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# AND THE EMMY GOES TO ...

A brief history of television's most prestigious award

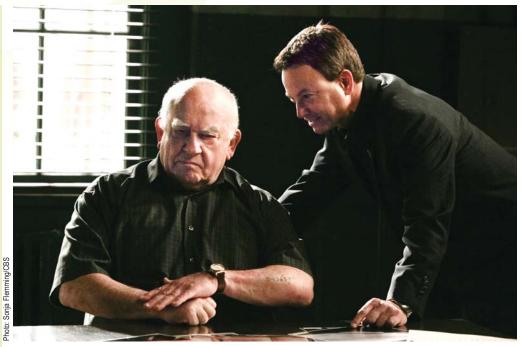
By Judi Miller

In 1946 the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (ATAS) was founded by Syd Cassyd. Cassyd, a reporter for *Boxoffice* magazine and a grip on the Paramount lot, recognized television's potential and organized a meeting to discuss forming an academy for television, similar to what the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences was for the film industry. Only seven people showed up, but by the fifth meeting there were 250 members. Entertainer Edgar Bergan was the first elected president and took office in January of 1947.

By 1948 preparations for the Academy's first award show were underway. The award statuette, a winged woman holding an atom, was designed by television engineer Louis McManus (he used his wife Dorothy as the model). The wings represent the muse of art, the atom the electron of science.

Then came naming the award. Cassyd suggested calling it the Ike, which was the nickname of the television iconoscope tube. However, the other members were concerned they would be linked to Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower, so instead they came up with Immy, a term used for the early image orthicon camera. The name was then feminized to match the female symbol and Emmy was born!

The very first Emmy was awarded on January 25, 1949 to 20-year-old Shirley Dinsdale, a ventriloquist, who won for being the Most Outstanding Television Personality. The national broadcast premiere of the Emmys was in 1955, and in 1957 the ceremony was telecast in color for the first time. The number of categories has fluctuated greatly over the years, from six to over 40, as has the wording of the categories.



Ed Asner in his Emmy-nominated appearance with Gary Sinise on CSI-NY

One fact remains constant, the *Primetime Emmy Award Show* has become television's most prestigious night.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

In 1964 Shelley Winters thanked "the whole motion picture academy."

"This is not the greatest moment in my life because on Friday I had a really great baked potato at Niblick's on Wilshire." Lily Tomlin after winning an Emmy in 1974.

"This is either the most courageous moment of my career, or the stupidest." Powers Booth after being the only winner to show up during the 1980 actors' strike.

"I guess I have to thank Showtime, even though they have canceled us." Blythe Danner, after winning the supporting actress in a drama for *Huff*.

#### INTERESTING FACTS

The Emmy statuette weighs just over four pounds and is made of copper, nickel, silver and gold.

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CORRECTION: In Memorium on Charlie Davis incorrectly stated he worked on a CBS Films production of *The Incredible Hulk* when it should have said *Beastly* 



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#### PRODUCTION S C H E D U L E







CSI:NY (CBS PRODUCTIONS/ CBS)

ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (CBS TV DISTRIBUTION/CBS)

THE INSIDER (CBS TV DISTRIBUTION/ CBS)

TRACEY ULLMAN'S STATE OF

THE UNION

(ALLAN MCKEOWN PRODUCTIONS/ SHOWTIME)

GARY UNMARRIED (FTP PRODUCTIONS/CBS)

RUBY AND THE ROCKITS (FTP PRODUCTIONS/ABC FAMILY)

UNITED STATES OF TARA (BLIND DECKER PRODUCTIONS/ SHOWTIME)

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BIG BROTHER 11 (OUR HOUSE PRODUCTIONS/CBS)

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- 23 CBS Health Fair at CBS Studio Center
- 27 Yom Kippur begins at sundown

### HOLLYWOOD OVATIONS

# 61<sup>ST</sup> PRIMETIME EMMY AWARD NOMINATIONS

#### Outstanding Casting for a Comedy Series

United States Of Tara • Showtime
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Television

Allison Jones, Original Casting By Cami Patton, CSA, Casting By Elizabeth Barnes, CSA, Casting By

#### Outstanding Cinematography for a Half-Hour Series

According To Jim • Heaven Opposed To Hell ABC • ABC Studios George Mooradian, Director of Photography

# Outstanding Hairstyling For A Single-Camera Series Tracey Ullman's State Of The Union

Episode 202 • Showtime
Showtime Presents in association with

Allan McKeown Presents LLC Martin Samuel, Department Head Hairstylist Colleen Labaff, Hairstylist

#### Outstanding Main Title Design

United States Of Tara • Showtime Showtime presents in association with

DreamWorks Television
Jamie Caliri, Director/Designer
Dave Finkel, Creative Director
Brett Baer, Creative Director
Alex Juhasz, Illustrator
Anthony Scott, Lead Animator
Morgan Hay, Title Producer

#### Outstanding Makeup for a Single-Camera Series

Little Britain USA ● 106 ● HBO ● 19

Entertainment/MBST Entertainment Limited in association with HBO Entertainment John E. Jackson, Department Head Makeup Artist Chris Burgoyne, Makeup Artist Matthew Mungle, Makeup Artist



In what shows did Ed Asner star on the CBS Studio Center lot?

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# HOLLYWOOD OVATIONS

# 61<sup>ST</sup> PRIMETIME EMMY AWARD NOMINATIONS cont'd

Outstanding Prosthetic Makeup for a Series, Miniseries, Movie or a Special

Little Britain USA • 105 • HBO • 19

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John E. Jackson, Special Makeup Effects Dept. Head Matthew W. Mungle, Prosthetic Designer, Special Makeup Effects Artist,

Chris Burgoyne, Makeup Artist

#### Tracey Ullman's State Of The Union

Episode 205 • Showtime
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Matthew Mungle, Prosthetic Designer, Special
Makeup Effects Department Head,
Sally Sutton Craven, Department Head Makeup
Artist
Kate Shorter, Additional Makeup Artist

#### **Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics**

United States Of Tara ◆ Showtime
Showtime presents in association with DreamWorks
Television
Tim DeLaughter, Main Title Theme by

#### Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series

United States Of Tara • Showtime Showtime presents in association with DreamWorks Television Toni Collette as Tara Gregson

Samantha Who? • ABC • ABC Studios Christina Applegate as Samantha Newly

The Sarah Silverman Program
Comedy Central Central Productions/Eleven Eleven

#### Outstanding Guest Actor in a Drama Series

CSI: NY • Yahrzeit • CBS
A CBS/Paramount Television Production
Edward Asner as Abraham Klein

#### And The Emmy Goes To...

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From 1955 to 1971 the Emmys were simulcast from both New York and Los Angeles to quell jealousies between rival cities. This often resulted in the screen going blank for up to one minute.

Jackie Gleason never won an Emmy for *The Honeymooners*, but sidekick Art Carney won five.

Huckleberry Hound was the first cartoon series to take home an Emmy.

#### **50 YEARS AGO**

Some 1959 Emmy Award Winners:

Outstanding Program Achievement in the Field of Drama – Playhouse 90 (CBS)

Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Variety – Fabulous Fifties (CBS)

Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Music – Leonard Bernstein & the NY Philharmonic (CBS)

Outstanding Writing Achievement in Drama – Rod Serling, Twilight Zone (CBS)

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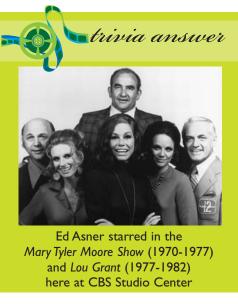
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