

# 70 Nominations in the 71st Annual Primetime Emmys on FOX, FOX Life, FOX Movies, National Geographic and FOX+

National Geographic documentary Free Solo receives seven Emmy nominations after winning the Oscar for Best Documentary Feature earlier this year

**HONG KONG, JULY 19 2019** – Pushing the boundaries for entertainment in Asia, FOX, FOX Life, FX and National Geographic is proud to be a host to 70 nominations in the 71<sup>st</sup> Primetime Emmy Awards. The nominations span the gamut of multi-part dramas, family-favorite reality shows and thrilling true stories – representing the vast and compelling array of storytelling that lives on the entertainment, factual and sports network.

A dominating force in the factual category, *Free Solo* (*National Geographic*) was recognized with seven Emmy nominations, including "Outstanding Directing For A Nonfiction Program" for directors Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin. The nominations come five months after *Free Solo* won the Oscar for "Best Documentary Feature" at the 91<sup>st</sup> Academy Awards, setting up *Free Solo* for a potential double-win at two of the world's most prestigious and competitive awards events.

Viewers in Asia can tune in to *Free Solo* during its primetime repeat on National Geographic on Saturday, August 31 at 9.00 PM HKT, to watch the thrilling true story of professional rock climber Alex Honnold as he scales the world's most famous vertical rock formation with no ropes and no safety equipment – a feat never before achieved, pushing the limits of human endurance.

National Geographic programs *Hostile Planet*, *The Flood* and *Savage Kingdom* also collected Emmy nominations.

Renowned for its innovative storytelling and unique voices of entertainment, the FX network was widely recognized in the 2019 Emmy nominations. Sleeper hit comedy **Schitt's Creek** (FX) collected four nominations, including first-ever Emmy acting nominations for comedy veterans Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara who star in the series. Don Cheadle received a lead actor nomination for his performance in **Black Monday** (FX), while Sacha Baron Cohen's jaw-dropping comedy series **Who Is America** (FX) was nominated for three Emmys including "Outstanding Variety Sketch Series" and "Outstanding Directing For A Variety Series". **Ray Donovan** (FX) and **What We Do in the Shadows** (FX) also received nominations.

**Escape at Dannemora** (FX) emerged as a leader in the limited series category, receiving 12 nominations including "Outstanding Limited Series". This gripping story of a real-life prison break also received acting nominations for its Hollywood stars Benicio del Toro, Paul Dano and Patricia



Arquette, and a directing nomination for Ben Stiller who won the DGA prize<sup>1</sup> for the series earlier this year.

Beloved reality entertainment and comedies were widely recognized on FOX Life. **Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown** (FOX Life) received six nominations, one year after the death of the series' eponymous chef, author and travel documentarian. Iconic singing competition **The Voice** (FOX Life) collected seven nominations, including "Outstanding Competition Program". **Crazy Ex-Girlfriend** (FOX Life) and **The 61st Grammy Awards** (FOX Life) also received nominations.

Laugh-out-loud comedies and tense crime drama on FOX collected a number of nominations, including "Outstanding Animated Program" for *The Simpsons* (FOX) as well as nominations for *Family Guy* (FOX), *Modern Family* (FOX) and *S.W.A.T.* (FOX).

The explosive and controversial documentary *Leaving Neverland* (FOX Movies, FOX+), which chronicles allegations of sexual abuse against pop icon Michael Jackson, is also amongst this year's list of Emmy nominees, nabbing five nominations.

Video-streaming service FOX+ now offers a catalogue of Emmy-nominated and award-winning titles available to stream in Asia. Viewers can tune in to this year's nominees including *Free Solo*, *Escape at Dannemora*, *Who Is America?*, *Hostile Planet*, *Leaving Neverland* and many more. FOX+ is also home to 11,000 hours of entertainment, live sport and documentaries; available in high-definition, on-demand and on any device.

Please see Appendix for a full list of the 70 Emmy nominations for National Geographic, FX, FOX Life and FOX. For more information about the 71<sup>st</sup> Primetime Emmy Awards, please visit www.emmys.com.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: <a href="https://www.msn.com/en-ca/entertainment/celebrity/ben-stiller-wins-dga-tv-movie-limited-series-award-for-escape-at-dannemora/ar-BBT6iiN">https://www.msn.com/en-ca/entertainment/celebrity/ben-stiller-wins-dga-tv-movie-limited-series-award-for-escape-at-dannemora/ar-BBT6iiN</a>



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