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THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY WINS 21 NEWS & DOCUMENTARY EMMY AWARDS

**National Geographic Garners a Record-Breaking 13 Awards,
With Seven Wins for the Most-Nominated Title Overall,
'Trafficked with Mariana Van Zeller'**

**ABC News Earns Eight Awards, Including 'World News Tonight with David Muir' Securing the
Top Prize for the Fourth Consecutive Year and Outstanding Live News Special with '20/20,' and
the Most Wins for ABC News Live Ever**

**ABC News' Martha Raddatz Accepts News Lifetime Achievement Award, and Kerry Smith and
David Sloan Receive Gold Circle Award Honors**

Collectively, The Walt Disney Company has earned 21 News & Documentary Emmy® Awards across ABC News and National Geographic, with the award-winning content streaming on Disney+ and Hulu.

Following another record-breaking year of 51 nominations — the most ever for the brand — National Geographic took home 13 News & Documentary Emmy Awards, breaking its all time record. These included seven awards for “Trafficked with Mariana Van Zeller,” which also stood for the third consecutive year as the most-nominated series ever, and six awards for “Secrets of the Penguins,” “Lost in the Jungle,” “Underdogs” and “Chris Hemsworth: A Road Trip to Remember,” underscoring the brand’s continued commitment to telling stories that inspire a deeper connection to our world.

Celebrating their best nomination year since 1969 with 47 nominations, the most for any broadcast network, ABC News clinched eight wins. “ABC World News Tonight with David Muir” earned its fourth consecutive Emmy for Outstanding Live News Program. In addition, the program picked up Emmys for Outstanding Live News Special and Outstanding Technical Excellence. With three wins, ABC News Live took home the most Emmy Awards in the streaming channel’s history for Outstanding Live Breaking News, Outstanding Recorded News Special and Outstanding Light Feature: Long Form. ABC News Studios earned three awards for Outstanding Interview: Long Form, Outstanding Recorded News Special and Outstanding True Crime Coverage. In addition, “20/20” took home awards for Outstanding Live News Special and Outstanding Light Feature: Long Form.

In addition, “This Week” co-anchor and chief global affairs correspondent Martha Raddatz was honored with the News Emmys Lifetime Achievement Award, and senior vice president Kerry Smith and senior executive producer David Sloan were inducted into the 2026 Gold and Silver Circle Honor Society.

Below is a complete list of all The Walt Disney Company wins.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Trafficked with Mariana van Zeller (National Geographic)

Streaming on Hulu

7 Wins

- Outstanding Science & Tech Coverage - "Scam City"
- Outstanding Climate, Environment or Weather Coverage - "Shark Hunters"
- Outstanding Health or Medical Coverage - "The Tranq Dope Underground"
- Outstanding Arts, Culture or Entertainment Coverage - "Underground Street Racing"
- Outstanding Social Issue Coverage - "Black Market Love"
- Outstanding Research: News - "Brides for Sale"
- Outstanding Direction: News - "Black Market Live"

Underdogs (National Geographic)

2 Wins

Streaming on Disney+ and Hulu

- Outstanding Writing: Documentary
- Outstanding Sound: Documentary

Secrets of the Penguins (National Geographic)

Streaming on Disney+ and Hulu

2 Wins

- Outstanding Nature Documentary
- Outstanding Cinematography: Documentary - "Hearts of the Emperors"

Lost in the Jungle (National Geographic Documentary Films)

Streaming on Disney+ and Hulu

1 Win

- Outstanding Current Affairs Documentary

Chris Hemsworth: A Road Trip to Remember (National Geographic)

Streaming on Disney+ and Hulu

1 Win

- Outstanding Promotional Announcement: Documentary

ABC NEWS

** Joint wins have been included in the total count for certain titles.*

ABC News Studios (ABC News)

3 Wins*

- *Outstanding Recorded News Special: "The Children of Gaza"
- Outstanding Interview: Long Form: "Eric Dane Speaks: The Diane Sawyer Interview"
- Outstanding True Crime Coverage: "Wicked Game: Devil in the Desert" (Hulu, ABC News Studios)

ABC News Live (ABC News)

2 Wins*

- *Outstanding Recorded News Special: "The Children of Gaza"
- *Outstanding Light Feature Story: Long Form: "Operation Babylift: The 50-Year Journey"

- Outstanding Live Breaking News: “U.S. Army’s Grand Military Parade”

20/20 (ABC News)

2 Wins*

- *Outstanding Live News Special: “American Catastrophe: LA Burning”
- *Outstanding Light Feature Story - Long Form: “Operation Babylift: The 50-Year Journey”

ABC World News Tonight with David Muir (ABC News)

3 Wins*

- Outstanding Live News Program
- Technical Excellence: “Live from the Southern California Fires”
- *Outstanding Live News Special: “American Catastrophe: LA Burning”

The News & Documentary Emmy Awards honor programming content from more than 2,300 submissions that originally premiered in the calendar year 2025, judged by a pool of over 1,000 peer professionals from across the television and streaming/digital media industry. Entries must have been originally broadcast nationally or made available via streaming platform between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025.

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