

Television  
Academy



2019 Primetime Emmy® Awards Ballot

## Outstanding Writing For A Nonfiction Program

### **Adam Ruins Everything**

Adam Ruins Guns  
November 27, 2018

Adam Conover takes aim at both sides of the gun debate by explaining why an assault weapons ban would be ineffective at stopping gun violence, outlining how the Second Amendment has been twisted to benefit the NRA, and revealing that liberal and conservative gun policies have impacted people of color.

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### **American Experience: The Circus**

October 08, 2018 - October 09, 2018

American Experience: The Circus explores the history of this popular, influential and distinctly American form of entertainment, from the first one-ring show at the end of the 18th century to 1956, when the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey big top was pulled down for the last time.

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### **American Experience: The Eugenics Crusade**

October 16, 2018

American Experience: The Eugenics Crusade explores the unknown campaign to breed a "better" American race. Tracing the rise of the movement that turned the fledgling science of heredity into a powerful instrument of social control, the film is a portrait of an America at once strange and eerily familiar.

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### **American Masters**

Joseph Pulitzer: Voice Of The People  
April 12, 2019

Discover the man behind the award. An immigrant who became a media mogul with an outspoken, cantankerous voice and created two bestselling newspapers, Joseph Pulitzer championed what he regarded as the sacred role of a free press in a democracy.

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### **American Masters**

Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me  
February 19, 2019

Explore the entertainer's vast talent and his journey for identity through the shifting tides of civil rights and racial progress. Features new interviews with Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg, Jerry Lewis and more, plus never-before-seen photographs.

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## **American Masters**

Ted Williams: The Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived

July 23, 2018

Discover the many sides of Baseball Hall of Famer and Boston Red Sox player Ted Williams, including his complicated relationships with his Mexican-American background, family, press and fans. Features Bob Costas, Wade Boggs and Joey Votto.

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## **Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown**

Kenya

September 23, 2018

In the first episode of Parts Unknown's final season, Anthony Bourdain introduces his fellow CNN Original Series host W. Kamau Bell to the distinctive sights, tastes, and sounds of Kenya.

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## **Bathtubs Over Broadway**

May 09, 2019

A comedy writer for David Letterman stumbles upon a hilarious, hidden musical world and finds an unexpected connection to his fellow man.

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## **Betty White: First Lady Of Television**

August 21, 2018

Betty White is celebrating 80 years in television, officially the longest career. She was the first woman to produce a TV show, the first to hire a woman director and the first to receive an Emmy nomination. She was the first woman on television with an experimental broadcast in 1939.

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## **Big Questions Huge Answers With Jon Dore**

December 03, 2018

The special follows Dore as he workshops creative, if foolhardy, solutions to "the two biggest threats to our children's safety: cyberbullying and predatory teachers."

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## **The Case Against Adnan Syed**

Forbidden Love

March 10, 2019

Diary entries are brought to life, family and friends of Hae Min Lee and Adnan Syed recall their high-school romance, breakup, the disappearance and discovery of Hae's body and Syed's arrest. Syed's family prepare for the appeal of his life sentence and look for the truth after nearly 20 years.

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## **Children Of The Snow**

The Darkest Winter (Part 1)

February 18, 2019 - February 19, 2019

In 1976, the first of four children is abducted and murdered in the suburbs of Detroit. After more than 30 years the families of the four murdered children and Detroiters like J. Reuben Appelman are determined to find the Oakland County Child Killer.

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## **Desi Lydic: Abroad**

May 13, 2019

Desi Lydic travels overseas to find out why other countries are outranking the U.S. in gender equality in this one-hour special.

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## **Ellen's Game Of Games**

The Stink Tank Strikes Back

January 08, 2019

Ellen DeGeneres's game show puts contestants through a variety of supersized games. Then, the winners compete on the biggest game on TV to possibly play for \$100,000.

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## **Fyre Fraud**

January 14, 2019

Featuring an exclusive interview with Billy McFarland, the convicted con-man behind the festival; Fyre Fraud presents a cast of whistleblowers, victims, and insiders going beyond the spectacle to uncover the power of FOMO and an ecosystem of enablers, driven by profit and a lack of accountability in the digital age.

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## **Generation Wealth**

February 01, 2019

This postcard from the edge of the American Empire captures a portrait of a materialistic, workaholic, image-obsessed culture. Simultaneously autobiographical and historical essay, the film bears witness to the global boom-bust economy, the corrupted American Dream, and the personal costs of late stage capitalism, narcissism, and greed.

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## **Hollywood Game Night**

Red Nose Day 2019

May 23, 2019

In a special Red Nose Day edition of Hollywood Game Night, Hollywood stars unite for a cause, testing their pop culture prowess and raising money for children in need.

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## **Hostile Planet**

Grasslands

April 15, 2019

Grasslands are home to the biggest stars of the animal kingdom, but top billing doesn't make life here any easier. The wildernesses are among the most volatile environments on Earth, where animals must endure an ever-shifting rollercoaster journey through freeze, fire, flood and drought.

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## **The \$100,000 Pyramid**

Leslie Jones vs. Julie Bowen And Debra Messing vs. Mario Cantone

June 10, 2018

Actress and comedian Leslie Jones competes against actress Julie Bowen. In game two, actress Debra Messing faces off with actor-comedian Mario Cantone with hopes of making it to the winner's circle and the ultimate prize of \$100,000.

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## **I Am Richard Pryor**

March 15, 2019

Famous for taking on topics like race, addiction and sexuality, groundbreaking comedian Richard Pryor walked the thin line between comedy and tragedy, both on stage and off.

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## **Intervention**

Abbie

June 19, 2018

In this episode, Intervention explores the connection between domestic violence and addiction. Abbie was a young mother who drank to cope with years of brutal physical abuse by her partner. She walked away after he threw boiling soup on her, but by then Abbie was a full-blown alcoholic.

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## **Intervention**

Sam And Brad

June 05, 2018

Heroin is the basis of Samantha and Brad's relationship, causing a downward spiral that neither can climb out of. Their parents are desperate to save their kids, but are currently divided, as each family blames the other for the couple's addiction, which is only getting worse by the day.

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## **The Inventor: Out For Blood In Silicon Valley**

March 18, 2019

This documentary traces the rise and decline of Elizabeth Holmes and Theranos. With a new invention promising to revolutionize blood testing, Holmes became the world's youngest self-made billionaire. Within a few months, her \$9-billion company became worthless. The Inventor tells a tale that was too good to be true.

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## **Jesus: His Life**

Joseph: The Nativity

March 25, 2019

In a time of unrest, when the Romans occupy the land of Judea, a simple craftsman named Joseph faces a test of faith when his fiancée Mary tells him she is expecting a child, the Son of God. Through many dangers, Joseph vows to love and protect his son Jesus.

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## **Jesus: His Life**

Mary Magdalene: The Crucifixion

April 15, 2019

Cured of "seven demons" by Jesus, Mary Magdalene is among his best-known female followers. With his mother, Mary Magdalene witnesses the torment of the crucifixion at the foot of the cross. But her faith is rewarded the most when she is the first to witness the seemingly unbelievable: His resurrection.

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## **Jesus: His Life**

Peter: The Resurrection

April 15, 2019

A simple fisherman, Peter was Jesus' most devoted disciple, his "rock" until he disavows Jesus three times during Jesus' arrest. The resurrected Jesus appears to Peter and restores him by commanding him to spread his gospel, and Peter takes on that mission, becoming perhaps the most important of Jesus' disciples.

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## **Jesus: His Life**

Pilate: The Trial  
April 08, 2019

Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, has to make a decision about a troublesome preacher called Jesus. As pressure builds to execute Jesus, Pilate's wife, inspired by a prophetic nightmare, urges him to leave Jesus alone. Instead, Pilate crucifies him, and publicly washes his hands of responsibility.

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## **Klepper**

Underground University  
May 23, 2019

Jordan attends school with undocumented students, banned from enrolling in colleges in Georgia. At Freedom U., latinx immigrants secretly attend classes, fighting the state's Board of Regents for their right to an education. Jordan joins an act of civil disobedience, ending with a mugshot and a new perspective on privilege.

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## **Larry Charles' Dangerous World Of Comedy**

Part 1: War - The Survivors  
February 15, 2019

Larry visits war victims in Iraq, where topical satire thrives but stand-up struggles, and Liberia, where comedy was revived by the Ebola crisis.

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## **The Last Drive-In: Joe Bob's Dinners Of Death**

November 22, 2018

Proving an on-demand service can create appointment television and you don't need commercials to interrupt a movie, Shudder and drive-in critic Joe Bob Briggs teamed up for three specials in 2018 including this Thanksgiving marathon of four "deadly dinner" films, with special guests and profound, hilarious commentary from Briggs.

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## **Making A Murderer Part 2**

Trust No One  
October 19, 2018

Kathleen makes two of the biggest discoveries of the case. Brendan's lawyers take his case to the next level.

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## **Making It**

Party Time!  
August 14, 2018

The makers entertain Amy, Nick and the judges with scrumptious snack stadiums and a backyard bonanza, in which they repurpose and recycle materials to create themed party seating and matching outdoor games.

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## **Our Planet**

Jungles  
April 05, 2019

Jungles and rainforests are home to an incredible variety of species like preening birds, intelligent orangutans and remarkably ambitious ants.

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## **Pod Save America**

Austin

October 19, 2018

Pod Save America, hosted by former Obama aides Jon Favreau, Jon Lovett, Dan Pfeiffer and Tommy Vietor, break down the news of the Texas senate race in Austin.

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## **Quincy**

September 21, 2018

This documentary profiles music and culture icon Quincy Jones, offering unprecedented access to his private life and stories from his prolific career.

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## **The Sentence**

October 15, 2018

The director shows the aftermath of his sister Cindy's 15-year incarceration for the crimes committed by her now-deceased ex-boyfriend. He coped by filming his sister's family for her. In the midst, the family begins to fight for Cindy's release during the Obama administration's clemency initiative.

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## **Shirkers**

October 26, 2018

In 1992, Sandi Tan and her friends shot a quirky film on the streets of Singapore. Then the footage disappeared, sending her on a hunt for answers.

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## **The Staircase**

Flawed Justice

June 08, 2018

Michael speaks to a reporter about the reasons behind his plea. Later, Kathleen's sister delivers a statement of defiance in court.

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## **Trigger Warning With Killer Mike**

White Gang Privilege

January 18, 2019

Concerned that the Crips and other gangs haven't monetized their larger-than-life brand, Killer Mike helps them launch a product to rival Coca-Cola.

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## **Wu-Tang Clan: Of Mics And Men**

Episode 1

May 10, 2019

A retrospective look at everything that molded Wu-Tang Clan and the socio-political bullshit they had to navigate growing up. Apostles of hip hop culture, fans of kung fu cinema, and members of the Five Percent Nation, they cut a song - "Protect Ya Neck" - and the rest is history.

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## **Wyatt Cenac's Problem Areas**

Inequality Problems

May 03, 2019

Wyatt looks at who gets access to good dental care, delivers a pitch investors simply can't turn down, and travels to Seattle to see how a group of parents fought to keep their school from being shut down.

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