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## South Carolina ETV's "Downing of a Flag" nominated for News & Documentary EMMY® award

*Program is one of four nominated in Outstanding Historical Documentary category*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Nominations for the 43rd Annual News and Documentary Emmy® Awards were recently announced by The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS). ***Downing of a Flag***, a two-hour, two-part documentary film that focuses on the history of the Confederate Battle flag and its impact on the people, politics and perceptions of South Carolina and beyond, has been nominated to receive a News & Documentary EMMY® Award.

As a [EMMY® award nominee](#), ***Downing of a Flag*** joins the ranks of the best storytelling in the television broadcasting industry. The 43rd Annual News & Documentary Emmy® Awards honor programming content from more than 2,500 submissions that originally premiered in calendar year 2021, judged by a pool of over 800 peer professionals from across the television and streaming/digital media News & Documentary industry. Honorees in 64 categories will be presented in two ceremonies on September 28 and 29, with the Documentary Categories being announced on Thursday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. EDT

The News & Documentary Emmy Awards will be presented live at the Palladium Times Square in New York City and will be streamed live on NATAS' dedicated viewing platform powered by Vimeo, available on the web at [Watch.TheEmmys.TV](#) and via The Emmys® apps for iOS, tvOS, Android, FireTV, and Roku (full list at [apps.theemmys.tv](#)).

Being an EMMY® Award Nominee is an opportunity to celebrate everyone involved with the making of ***Downing of a Flag*** and the issues it addresses—from the talent both in front of and behind the camera, to the studios and networks that helped bring it to life.

With firsthand interviews featuring various perspectives and a wealth of historical footage, ***Downing of a Flag*** traces the symbol's controversial relationship with the Palmetto State, the South and the nation, exploring its true meaning and how a racially-motivated 2015 church shooting, which killed State Senator Rev. Clementa Pinckney and eight black parishioners, served as the catalyst for the flag's long-debated removal.

A co-production between South Carolina ETV (SCETV), [Strategic Films](#) and [Susie Films](#), ***Downing of a Flag*** features interviews with current and former political figures, activists, and historians. This production was made possible with funding from [Dominion Energy](#), [Synovus](#), the [ETV Endowment](#), and [Eastern Distribution, Inc.](#)

As a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)-distributed project, ***Downing of a Flag*** is available for streaming on the PBS app and on [PBS.org](#). Viewers who wish to engage with the film online can do so on social media by following and liking @DowningOfAFlag on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

For more information on SCETV, visit [www.scetv.org](#). The complete list of News & Documentary EMMY® Award nominees is also available on the National Television Academy's website at [theemmys.tv](#).

**QUOTES:**

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“Being nominated for such a prestigious national award allows SCETV to help celebrate the hard work of the partners that helped to make this project happen. The nomination also elevates the story of this multifaceted issue in South Carolina history that *Downing of a Flag* tells. We are deeply honored by this recognition.” **–SCETV President and CEO Anthony Padgett**

“Receiving a National Emmy® nomination is both an honor and humbling. This recognition acknowledges the historical importance of the documentary's story. It also affirms the many creative talents that came together to present a diverse narrative in a dynamic visual style.” **–Downing of a Flag Executive Producer and SCETV Director of National Content and Regional Operations Don Godish**

“We are honored to be nominated by the National News & Documentary Emmy® Awards in the category of Best Historical Documentary. The history our film uncovers remains as relevant today as it ever has, as does the importance of accurately recording and understanding the past.” **–Downing of a Flag Director and Susie Films President Scott Galloway**

“It is truly an honor for our film to be nominated by the National News & Documentary Emmy® Awards for Best Historical Documentary. I remain humbled, proud, and blessed to be a part of the team that developed the concept, partnered with great organizations like SCETV and Susie Films, and produced a film that illuminates a story that is part of the arc of democracy's progress in our country and at the heart of what it means to be an American. We thank our corporate partners, Dominion Energy, Synovus Bank, Eastern Distribution, and The ETV Endowment of South Carolina, for their appreciation of history and willingness to support efforts that focus on education and bringing important stories to life.” **–Downing of a Flag Executive Producer and Founder/CEO of Strategic Films Duane Cooper**

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- The documentary is distributed nationally by PBS, which means viewers can stream the show on the PBS app and on PBS.org.
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#### **ABOUT NATAS**

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a service organization dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational, and technical achievements within the television industry. It recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy® Awards for News & Documentary, Sports, and Daytime television programming, as well as achievements in television Technology & Engineering. NATAS membership consists of more than 18,000 broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the United States. Beyond awards, NATAS provides extensive educational programs through its foundation, including regional and national scholarships and Student Production Awards.

#### **About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio**



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South Carolina ETV (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. Using television, radio and diverse digital properties, SCETV's mission is to enrich lives by educating children, informing and connecting citizens, celebrating our culture and environment and instilling the joy of learning. In addition to airing local programs, such as *Carolina Classrooms*, *Making It Grow*, *Palmetto Scene* and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *By The River*, *Expeditions*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South*, *Somewhere South*, *Yoga in Practice* and *Live from Charleston Music Hall*. In addition, SC Public Radio produces the national radio production, *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA*.

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