



PRESS
RELEASE

KET productions and programs honored with 11 Regional Emmy nominations

FOR RELEASE: June 6, 2019

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) recently recognized KET productions and programs with 11 Regional Emmy Award nominations.

The awards recognize excellence in the areas of local news, programming and individual achievement and are one of the industry's highest honors.

"I'm incredibly proud of the work our staff does," said KET executive director and CEO Shae Hopkins. "These Regional Emmy nominations are a testament to KET's high-quality productions and our dedication to serving the people of the Commonwealth, something we've been doing for more than 50 years."

KET productions receiving nominations are:

"The West End School," *Kentucky Life* segment: Gary Pahler – Education/schools program

This *Kentucky Life* segment spotlights the West End School in Louisville, which provides a supportive environment, along with a program that does more than just teach academics, for elementary and middle school boys.

Pathways for Tomorrow's Workforce: A KET Forum: Renee Shaw, Thomas Bickel, Nick Helton, Justin Allen – Education/schools program

This town-hall style program brings leaders from across Kentucky together to explore how Kentucky's K-12 public education system is helping students successfully prepare for their transition to postsecondary college or career.

Robert Penn Warren: A Vision: Tom Thurman – Documentary cultural/topical

This KET production explores the life and career of Kentucky's most acclaimed writer of the 1946 novel *All the King's Men*, which earned him a Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. The documentary traces Warren's birth and upbringing in Guthrie, Ky., his years at Vanderbilt



PRESS RELEASE

University and eventual inclusion into the Nashville Agrarians, and his path as a poet, novelist, scholar, and journalist.

Disrupting the Opioid Epidemic: A KET Forum: Laura Krueger, Justin Allen, Renee Shaw, Nick Helton – Interview/discussion program

This program is part of KET's Inside Opioid Addiction Initiative. Hosted by Renee Shaw, the forum brought together leading experts in a variety of fields to discuss the latest advances in treating addiction, including recovery services, prevention outreach and more.

Kentucky's Secret Gardens: Frank Simkonis, Teresa Day – Lifestyle program

Kentucky's Secret Gardens visits a variety of unique private gardens - both large and small, rural and urban - throughout the state. Stops include the Garden at Lincliff, the Louisville garden of the late mystery writer Sue Grafton and her husband, Steven Humphrey, who painstakingly restored the grounds of a classic 1912 estate; a secluded and art-filled backyard at the home of orchid expert Tim Brooks and bonsai enthusiast Joe Dietz; and much more.

Building Hope: The Don and Mira Ball Story: Justin Allen, Chelsea Gorham – Nostalgia program

Building Hope: The Don and Mira Ball Story gives a glimpse of Don and Mira Ball's generosity that has forever changed Kentucky. The philanthropic powerhouse team built a thriving home building business and devoted their time, talent, and treasure to those less fortunate.

The KET Story: Beth Kirchner, Valerie Trimble, James Piston, Timothy Bischoff – Nostalgia program

The KET Story explores KET's 50 years of service as Kentucky's only statewide educational broadcasting network. In the 1950s and '60s, KET founder O. Leonard Press saw the potential of television - a new technology - to provide equitable access to high-quality instruction in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

All of the nominated KET productions are available to watch online at KET.org.

In addition to the above KET productions, four additional nominations were garnered by programs airing on KET, including *The Story of Brook Trout in the Red River Gorge* by Kentucky Afield Television; *Two Bridges, One Project* by Mark Crowner Productions and Doe-Anderson; *A Force for Nature* by Lucy Braun, Meg Hanrahan Media and Voyageur Media Group, Inc.; and *Kentucky Bourbon Festival* special event coverage by Kyle Lake and Prosper Media Group, Inc.



PRESS RELEASE

The Ohio Valley Chapter includes 13 television markets from a four-state region, including parts of Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky. The awards ceremony will take place August 10 in Louisville.

KET is Kentucky's largest classroom, where learning comes to life for more than one million people each week via television, online and mobile. Learn more about Kentucky's preeminent public media organization at KET.org, on Twitter [@KET](https://twitter.com/KET) and at facebook.com/KET.

###

CONTACT:

Todd Piccirilli
Senior Director, Communications, Marketing and Online Content
(859) 258-7242
tpiccirilli@ket.org

Abby Malik
Director, Marketing and Communications
(859) 258-7749
amalik@ket.org