



PRESS
RELEASE

KET productions honored with six Regional Emmy Awards

FOR RELEASE: Aug. 7, 2017

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

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 our staff and their work” said KET executive director and CEO Shae Hopkins. “These Emmy awards are a testament to KET’s high-quality productions and our dedication to serving the people of the Commonwealth.”

KET PRODUCTIONS:

Military – Program

Thomas Bickel - *Kentucky Veterans of the Vietnam War: In Their Own Words*

Narrated by Kentuckian Nick Clooney and rich in archival photographs and home movies, *Kentucky Veterans of the Vietnam War: In Their Own Words* focuses on the intimate, ground-level experiences of Kentucky troops in Vietnam. More than 40 Kentucky veterans share harrowing memories of their time in combat, while several recount the pain of watching their friends and fellow soldiers make the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Documentary – Historical

Craig Cornwell, Shae Hopkins and Beth Kirchner – *Forgotten Fame: The Marion Miley Story*

While her legacy has faded with the passing of time, in 1930s America, Lexington golfer Marion Miley was at the top of her sport. Her name was known nationwide – by both golf devotees and non-players alike. Tragically, her career was cut short when she was murdered during a burglary at the Lexington Country Club in September 1941.



KET's 2016 documentary *Forgotten Fame: The Marion Miley Story* commemorates the 75th anniversary of her death at age 27, while detailing her pioneering work as one of the best female amateur golfers in the history of the game.

Magazine Program

Frank Simkonis – *Kentucky Life* “Haunted Louisville”

Kentucky Life explores Old Louisville, considered by some to be one of the most haunted neighborhoods in the country. With the help of local author David Domine, the program investigates the neighborhood's haunted histories and re-enacts several of the eerie happenings lurking behind the elegant exteriors of the Old Louisville mansions, including the Conrad-Caldwell House and the DuPont Mansion.

Magazine Feature/Segment

Steve Shaffer – *Kentucky Life* “The Pigeon Photographer”

Kentucky Life spotlights Lexington photographer David Stephenson, a photojournalist who also breeds and raises pedigreed pigeons. Known as “The Pigeon Photographer” on Instagram – a platform on which he has thousands of followers – Stephenson produces a popular calendar each year with his photos, revealing the beautiful plumage and graceful flight of these often-unheralded birds.

Frank Simkonis – *Kentucky Life* “Underground Railroad in Boone County”

Kentucky Life explores the key role that Boone County played in the history of the Underground Railroad in Kentucky. While identifying and visiting several sites within the county that were instrumental on the Underground Railroad, the program uncovers fascinating facts about the work of Boone County residents who assisted in the Underground Railroad's efforts to help escaped slaves sneak across the nearby Ohio River toward freedom in the North.

Nostalgia Program

Tom Thurman, Teresa Day and Shae Hopkins – *The Hilltoppers*

During the 1950s, an unassuming quartet from Bowling Green, Ky., made the astonishing rise from college singers to national fame – culminating in 21 songs on the Top 40 charts. This KET documentary showcases The Hilltoppers' path to stardom via archival performance footage, rare home movie clips and interviews with those who knew the group best – including the group's sole surviving original member, Don McGuire.



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 took place August 5 at the Lawrenceburg Event Center in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

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

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

###

CONTACT:

Tim Bischoff
Senior Director, Communications, Marketing and Online Content
(859) 258-7276
tbischoff@ket.org

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