

77 YEARS OF EMMY®

1948 The Emmy Awards are conceived. The Television Academy's founding fathers struggle to name the award: Television Academy founder Syd Cassyd suggests "Ike," the nickname for the television iconoscope tube. Pioneer television engineer and future (1949) Academy president Harry Lubcke suggests "Immy," a nickname for the image-orthicon camera tube, key in the technical development of television. "Immy" is feminized as "Emmy" because the statuette, designed by engineer Louis McManus (whose wife Dorothy was the model) depicts the winged "muse of art uplifting the electron of science."

1949 First Emmy Awards (KTSL, January 25)

- The first-ever Emmy Awards takes place at the Hollywood Athletic Club on January 25, 1949 and is broadcast on local station KTSL. Tickets are $5.00. There are less than a million television sets in households across the U.S.
- Master of Ceremonies is popular TV host **Walter O'Keefe**.
- Only six awards are handed out:
- *Most Outstanding Television Personality:* Twenty-year-old **Shirley Dinsdale** and her puppet sidekick Judy Splinters for "The Judy Splinters Show."
- *The Station Award for Outstanding Overall Achievement:* **KTLA** (the first commercial television station west of the Mississippi River).
- *Technical Award:* Engineer **Charles Mesak** of Don Lee Television for the introduction of TV camera technology.
- *The Best Film Made for Television*: **"The Necklace"** (a half hour adaptation of Guy de Maupassant's classic short story).
- *Most Popular Television Program:* **"Pantomime Quiz"**
- A special Emmy is presented to **Louis McManus** for designing the statuette.

1950 Second Emmy Awards (KFI-TV, January 27)

- KFI-TV broadcasts the ceremony; the six other Los Angeles area stations share the expense of the telecast. Total estimated show cost: $250.
- **Bill Welsh** and **Dick Lane** share hosting duties at the Ambassador Hotel.
- The Television Academy drops the requirement that all competing shows be produced in Hollywood; contenders now include kinescope programs out of New York, Chicago and elsewhere.
- A few hours before the ceremony, winners' names are leaked, but most recipients appear surprised when announced.
- **Ed Wynn** is named *Outstanding Live Personality*; **Milton Berle** is awarded *Outstanding Kinescope Personality*.

1951 Third Emmy Awards (KLAC-TV, January 23)

- Academy founder **Syd Cassyd** hosts the event at the Ambassador Hotel.
- *Best Actor* and *Actress* categories are added; they are presented to **Alan Young** for "The Alan Young Show" and **Gertrude Berg** for "The Goldbergs."
- The ceremony is attended by 1,000 people.
- The Emmys are recognized as a major entertainment industry event.
- When **Groucho Marx** is named *Outstanding Personality*, he carries "Miss Emmy" (former Miss America **Rosemary LaPlanche**) offstage rather than his statuette.

1952 Fourth Emmy Awards (KECA, February 18)

- The show is telecast locally by ABC's KECA in Los Angeles.
- **Lucille Ball** and **Desi Arnaz** host from the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.
- Since coast-to-coast broadcasting doesn't yet exist, New York winners are contacted by phone.
- A special achievement award goes to **Senator Estes Kefauver** who investigated organized crime and opened Congressional hearings to the television audience.
- AT&T is presented with a special achievement award for developing a microwave relay system that enables television to be viewed nationwide.
- An awards committee is set up to develop a national awards system.

1953 Fifth Emmy Awards (KLAC, February 3)

- **Art Linkletter** emcees the show from the Hotel Statler, handling with aplomb falling scenery and a microphone that goes dead for 10 minutes.
- **Lucille Ball** accepts Emmys for *Best Situation Comedy*, **"I Love Lucy,"** and *Best Comedienne*. It's the first function she attends after her son, Desi Arnaz Jr., is born.
- Although Lucy is also considered a shoo-in for *Outstanding Television Personality*, the award goes to **Bishop Fulton J. Sheen**.

1954 Sixth Emmy Awards (KHJ-TV, February 11)

- **Ed Sullivan** emcees from the Hollywood Palladium in order to diffuse his rancor towards the West Coast-based Academy.
- The ceremony is almost canceled when broadcaster KHJ-TV cannot find a sponsor.
- 1954 marks the beginning of "the golden age of television" live anthology drama series such as "Television Playhouse," "Studio One," "Playhouse 90," "Kraft Television Theatre" and the **"U.S. Steel Hour,"** that year's winner of two Emmys.

1955 Seventh Emmy Awards (NBC, March 7)

- U.S. television set ownership grows to 25 million.
- NBC pays $110,000 for the rights to air the telecast across the nation; the show airs simultaneously on both coasts, adding prestige and publicity.
- **Steve Allen** hosts from the Moulin Rouge in Hollywood; **Dave Garroway** from Nino's LaRue in New York.
- This marks the first presentation of Emmys to a full range of craft awards.

1956 Eighth Emmy Awards (NBC, March 17)

- **Art Linkletter** hosts from the Pan Pacific Auditorium in Hollywood; **John Daly** from the Grand Ballroom Waldorf Astoria in New York.
- Forty awards are presented; 24 during the 90-minute broadcast and 16 immediately following.
- Working press arrive at 5 p.m. for cocktails and are seated at special ringside tables, where space is set aside for post-award interviews.

1957 Ninth Emmy Awards (NBC, March 16)

- This marks the first nationwide color telecast from NBC's East and West Coast studios; **Desi Arnaz** emcees.

- The Ceremony is preceded a month earlier by a novel color telecast to announce nominees; it is scripted by **Rod Serling** and features **Steve Allen, Sid Caesar, Phil Silvers, Danny Thomas** and songwriter **Johnny Mercer** (then Television Academy President).
- According to TV Guide's March 16, 1957 issue, *"...the Emmy Awards have finally achieved the stature of the Oscars. Certainly everyone in television feels that the Emmy is the highest honor in the industry."*

1958 10th Emmy Awards (NBC, April 15)

- **Phil Silvers** hosts from the Seventh Regiment Armory National Guard in New York; **Danny Thomas** from the Coconut Grove in Hollywood.
- The telecast sponsors include Procter & Gamble and the Pontiac Division of General Motors.
- **Lassie** attends the show as a presenter.

1959 11th Emmy Awards (NBC, May 6)

- For the first time, Emmys are broadcast by NBC from three locations: Hollywood (Moulin Rouge), New York (Ziegfeld Theatre) and Washington, D.C. (Mayflower Hotel), where **Vice President Richard Nixon** helps present news and documentary awards.
- **Raymond Burr** emcees.
- "An Evening with Fred Astaire" sweeps its nine category nominations, including *Best Single Performance by an Actor* for **Fred Astaire**, but Ed Sullivan and some critics contest the sweep. Ultimately, Astaire keeps his award. The Emmy eligibility period stretches to 14 months for one time only, allowing the switch of eligibility period from calendar year to actual TV season.
- NBC technicians strike; cameras and broadcast controls are manned by NBC executives. The broadcast proceeds without technical difficulty.

1960 12th Emmy Awards (NBC, June 20)

- **Fred Astaire** hosts from NBC's Burbank Studios; **Arthur Godfrey** from New York's Ziegfeld Theatre. It's a telecast highlighted by many firsts:
- **Harry Belafonte** is the first Black performer to win an Emmy, for "Tonight with Belafonte."
- Hanna-Barbera's syndicated show **"Huckleberry Hound"** wins *Outstanding Children's Show,* the first syndicated program and first cartoon series to ever win an Emmy.
- **Ingrid Bergman** wins an Emmy for her first television performance in NBC's "The Turn of the Screw."
- **Laurence Olivier** wins an Emmy for his debut television performance in NBC's "The Moon and Sixpence."
- A relatively unknown comedian, **Bob Newhart**, gets extra airtime when a skit featuring comedy duo **Mike Nichols** and **Elaine May** is cancelled. A new television star is born.

1961 13th Emmy Awards (NBC, May 16)

- **Dick Powell** hosts from the Moulin Rouge in Hollywood; **Joey Bishop** from the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.
- This year marks the first time the eligibility period for awards directly parallels television network season.

- The ceremony is dominated by **"Hallmark Hall of Fame's Macbeth,"** the first made-for-TV movie; Emmys go to the program, stars **Maurice Evans** and **Judith Anderson**, director **George Schaefer**.
- The telecast pulls a 33.9 Nielsen rating and is the most watched show of its week, beating "Candid Camera," "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "The Untouchables."

1962 14th Emmy Awards (NBC, May 22)

- The telecast uses film and tape clips from nominated shows for the first time.
- **Bob Newhart** emcees from the Hollywood Palladium; **Johnny Carson** from the New York Astor Hotel; NBC newsman **David Brinkley** from the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington D.C.
- In Washington, D.C., a special Trustees Award is given to **Jacqueline Kennedy** for her CBS-TV tour of the White House. **Lady Bird Johnson** accepts for the camera-shy First Lady.
- A new award is presented in New York created solely for daytime programs.
- The Television Academy's Board of Trustees honors the news departments of ABC, CBS and NBC for their coverage of John Glenn's space flight.

1963 15th Emmy Awards (NBC, May 26)

- **Joey Bishop** emcees from the Hollywood Palladium; **Arthur Godfrey** from New York's Americana Hotel; **Chet Huntley** from the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington D. C.
- President **John F. Kennedy** receives a Trustees citation "… for having initiated news conferences on TV, and for scheduling a news conference as part of the first Telstar broadcast."
- AT&T is given the Trustees Award for conceiving and developing Telstar satellites.
- An international Emmy is introduced, and the recipient is the U.K.'s Granada Television for its three-hour adaptation of Tolstoy's **"War and Peace."**

1964 16th Emmy Awards (NBC, May 25)

- **Joey Bishop** emcees from the Hollywood Palladium; **E.G. Marshall** from the Texas Pavilion at the New York World's Fair
- Top honors go to **"The Dick Van Dyke Show"** – *Outstanding Comedy Series, Lead Actor and Actress* (**Dick Van Dyke** and **Mary Tyler Moore**), *Director* (**Jerry Paris**) and *Writers* (**Carl Reiner, Sam Denoff** and **Bill Persky**).
- **Shelley Winters** wins for *Outstanding Single Performance by a Lead Actress* in Chrysler Theatre's teleplay "Two is the Number" and mistakenly thanks the Motion Picture Academy for her award.

1965 17th Emmy Awards (NBC, September 12)

- **Danny Thomas** hosts from the Hollywood Palladium; **Sammy Davis Jr.** from New York Hilton.
- More than 50 million Americans watch the show.
- There are five winners in *Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment* (**Leonard Bernstein, Lynn Fontanne, Alfred Lunt, Barbra Streisand, Dick Van Dyke**) and four in *Outstanding Entertainment Programs* (**"The Dick Van Dyke Show," "The Magnificent Yankee," "My Name is Barbra," "What Is Sonata Form? Young People's Concert with Leonard Bernstein"**).

1966 18th Emmy Awards (CBS, May 22)

- **Danny Kaye** hosts from the Hollywood Palladium; **Bill Cosby** from New York's Americana Hotel.
- The Emmy Awards begin rotating among the three networks.
- Awards categories are revamped again. Half revert to the previous format of one winner per category; the rest continue to be "areas" of achievement in which multiple, one or no winners can be named.
- **Bill Cosby** ("I Spy") wins *Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series* — only the second Black performer to win an Emmy.

1967 19th Emmy Awards (ABC, June 4)

- **Joey Bishop** hosts from the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles; **Hugh Downs** from New York's Americana Hotel.
- Costume Design is recognized as an Emmy category.
- **Bob Mackie** and **Ray Aghayan** win their first Emmy for *Best Costume Design* for "Alice Through the Looking Glass."
- **Gene Kelly**'s "Jack and The Beanstalk," which combined live action and animation, wins *Outstanding Children's Programming.*
- "The Monkees" is a surprise first-season winner for *Outstanding Comedy Series*.

1968 20th Emmy Awards (NBC, May 19)

- **Frank Sinatra** hosts from the Hollywood Palladium; **Dick Van Dyke** from New York's Americana Hotel.
- A highlight of the show is **Lucille Ball** and **Carol Burnett** joining Sinatra to perform "I Remember it Well."
- Four months after its premiere, NBC's risqué variety show **"Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In"** scores four Emmys.

1969 21st Emmy Awards (CBS, June 8)

- **Bill Cosby** hosts from the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium; **Merv Griffin** from Carnegie Hall.
- Four cancelled series receive Emmys: NBC's **"Get Smart"** and **"The Ghost and Mrs. Muir"**; ABC's **"Judd for the Defense"**; and CBS' **"The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour."**
- Sparking controversy, no Emmys are awarded in three categories: *Outstanding Single Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role; Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Comedy, Variety or Music;* and *Outstanding Achievement in Children's Programming.*

1970 22nd Emmy Awards (ABC, June 7)

- **Bill Cosby** hosts from Century Plaza in Los Angeles; **Dick Cavett** emcees from Carnegie Hall in New York.
- This marks the first year the telecast concentrates solely on primetime entertainment.
- A separate Creative Arts Awards ceremony is created when craft and technical awards are presented at an earlier non-televised event, as the telecast can no longer accommodate the expanding number of awards presentations.

1971 23rd Emmy Awards (NBC, May 9)

- **Johnny Carson** hosts from the Hollywood Palladium.
- For the first time since 1953, the Emmys are telecast entirely from Hollywood.
- **Shirley Dinsdale**, recipient of first Emmy, is flown in from New York to attend the ceremony.

- Skit featuring Edith and Archie from "All in the Family" opens show; **"All in the Family"** goes on to win *Outstanding New Series* and *Outstanding Comedy Series*.

1972 24th Emmy Awards (CBS, May 14)

- **Johnny Carson** hosts from the Hollywood Palladium.
- New categories added: *Outstanding Achievement in Daytime Drama* goes to **"The Doctors,"** and *Outstanding Religious Programming – Individual* is awarded to **Alfredo Antonini**, music director for "And David Wept."
- **"Brian's Song"** wins *Outstanding Program*, setting a new standard for made-for-TV movies.

1973 25th Emmy Awards (ABC, May 20)

- **Johnny Carson** hosts from the Shubert Theatre in Los Angeles.
- Due to rules changes, the awards introduce a new category*: Outstanding Drama/Comedy – Limited Episode*, to separate competitions between ongoing regular series and limited series, such as the closed-ended "Masterpiece Theatre."
- The talk show category is eliminated.
- **Bob Fosse** becomes the only person to win an Emmy (three wins for "Liza with a 'Z'"), Oscar and Tony in the same year.
- Categories are created for Daytime Dramas and Non-Dramas. **Mary Fickett** of "All My Children" is the first soap opera actor ever to win an Emmy.
- For the first time ever, News and Documentary Emmys are bestowed in a separate, May 22 CBS telecast from the New York Hilton.

1974 26th Emmy Awards (NBC, May 28)

- **Johnny Carson** hosts from Pantages Theatre in Hollywood.
- CBS wins 44 Emmys, the most won in a single year by a network.
- "Super Emmys" are awarded for first time: Winners of the year for best actor (in comedy, drama, limited series and TV film genres) compete against one another for *Actor of the Year – Series* or *Actor of the Year – Special.* Likewise for actresses, directors, writers, etc. Hollywood's biggest stars, producers and directors protest and threaten to quit the Academy, but NATAS convinces them to give it a try. Fourteen Super Emmys in primetime and five in daytime are awarded. Soon after the broadcast, the Super Emmy category is dropped.
- For the first time, daytime TV is given a separate, daytime broadcast on May 28 on NBC from Rockefeller Plaza in New York.
- News and Documentary Emmys are presented on ABC on September 4.

1975 27th Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, May 19)

- Telecast from the Hollywood Palladium, the Emmys features 10 female stars as Mistresses of Ceremonies: **Lucille Ball, Bea Arthur, Jean Stapleton, Carol Burnett, Cher, Teresa Graves, Mary Tyler Moore, Susan Saint James, Michael Learned** and **Karen Valentine**. The 11th "hostess" is **Flip Wilson**, appearing in drag as his sassy character "Geraldine."
- Writers and directors threaten to boycott the Emmys when they learn of the Television Academy's initial plan to present their Emmys off air.

1976 28th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, May 17)

- Hosting duties are shared by **Mary Tyler Moore** and **John Denver** from the Shubert Theatre in Los Angeles.

- Newcomer **"Saturday Night Live"** (then called "Saturday Night") wins four Emmys out of five nominations. **Milton Berle** presents the comedy show with the *Outstanding Comedy-Variety or Music Series* award.

1977 29th Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, September 11)

- Differences between the New York and Hollywood chapters split the Television Academy into two different bodies. The New York group goes by National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) and retains the Daytime Emmys, News Documentary and Sports Emmys, and jurisdiction over 19 regional U.S. chapters that produce local Emmy events. The LA/Hollywood-based group retains the Primetime Emmys, which air in September to kick off the new television season.
- **Angie Dickinson** and **Robert Blake** host from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- ABC's most-watched miniseries, **"Roots,"** receives a record 37 nominations and picks up 9 awards — the most ever won by a miniseries.
- *It's a tie!* A first in Emmy history. *Outstanding Special or Drama* ends in a tie and both shows are directed by the same person: ABC's **"Eleanor and Franklin: The White House Years"** and NBC's **"Sybil,"** both directed by **Daniel Petrie**.
- The show clocks in at a record 3 hours and 30 minutes.

1978 30th Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, September 17)

- **Alan Alda** emcees from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- The show is interrupted by a half-hour press conference in which U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin announce a successful resolution to their peace talks at Camp David.

1979 31st Primetime Emmys Awards (ABC, September 9)

- **Henry Winkler** and **Cheryl Ladd** cohost from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- The telecast is interrupted by President Carter's tribute to three television newsman killed in Nicaragua and Guyana.
- The Governors Award is presented to **Walter Cronkite**; CBS Founder **William S. Paley** is given the Trustees Award; and "Mr. Television" **Milton Berle** receives a special presentation.

1980 32nd Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, September 7)

- **Dick Clark** and **Steve Allen** cohost from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- The Television Academy adjusts the show to reflect the resurgence of variety/music shows and adds three awards for directors, writers and art directors.
- John Leverence is named Awards Administrator for the Television Academy.
- The 32nd Primetime Emmys are boycotted by the actors and actresses because it occurs during the seven-week strike by the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) against the television networks and major TV and film producers.
- **Powers Boothe** is the only one of the 52 nominated performers to attend. He wins for *Outstanding Actor in a Limited Series or Special* for "Guyana Tragedy: The Story of Jim Jones" and receives a standing ovation. He is remembered for saying "This is either the most courageous moment of my career or the stupidest."

1981 33rd Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, September 13)

- **Ed Asner** and **Shirley MacLaine** cohost from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

- **"Hill Street Blues,"** a first-year police drama on NBC with little viewership, receives 21 nominations and wins eight Emmys. No series has ever received as many nominations in one season nor has ever won as many statuettes up to that time.

1982 34th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 19)

- **Marlo Thomas** and **John Forsythe** host from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- **"Barney Miller,"** the long-running police station sitcom had been nominated for *Outstanding Comedy Series* seven times during its seven seasons on the air. The show finally wins — after being cancelled by ABC.

1983 35th Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, September 25)

- **Joan Rivers** and **Eddie Murphy** cohost from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- Risqué comments by Rivers cause the NBC switchboard to light up with calls from angry viewers. The telecast is subsequently edited for the tape-delayed West Coast presentation for the first time ever.
- **"Cheers"** leads with 13 nominations and scores six awards.
- NBC takes 21 of the 29 awards presented on air.

1984 36th Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, September 2)

- **Tom Selleck** hosts from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- **"Hill Street Blues"** becomes the most honored dramatic series in history with a total of 25 Emmy wins.
- The show runs 3 hours and 36 minutes — a new broadcast record for the Emmys.

1985 37th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 22)

- **John Forsythe** hosts from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- The Television Academy's Board of Governors vote to include national cable programming in future Emmy Awards telecasts.
- An unfamiliar, tuxedo-clad man almost makes off with **Betty Thomas**' Emmy for *Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series* when he accepts the award for Thomas. ABC cuts to commercial and returns with Thomas making her acceptance speech. The stranger is Barry Bremen, a professional hoaxer. He is arrested for grand theft.

1986 38th Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, September 21)

- The ceremony is cohosted by **David Letterman** and **Shelley Long** from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- **"The Golden Girls,"** the first hit show in TV history with an all-female cast, wins for *Outstanding Comedy Series* and **Betty White** wins for *Outstanding Actress.*
- After winning for *Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series***, Michael J. Fox** quips "I feel 4-feet tall."
- During the ceremony, Letterman salutes **Grant Tinker**, who had stepped down as chairman of NBC; its parent company, RCA, was acquired by General Electric.
- The ceremony pays tribute to **Red Skelton**, who was presented with the Governors Award. During his acceptance speech, he confesses having missed being on TV for the previous 16 years.
- An entertaining musical number saluting television theme music is performed, featuring **Bea Arthur, Linda Lavin, Marlo Thomas** and more singing and dancing to their program's theme songs.

1987 39th Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, September 20)

- **Bruce Willis** emcees from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- Fox Broadcasting lands a three-year contract to telecast the Emmys, which were telecast in rotation for more than 20 years on ABC, CBS and NBC. FOX outbids them with an offer of $4.5 million to telecast the Emmys over a three-year period.
- Changes to telecast include:
    - A recap of winners is added two-thirds into the show.
    - Voiceovers note the number of previous nominations and wins for each winner as they approach the stage.
    - No time cap on acceptance speeches.
- Sets a record set for the longest telecast, coming in 20 seconds short of four hours.

1988 40th Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, August 28, Pasadena Civic Auditorium)

- **"Saturday Night Live"** creator and EP **Lorne Michaels** produces the show, which has no host or production numbers.
- Cable television is now permitted to compete in the primetime honors.
- Actress **Tracey Ullman** says the show is "the hippest Emmys I've ever seen."
- A time cap on acceptance speeches is reinstated.
- **"The Wonder Years"** — a mid-season comedy — scores an upset victory in the *Outstanding Comedy Series* category.

1989 41st Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, September 17)

- **John Larroquette** hosts from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium
- FOX Network finally wins four awards for the **"Tracey Ullman Show."**
- **Candice Bergen** wins her first Emmy portraying Murphy Brown and quips "Dad, if you are watching, this is for you!" This is in reference to her father, the late Edgar Bergen, who had never won an Emmy but had served as the Television Academy's first president.
- **Lucille Ball** is honored with a posthumous Governors Award, presented by Bob Hope to Ball's husband, Gary Morton, who had been widowed in April.

1990 42nd Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, September 16)

- **Candice Bergen**, **Jay Leno** and **Jane Pauley** host from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- The quirky drama series "Twin Peaks" receives 14 nominations.
- Cable breaks through with 10 Emmys: eight for HBO and two for the Disney Channel.
- FOX signs another three-year deal to broadcast the show.

1991 43rd Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, August 25)

- The ceremony is held in August instead of September, as FOX attempts to avoid competing with new shows and season premieres on the major networks in September.
- **Dennis Miller** emcees from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- FOX issues a public apology regarding comedian **Gilbert Gottfried**'s off-color remarks after viewers jam the switchboard with irate calls.
- The ceremony is the first televised event to feature red ribbons worn by those present in support of men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS. Producers ask **Jamie Lee Curtis** to explain the significance to viewers.

1992 44th Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, August 30)

- **Dennis Miller** hosts from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- **"Murphy Brown"** receives the Emmy for *Outstanding Comedy Series* after Vice President Dan Quayle publicly criticizes the fictitious character for having a baby out of wedlock.
- The Television Academy consolidates *Outstanding Guest Actor/Actress in a Drama* and *Comedy Series* into the *Outstanding Lead Actor/Actress* categories, eliminating two award categories and allowing guest stars to participate in the televised portion of the awards rather than in the non-televised Creative Arts presentation.
- Worldwide viewership grows to more than 300 million people in 30 countries, including Russia and Japan for the first time.

1993 45th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 19)

- **Angela Lansbury** hosts from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- After six consecutive years of Emmy telecasts on FOX, the show is up for renewal. Television Academy leaders and executives from all four networks agree that the show should be shared. But the licensing fee can't be agreed upon; the Television Academy rejects a rotating bid and gives the show to ABC for the next three years. A boycott by the other three networks is declared.
- Television Academy leadership finally permits the cartoon hit **"The Simpsons"** to enter the competition for *Best Comedy Series*, but it isn't nominated.
- HBO's **"The Larry Sanders Show"** becomes the first cable program ever nominated for *Best Comedy Series*.
- HBO ties with ABC with 55 nominations. HBO wins 17 awards — the most for any network.
- **Betty Thomas** becomes the first woman to receive a *Directing* Emmy for the HBO comedy "Dream On."
- Single presenters are used instead of twosomes to announce 27 awards, and there are no song-and-dance numbers.

1994 46th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 11)

- **Patricia Richardson** and **Ellen DeGeneres** cohost from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- Rival networks drop their boycott when ABC nixes its exclusive broadcast contract.
- Television Academy confirms a new deal to rotate the Primetime Emmys among all four networks.
- **"NYPD Blue"** enters with 26 nominations.

1995 47th Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, September 10)

- **Jason Alexander** and **Cybill Shepherd** host from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- UPN and The WB emerge as two more broadcast networks.
- The Television Academy rewords its bylaws to honor programming carried on new distribution formats.
- **"ER"** enters with 23 nominations.
- New rules changes govern awards judging in two top categories. Nominees for *Outstanding Comedy* and *Drama Series* now submit eight episodes to four different judging panels instead of only one sample episode to one panel.

1996 48th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 8)

- **Paul Reiser**, **Oprah Winfrey** and **Michael J. Fox** share hosting duties from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- The telecast introduces the President's Award, a new honor recognizing a program that best explores social, educational or medical issues and encourages and promotes

changes that help society. The award goes to the American Movie Classic (AMC) channel for **"Blacklist: Hollywood on Trial."** It is the cable network's first Emmy.
- The telecast beams to 85 countries including, for the first time, most of Middle East.

1997 49th Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, September 14)

- **Bryant Gumbel** hosts from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.
- Television commercials are nominated for the first time since 1955. An HBO spot featuring monkeys mouthing lines from famous movies wins the award presented at the non-televised Creative Arts Awards.
- **"Law and Order"** takes home *Best Drama Series* over favored "NYPD Blue."
- **Ellen DeGeneres** is nominated for *Best Comedy Actress* for the special one-hour episode of "Ellen" in which she came out as a lesbian. It was the first depiction of homosexuality by a lead in primetime.
- **"The Simpsons"** makes Emmy history as the biggest winner of the awards for *Outstanding Animated Program*, scoring its fourth victory in eight years.

1998 50th Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, September 13)

- After 21 years at the 2,800-seat Pasadena Civic Auditorium, the Emmys — featuring no host — moves to the 6,000-seat Shrine Auditorium in honor of the 50th Anniversary Gala.
- **"Frasier"** marks the first half-century of the Primetime Emmy Awards by rewriting the record book and winning five *Comedy Series* Emmys consecutively.
- After **Camryn Manheim** wins the Emmy *for Best Supporting Actress*, she thrusts it over her head and shouts, "This is for all the fat girls!"
- The President's Award is eliminated.

1999 51st Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, September 12)

- **Jenna Elfman** and **David Hyde Pierce** host from the Shrine Auditorium.
- **David E. Kelley** makes Emmy history with same year wins for *Outstanding Comedy* (**"Ally McBeal"**) and *Outstanding Drama Series* (**"The Practice"**) in the same year.
- "Ally McBeal" is the first-ever hour-long series win in the *Outstanding Comedy* category.
- HBO's **"The Sopranos"** is the first cable series ever nominated for *Outstanding Drama*.

2000 52nd Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 10)

- **Garry Shandling** hosts from the Shrine Auditorium.
- The Television Academy changes their voting system, with the start of blue ribbon panel judging at home for final-round voting.
- NBC goes in with a record 97 nominations for any single network.

2001 53rd Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, November 4)

- The original September 16 telecast from the Shrine Auditorium is postponed due to the September 11 terrorist attacks; the rescheduled October 7 telecast is also postponed due to U.S. invasion of Afghanistan.
- Executive producer Don Mischer leaves the show in October due to production commitments for the 2002 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies.
- The November 4 telecast moves to the Shubert Theatre in Los Angeles and is produced by Gary Smith, and **Ellen DeGeneres** hosts a landmark show.

2002 54th Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, September 22)

- Television Academy strikes a groundbreaking, eight-year licensing deal with the four networks, raising the licensing fee to $5.5 million for each of the first four years and $7.5 million for each of the next four.
- **Conan O'Brien** hosts from the Shrine Auditorium.
- For the first time, the Creative Arts Awards are televised as a two-hour special on E! Entertainment Television.
- **Oprah Winfrey** receives the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

2003 55th Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, September 21)

- The telecast forgoes the use of traditional host(s) and features 11 top comics who emcee the evening from The Shrine Auditorium.
- **Bill Cosby** is the recipient of the prestigious Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

2004 56th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 22)

- Hosted by **Garry Shandling** at The Shrine Auditorium.
- Nominees include more crossovers from the motion picture industry than ever before: **Meryl Streep, Al Pacino, Sharon Stone, Emma Thompson, Glenn Close, Helen Mirren, Judy Davis, Antonio Banderas, Steve Buscemi, William H. Macy, Julie Andrews, Anne Heche, Anjelica Huston** and **Mary Louise Parker** are all nominated for an Emmy Award.
- **Danny Thomas** posthumously receives the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

2005 57th Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, September 19)

- Hosted by **Ellen DeGeneres** at The Shrine Auditorium, the Emmy telecast debuts "Emmy Idol": a contest in tribute to television's favorite theme songs, featuring a performance by **Kristen Bell** ("Fame") and duets by **Donald Trump & Megan Mullally** ("Green Acres"), **Gary Dourdan & Macy Gray** ("Movin' On Up" from "The Jeffersons"), and **William Shatner & Frederica von Stade** ("Star Trek"). Viewers vote for their favorite during the broadcast.
- **David Letterman** pays special tribute to **Johnny Carson**, who had passed away January 23.
- **Tom Brokaw** and **Dan Rather** pay tribute to colleague **Peter Jennings**, who passed away August 7, and commemorate the departure of all three newsmen from anchoring nightly network news on NBC, CBS and ABC.

2006 58th Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, August 27)

- Hosted by **Conan O'Brien** at The Shrine Auditorium, the Emmy Awards airs a month early in August for the first time in 14 years due to NBC's football schedule.
- During a tribute to TV legend **Aaron Spelling,** who passed away June 23, the original "Charlie's Angels" — **Kate Jackson, Farrah Fawcett** and **Jaclyn Smith** — reunite on stage.

2007 59th Primetime Emmy Awards (FOX, September 16)

- Emceed by **Ryan Seacrest** at The Shrine Auditorium, the show is shot as "theatre in the round" for the first time ever, with nominees sitting on stage.
- **Tony Bennett** and **Christina Aguilera** perform a duet of the classic song "Steppin' Out with My Baby."
- "A Fond Farewell to *The Sopranos*" features a performance by the cast of the hit Broadway musical **Jersey Boys.**

2008 60th Primetime Emmy Awards (ABC, September 21)

- After nine years at the Shrine, the Emmys move to the new Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE.
- **Oprah Winfrey** introduces the show's five hosts — the nominees for *Outstanding Reality Host:* **Tom Bergeron**, **Heidi Klum**, **Howie Mandel**, **Jeff Probst** and **Ryan Seacrest**.
- **Lauren Conrad** from "The Hills" and **Christian Siriano** from "Project Runway" design gowns for the trophy girls.
- **Josh Groban** performs television's greatest theme songs.
- Iconic stars and sets from television's greatest shows are incorporated into the telecast, including **Mary Tyler Moore** and original "Laugh-In" cast members, reuniting for the 40th anniversary of the comedy variety classic.

2009 61st Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS, September 20)

- **Neil Patrick Harris** is the night's critically acclaimed host, opening with an original number "Put Down the Remote!" at the Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE.
- Other music highlights include a live band on stage for the first time in years and **Sarah McLachlan** performing "I Will Remember You" during the "In Memoriam" segment.
- The number of nominees expands to six each in *Outstanding Drama* and *Comedy Performers* and *Supporting Performers*, as well as in *Drama* and *Comedy Series*.
- **"Family Guy"** becomes the first animated *Outstanding Comedy Series* nominee since "The Flintstones" nearly 50 years earlier.
- Executive producer Don Mischer and team are visible on the stage via a transparent production set-up.

2010 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards (NBC, August 29)

- Hosted by **Jimmy Fallon** at the Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE, there is no more tape delayed telecast! The Emmys are telecast *live* coast-to-coast for the first time in over three decades.
- **Jimmy Fallon** scores with a "Glee"-inspired opening number featuring Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run"; the segment features "Glee" cast members along with **Tina Fey**, **Jon Hamm, Betty White** and **Kate Gosselin.**
- **George Clooney** is presented with the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.
- **Jewel** performs her original and previously unreleased song "The Shape of You" for the "In Memoriam" segment.
- Emmys.com and NBC.com premiere "Backstage LIVE," a second-screen companion program to the telecast with a behind-the-scenes showcase featuring unique shots of **Jimmy Fallon,** executive producer Don Mischer and the evening's winners.
- **"Saturday Night Live"** surpasses "ER" as the most nominated television show in Emmy history with 126 nominations as of 2010.

2011 63rd Emmy Awards (FOX, September 18)

- Hosted by **Jane Lynch** at the Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE., the Emmys are again telecast live coast-to-coast and executive produced for the first time by Mark Burnett.
- Jane Lynch opens with an original musical number featuring **Jon Hamm** and the cast of "Mad Men"; **Jim Parsons** and the cast of "The Big Bang Theory"; **Eric Dane, Nick Offerman, Randy Jackson** and more.
- The **Canadian Tenors** perform "Hallelujah" during the "In Memoriam" package.
- Mimicking a beauty pageant, *Lead Comedy Actress* nominees take the stage when announced and present flowers and a tiara to first-time winner **Melissa McCarthy.**

- Comedy music troupe **The Lonely Island** (featuring **Andy Samberg**) performs a medley of their hits "I Just Had Sex," "Three Way" and "Jack Sparrow" with **Michael Bolton** and **Akon.**

2012 64th Emmy Awards (ABC, September 23)

- Coast-to-coast telecasting continues — the show, presented at the Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE, opens with a comedic video of **Jimmy Kimmel** preparing to host, with cameos by **Kathy Bates, Connie Britton, Zooey Deschanel, Lena Dunham, Christina Hendricks** and **Mindy Kaling.**
- Freshman drama **"Homeland"** wins *Outstanding Drama Series* and its stars **Claire Danes** and **Damian Lewis** win *Lead Actress* and *Actor in a Drama Series*.
- Kimmel enlists **Tracy Morgan** and Twitter to play a trick on the television audience — during commercial break, everyone in the theatre tweets that Morgan has passed out on stage, and the moment trends.
- **Ron Howard** pays tribute to the late **Andy Griffith.**

2013 65th Emmy Awards (CBS, September 22)

- **Neil Patrick Harris** hosts from the Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE — live telecasting is here to stay, with Ken Ehrlich executive producing.
- **Robin Williams** eulogizes the great **Jonathan Winters**; **Michael J. Fox** fondly remembers **Gary David Goldberg**; **Edie Falco** pays tribute to **James Gandolfini**; **Jane Lynch** remembers the tragic loss of "Glee" cast mate **Cory Monteith.**
- For the first time, a digital platform series (Netflix's **"House of Cards"**) is nominated in the major series and performance categories.
- **Elton John** performs a tribute to **Liberace** in support of "Behind the Candelabra," and **Michael Douglas** wins the Emmy for his role as the amazing showman.
- First-time Emmy winners include **Jeff Daniels** ("The Newsroom"), **"The Voice," "The Colbert Report,"** and **"Breaking Bad."**
- Television's role in the historic events of 1963 is remembered as **Don Cheadle** recalls the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; **Carrie Underwood** performs "Yesterday" to commemorate the Beatles' debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

2014 66th Emmy Awards (NBC, August 25)

- Hosted by **Seth Meyers** at the Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE, and Don Mischer returns to executive produce the live telecast.
- For the first time since 1976 (28th Emmy Awards), the Emmys are held on a Monday.
- **Billy Crystal** presents a touching tribute to the late **Robin Williams**.
- The evening features a surprise performance by **Weird Al Yankovic** and **Andy Samberg** putting lyrics to some of television's most iconic theme music.
- **Uzo Aduba** is named *Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series* (Netflix's "Orange is the New Black").
- In its final season, **"Breaking Bad"** takes home the Emmy for *Outstanding Drama Series.*

2015 67th Emmy Awards (FOX, September 20)

- Hosted by **Andy Samberg** at the renamed Microsoft Theater, L.A. LIVE.
- **Viola Davis** makes history becoming the first Black woman to win *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series* for ABC's "How to Get Away with Murder."
- African American actresses **Regina King** and **Uzo Aduba** also take top honors: King as *Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Limited Series* (ABC's "American Crime"), and **Aduba** as *Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series* (Netflix's "Orange is the New Black").

- **Jon Hamm** brings the audience to its feet when **Tina Fey** announces him as the *Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series* for the final season of AMC's "Mad Men."
- HBO sweeps the *Outstanding Drama, Comedy and Limited Series Program* categories with **"Game of Thrones," "Veep"** and **"Olive Kitteridge."**
- Amazon Prime's **"Transparent"** breaks new ground for the transgender community, and Emmys go home with the series' executive producer **Jill Soloway** for directing and **Jeffrey Tambor** as *Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series* for his portrayal of transgender Maura Pfefferman.

2016 68th Emmy Awards (ABC, September 18)

- Hosted by **Jimmy Kimmel** at the Microsoft Theater, L.A. LIVE., the live telecast is preceded by two Creative Arts Emmy Awards, Sept. 10 & 11, which air Saturday, Sept. 17 on FXX.
- The pre-telecast performance of Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" by **Millie Bobby Brown, Caleb McLaughlin** and **Gaten Matarazzo** from Netflix's summer series **"Stranger Things"** is a viral sensation.
- **Rami Malek** (USA's "Mr. Robot") and **Tatiana Maslany** (BBC America's "Orphan Black") provide unexpected and exciting wins: *Outstanding Lead Actor* and *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series*.
- Accepting her fifth consecutive Emmy as *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series* (for "Veep" character Selina Meyer) **Julia Louis-Dreyfus** says the show feels "… like a sobering documentary," and pays tribute to her recently deceased father.
- **"The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story"** receives nine Emmys, including *Outstanding Limited Series*, **Sarah Paulson** as *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie*, **Courtney B. Vance** as *Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie* and **Sterling K. Brown** as *Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie*.
- **"Game of Thrones"** receives 12 Emmys over the three Emmy Awards nights, including a second consecutive *Outstanding Drama Series* trophy, breaking the record set by "Frasier" with 37 Emmys for a scripted series; "GOT" boasts 38 Emmy wins.

2017 69th Emmy Awards (CBS, September 17)

- Hosted by **Steven Colbert** at the Microsoft Theater, L.A. LIVE, the show is executive produced by Glenn Weiss and Ricky Kirshner of White Cherry; they deliver a telecast celebrating inclusion and the power of women.
- Colbert's opening musical number, "The World's A Little Better on TV," features a chorus line of "handmaids" of both sexes; his monologue includes the surprise appearance of former White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer.
- Hulu is the first streaming service to capture *Outstanding Drama Series* with **"The Handmaid's Tale,"** adapted from Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel. **Elisabeth Moss, Ann Dowd** and **Alexis Bledel** are first-time Emmy winners for their lead, supporting and guest performances in the series.
- **"Big Little Lies,"** HBO's domestic abuse drama produced by **Reese Witherspoon** and **Nicole Kidman** takes home eight Emmys, including *Outstanding Limited Series*, *Outstanding Actress in a Limited Series* (Kidman), *Supporting Actor* (**Alexander Skarsgård**) and *Supporting Actress* (**Laura Dern**).
- **Lena Waithe** becomes the second Black woman to win the Emmy for *Outstanding Comedy Writing* for her work on "Master of None." (The first was Linda Morris for "Frasier" in 1994, 1995 and 1996.)
- **Donald Glover** wins two Emmys: *Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series* and *Outstanding Directing for a Comedy* for "Atlanta."

2018 70th Emmy Awards (NBC, September 17)

- Emmy-winning "SNL" producer **Lorne Michaels** executive produces the show; he last produced in 1988. **Michael Che** and **Colin Jost** host from the Microsoft Theater, L.A. LIVE.

- While accepting the Emmy for *Outstanding Directing for a Variety Special* for that year's Academy Awards telecast, **Glenn Weiss** stops the show when he proposes marriage to Jan Svendsen, and the audience cheers them on.
- **"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"** sweeps the Comedy Series categories with Emmys for *Outstanding Comedy*, *Outstanding Lead Actress* (**Rachel Brosnahan**) and *Supporting Actress* (**Alex Borstein**), as well as *Outstanding Directing* and W*riting.*
- Absent from the 2017 TV season, **"Game of Thrones"** returns to win *Outstanding Drama Series and* **Peter Dinklage** wins his third Emmy as *Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama* — earning a total of nine Emmys, including seven Creative Arts Emmys awarded the prior weekend.

2019 71st Emmy Awards (FOX, September 22)

- A "no-host" Emmys is jointly produced by Don Mischer Productions and Done + Dusted at the Microsoft Theater, L.A. Live.
- **Phoebe Waller-Bridge** wins three Emmys for "Fleabag" – *Outstanding Lead Comedy Actress, Outstanding Comedy Writing* and *Outstanding Comedy Series* – and a fourth Emmy for *Outstanding Drama Writing* for **"Killing Eve."**
- For the first time, two programs originating from the U.K. win two of the three major awards: **"Fleabag"** and **"Chernobyl"** (*Outstanding Limited Series).*
- **Billy Porter** makes history as the first Black gay man to win *Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama* for "Pose."
- Newcomer **Jharrel Jerome** is named *Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie* for his role in Ava DuVernay's "When They See Us."
- **"Game of Thrones"** is named *Outstanding Drama Series* and receives 12 Emmy wins in its final season; **Peter Dinklage** receives his fourth Emmy for the series, the most individual wins ever for *Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series*.
- At the Creative Arts Emmys, 96-year-old **Norman Lear** becomes the oldest Emmy winner ever, for his Variety Special "Live in Front of a Studio Audience: Norman Lear's All in the Family and The Jeffersons."

2020 72nd Emmy Awards (ABC, September 20)

- The COVID-19 pandemic shuts down television production in early March, but the Emmy Awards and telecast proceed, produced by Done + Dusted and executive produced by Guy Carrington, Reginald Hudlin, David Jammy, Ian Stewart and Jimmy Kimmel.
- The program, telecast from Staples Center at L.A. Live, without an audience, is critically acclaimed; it meets the pandemic and the social justice movement head-on and features historic wins.
- **Jimmy Kimmel** hosts a handful of in-person presenters: **Jennifer Aniston**, **Tracee Ellis Ross**, **Jason Sudeikis**, **Sterling K. Brown**, **Anthony Anderson**, **Zendaya** and **Randall Park**. One-hundred-and-forty video feeds from around the globe bring most of the night's presenters and nominees live from their living rooms — without a hitch.
- **"Schitt's Creek"** is the first comedy series to sweep all major categories, winning nine Emmys in total. **Eugene and Dan Levy, Catherine O'Hara** and **Annie Murphy** accept remotely at a socially distanced cast and crew gathering in Canada.
- **Zendaya** becomes the youngest woman to win *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series* for her starring role in "Euphoria."
- **Regina King** receives her fourth Emmy, for *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series* for "Watchman."
- HBO's "Succession" snags seven Emmys in total, including *Outstanding Drama Series;* **Jeremy Strong** wins *Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama.*
- **Tyler Perry** accepts the Governors Award for his achievements in television and commitment to helping marginalized communities through inclusive employment programs and other philanthropic initiatives.

2021 73rd Emmy Awards (CBS, September 19)

- COVID-19 continues to impact the Emmys; live production resumes, under industry and LA County health department protocols inside an air-conditioned tent on the Microsoft Theater Event Deck, produced by Done+Dusted and Hudlin Entertainment.
- **Cedric the Entertainer** hosts 400 nominees and guests who meet Covid protocols. Nominees and presenters appear remotely from worldwide locations.
- The most honored programs are **"Ted Lasso"** with seven Emmys, including *Outstanding Comedy Series*, and statuettes for lead performer **Jason Sudeikis** and supporting performers **Hannah Waddingham** and **Brett Goldstein**; and **"The Crown,"** with 11 wins including *Outstanding Drama Series* and statuettes for Lead Actress **Olivia Colman**, Lead Actor **Josh O'Conner**, Supporting Actress **Gillian Anderson** and Supporting Actor **Tobias Menzies**.
- **Jean Smart** wins her first Emmy as *Lead Actress in a Comedy Series* for "Hacks," while **Kate Winslet** wins her second Emmy for *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Anthology Series or Movie* for her starring role in "Mare of Easttown."
- **RuPaul Charles** makes Emmy history, becoming the most-awarded person of color with 11 wins. (He will break his own record in years to come.)
- "I May Destroy You" star **Michaela Coel** dedicates her Emmy for *Outstanding Writing for a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie to* survivors of sexual abuse.
- **Debbie Allen**, 2021 Creative Arts Emmy winner (producer, "Christmas on the Square") is presented with the Governors Award by **Jada Pinkett Smith**, **Ava DuVernay**, **Ellen Pompeo** and **Michael Douglas** for her numerous contributions to the television medium through multiple creative forms (actress, dancer, choreographer, director, writer, producer), and worldwide philanthropic endeavors.

2022 74th Emmy Awards (NBC, September 12)

- Returning to the Microsoft Theater, the Emmys feature a stunning Los Angeles supper club setting, with stages surrounded by tables of nominees, and is produced by Done+Dusted in association with Hudlin Entertainment.
- Host **Kenan Thompson** opens the show with an energetic musical number that takes audiences through top hits of television's past.
- The evening is dominated by **Lizzo**, who wins the Emmy for **"Lizzo's Watch Out for the Big Grrrls,"** waving her dancers to join her onstage: "This is for the big grrrls!"
- **Sheryl Lee Ralph** wins *Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series* for "Abbott Elementary" and sings Diane Reeves' "Endangered Species" to open her powerful acceptance speech. **Quinta Brunson** wins *Outstanding Writing* for "Abbott," in which she also stars.
- **"Squid Game"** makes history as the first Korean series — and first TV series not in English – to earn top Emmy Awards, following 14 nominations. **Hwang Dong-hyck** wins for *Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series* and star **Lee Jung-jae** wins *Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series*.
- **Zendaya** is the youngest actress to win an Emmy twice — again as *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series* for "Euphoria."
- **Jean Smart** becomes a five-time Emmy winner as she's recognized for a second time for her lead actress work on "Hacks."

2023 75th Emmy Awards (FOX, January 15, 2024)

- Due to 2023's WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes, the 75th Emmy Awards and telecast are pushed until January 2024. By late September 2023, both strikes are resolved, and

the Emmys are finally held at (the renamed) Peacock Theater at L.A. Live, produced by Jesse Collins Entertainment.

- **Anthony Anderson** hosts and opens the show with musical tributes to classic shows like "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," "The Facts of Life" and "Miami Vice."
- Several iconic casts reunite — on recreations of their shows' sets — to present awards throughout the telecast, including the casts of "Cheers," "Grey's Anatomy," "Martin," "Ally McBeal," "The Sopranos," "Weekend Update" and more.
- **"The Bear"** takes home 10 wins including *Outstanding Comedy Series*, **Jeremy Allen White** as *Outstanding Lead Actor*, and **Ayo Edebiri** as *Outstanding Supporting Actress*.
- **"Succession"** is awarded the most Emmys of the evening, scoring 14 wins from 25 nominations, including *Outstanding Drama Series*.
- **"Beef"** wins eight Emmys, including *Outstanding Limited or Anthology Series*, *Writing For A Limited or Anthology Series or Movie*, and *Directing For A Limited or Anthology Series or Movie*. **Ali Wong** is the first Asian American actress to win in a leading category for *Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie*.
- **Elton John** becomes an "EGOT" (an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award winner), after winning *Outstanding Variety Special* for "Elton John Live: Farewell From Dodger Stadium."

2024 76th Emmy Awards (ABC, September 15)

- **Dan and Eugene Levy**, the first father-son hosting duo in the history of the Emmys, and winners of multiple Emmys for "Schitt's Creek," hilariously host an evening of firsts.
- Memorable reunions happen throughout the show: "Happy Days" stars **Henry Winkler** and **Ron Howard** present Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series; marking the 25th Anniversary of "The West Wing," the cast presents the Outstanding Drama Series award, and urges the audience to vote in the 2024 election; while the Levys are joined by their "Schitt's Creek" co-stars **Catherine O'Hara** and **Annie Murphy** to present the Outstanding Comedy Series.
- ***"Shōgun,"*** *the FX drama set* in feudal Japan, featuring renowned Japanese actors speaking Japanese throughout, takes home 18 Emmys, setting a new record for most wins by a show for a single season, including Outstanding Drama Series, Outstanding Lead Actor **Hiroyuki Sanada**, and *Outstanding Lead Actress* **Anna Sawai**.
- **"Hacks"** wins *Outstanding Comedy Series* on its third nomination, and star **Jean Smart** takes home her third Emmy for her portrayal of comedy vet Deborah Vance.
- **Jodie Foster** wins her first Emmy for her lead role as a detective investigating the disappearance of Arctic researchers in "True Detective: Night Country."
- Scottish comedian **Richard Gadd** wins top honors for writing and acting in a limited or anthology series for "Baby Reindeer."

2025 77th Emmy Awards (CBS, September 14)

- Host **Nate Bargatze** opens the telecast playing Philo T. Farnsworth in a comedy sketch with "SNL" stars **Bowen Yang**, **Mikey Day** and **James Austin Johnson** and predicts the future of TV; throughout the show, Bargatze urges winners to keep their "thank yous" snappy or his major donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs would be docked.
- "The Late Show" and **Stephen Colbert** win *Outstanding Talk Series* and a robust standing ovation after his fellow nominees in the category rallied behind him following his show's abrupt cancellation.
- **Tramell Tillman** makes history as the first Black man ever to win an Emmy for *Outstanding Supporting Actor* in a Drama Series for "Severance."
- The big winners of the night were HBO's sophomore medical drama **"The Pitt,"** Apple TV+'s Hollywood freshman satire **"The Studio"** and Netflix's chilling psychological miniseries **"Adolescence."**

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