



Beyond Your Backyard Nominated for its First National Creative Arts Emmy Award

NEW YORK, NY, May 28, 2020 -- The nationally syndicated travel program Beyond Your Backyard, from Blue Ridge Public Broadcasting Service, has been nominated for a 2019 Creative Arts Emmy Awards in the Outstanding Sound Mixing category.

The nomination recognizes the work of Beyond Your Backyard's executive producer Harry Watson. An avid videographer and sound mixer, Watson's work has garnered Addy, Magellan, Travvy and Emmy awards. He is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University.

"I am incredibly thrilled, humbled and honored to have been nominated for this Emmy Award," said Watson. "As a relatively new program on PBS, this nomination is a testament to all the passionate, hard work that our team has put into this show. We are all so grateful."

"I am proud of Harry as his work on the show is instrumental to our continued success," said Erik Hastings, host and creator of Beyond Your Backyard. "This show is truly a team effort and the past two seasons have been a labor of love for Harry and the crew. I have high hopes that we'll receive a welcoming nod from the Academy during the awards ceremony."

The nominations were announced by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS). This year's awards honor content from more than 2,700 submissions that originally premiered in calendar-year 2019. The submissions were judged by a pool of 1,000 peer professionals from across the television industry. The awards ceremony for the 47th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards will be presented in a two-hour special on Friday, June 26 on the CBS Television Network.

In 2019, Beyond Your Backyard received two Creative Arts Emmy awards in the Program and Host/Moderator categories from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the NATAS — the second-largest chapter in the nation. Beyond Your Backyard will begin shooting its fourth season this summer.

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About Beyond Your Backyard

Distributed by the National Educational Telecommunications Association and hosted by veteran travel personality "Erik the Travel Guy" Hastings, Beyond Your Backyard seeks to inspire viewers to get up, get out and experience the world. Down-to-earth, funny, and smart, Hastings reveals the soul of each North American city he visits. Every episode educates viewers about history and culture, unique experiences, delicious food, famous attractions and off-the-beaten

path local haunts. Beyond Your Backyard is nationally syndicated on public television and the CREATE Network and is seen on 328 broadcast channels in 161 markets in 48 states in the United States. The show also can be streamed on Amazon Prime Video.

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