to get to America’s heart through its stomach.

Forensic Files II
Forensic experts and investigators piece together strange clues and microscopic evidence to solve the most puzzling criminal cases... proving there is no such thing as a perfect crime.

Free Meek
Philadelphia rapper Meek Mill’s 2017 arrest for probation violations sparked national outrage. A re-investigation of his original case explores allegations of police corruption as Meek becomes the face of a justice reform movement.

Grant
This series tells the American story of Ulysses S. Grant, a humble man who rises to the highest ranks of power. Through dramatic scenes, expert commentary and archival imagery, the series uncovers the true legacy of an unlikely hero who led the nation during its greatest tests.

H2O The Molecule That Made Us
Earth is alive because of water. Humanity’s relationship with this simple molecule is everything. Segments from across the planet, intimate documentary, and natural history cinematography combine to reveal dramatic discoveries, compelling characters, important stories about this mysterious molecule, and how water underpins every aspect of our existence.

Hillary
An intimate portrait, Hillary interweaves never-before-seen footage from the 2016 campaign with biographical chapters of her life. Featuring exclusive interviews with Clinton herself, Bill Clinton, Chelsea Clinton, friends and journalists, the series examines how she became at once one of the most admired and vilified women in the world.
Hip Hop: The Songs That Shook America (AMC Visionaries)
Each episode focuses on a song that was pivotal to the evolution of American music and culture. Artists deconstruct their composition, revisit the impact the song had on them personally and dissect the socio-economic and cultural conditions that inspired the work and gave voice to a generation.

Home
A documentary series that offers viewers a never-before-seen look inside some of the world’s most innovative homes. Each episode unveils the imagination of the visionaries who dared to dream and build them.

How To Fix A Drug Scandal
Two drug lab chemists’ shocking crimes cripple a state’s judicial system and blur the lines of justice for lawyers, officials and thousands of inmates.

The Imagineering Story
Given unprecedented access, the viewer takes a journey behind the curtains of Walt Disney Imagineering, the little known design and development center of The Walt Disney Company, to discover what it takes to create and build Disney theme parks around the world.

The Innocence Files
The Innocence Project unravels missteps and deceit in a series of wrongful convictions, exposing the injustice inflicted on victims and the accused.

Inside Bill’s Brain: Decoding Bill Gates
Take a trip inside the mind of Bill Gates as the billionaire opens up about those who influenced him and the audacious goals he’s still pursuing.

Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich
Stories from survivors fuel this docuseries examining how convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein used his wealth and power to carry out his abuses.

Kids Behind Bars: Life Or Parole
Thousands of inmates are serving life without parole for crimes they committed as children. Due to a recent Supreme Court ruling they may now be re-sentenced to life, parole, or even release. The series delves into the emotional and legal battles surrounding these unique cases.

Killer Inside: The Mind Of Aaron Hernandez
Via interviews with friends, players and insiders, this docuseries examines how Aaron Hernandez went from an NFL star to a convicted killer.

The Last Dance
With the team’s break-up looming, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls sought their sixth NBA title in the fall of 1997. Based on never-before-seen-footage and candid interviews, this series tells the tale of one of the greatest-dynasties in sports history, led by the greatest player of all time.

McMillion$
A documentary series that chronicles the stranger-than-fiction story of how millions were stolen from the 1990s McDonald’s Monopoly game, revealing the mysterious mastermind behind the scam, the intrepid FBI agents on the trail and how the timeless power of greed and profiteering can lead people to do extraordinary things.
The Most Dangerous Animal Of All
Based on book of the same name, this series is a documentary that explores one man's search for the father who abandoned him, only to uncover the worst: he believes his father is the Zodiac killer.

Murder For Hire
The series gives an exclusive look into the dark world of contract killings, showcasing murder for hire cases caught on tape. Each episode features a different case of undercover agents as they attempt to catch the perpetrator and ultimately prevent a murder.

Murder In The Bayou
This series investigates the unsolved murders of eight women whose bodies were discovered in Jennings, Louisiana. Examining the lives of the young victims uncovers secrets of this troubled town, which lead to accusations of corruption, bad actors and institutional injustices that have left the town still searching for truth.

Night On Earth
This nature series’ new technology lifts night’s veil to reveal the hidden lives of the world’s creatures, from lions on the hunt to bats on the wing.

The Secret Life Of Lele Pons
Repeating something over and over in your mind may make it true but it doesn't make it easy. At a young age, Lele learns of her father being gay and parents divorcing while trying to deal with her mental health conditions and juggle aspirations for a professional career in music.

Serengeti
Serengeti follows the heartwarming stories of a cast of African wildlife over the course of a year. Featuring a lush original score, the series highlights the dramatic moments that make each day of survival on the Serengeti a feat.

Seven Worlds, One Planet
This series tells the story of our seven spectacular continents and how they shape the extraordinary animal behavior we see today.

Shangri-La
A docu-series focusing on creative conversation and the emotional side of music-making, using legendary music producer and Def Jam Records co-founder Rick Rubin’s iconic Malibu, CA studio as the backdrop.

Surviving R. Kelly Part II: The Reckoning
This series features interviews from a variety of perspectives including new survivors, supporters, psychologists and cultural and legal experts, and more insights into the ever-growing saga of R&B singer R. Kelly, who is currently facing federal and state charges.

Ted Bundy: Falling For A Killer
1969-1974: Everything’s possible. The women’s movement takes root. Shy, single mom Elizabeth Kendall strikes out on her own in Seattle, where she meets Ted, an aspiring lawyer. But darkness looms on the horizon. Female university students are disappearing and Elizabeth’s new boyfriend has a strange meltdown.

Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem And Madness
This documentary series explores big cat breeding and its bizarre underworld, populated by eccentric characters that must be seen to be believed.
Trial By Media
In this true crime docuseries, some of the most dramatic trials of all time are examined with an emphasis on how the media may have impacted verdicts.

The Trials Of Gabriel Fernandez
A boy's brutal murder and the public trials of his guardians and social workers prompt questions about the system's protection of vulnerable children.

Undertaker: The Last Ride
This series introduces Mark Calaway, the man behind The Undertaker, in the final years of his legendary career. Discover untold tales from his 30-year career as The Phenom’s journey takes him from his WrestleMania match against Roman Reigns to his triumphant Boneyard match against AJ Styles.

Unidentified: Inside America’s UFO Investigation
In 2018, The New York Times ran a front-page exposé about the Pentagon’s mysterious UFO program which garnered national attention. Lead by former government officials, the series exposes startling encounters and new investigations that urge the public to ask questions and look for answers.

Visible: Out On Television
This series investigates the importance of TV as an intimate medium that has shaped the American conscience, and how the LGBTQ movement has shaped television. Each episode explores themes such as invisibility, homophobia, the evolution of the LGBTQ character, and coming out in the television industry.

Washington
Narrated by Jeff Daniels, this series chips away at the bronzed, marbled image of America’s first President and brings to life the name known to all, but the telling story understood by few. It explores the full arc of his journey and ultimate evolution of one of history’s most iconic leaders.

Why We Hate
This series explores one of humanity’s most primal and destructive emotions – hate. At the heart of this series is the notion that if people begin to understand their own minds, they can find ways to work against hate and keep it from spreading.

The Windsors: Inside The Royal Dynasty
A series that tells the story of the most famous royal dynasty in the world. Spanning five generations, the series explores the complex family dramas that have shaped the fortunes of the monarchy, and reveals how the Windsors have fought to stay relevant and popular amid relentless social change.

End of Category