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## WVIA Public Media Wins 2 Mid-Atlantic Emmy® Awards

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Pittston, PA (WVIA) – On Saturday, Sept. 22, WVIA Public Media won 2 Emmy® Awards during the 30th Annual Mid-Atlantic Emmy® Awards in Philadelphia, PA. The WVIA programs honored were the *2011 Little League® Challenger Exhibition Game* and *Remembering the Scranton Sirens*.

The *2011 Little League Challenger Exhibition Game®*, which aired live Aug. 27, 2011 on WVIA-TV, won the Emmy® Award in the category of Outstanding Human Interest Program/Special. Members of WVIA present to accept the award were Bill Kelly, president/executive producer Tom Currá, senior VP/executive producer, Ben Payavis II, producer/director and Kathryn Davies, producer. Other nominees in this category were *Long Road Home*, WQED Multimedia, Pittsburg, *2012 Shining Stars* – The Comcast Sports/Net, Philadelphia and *Testimonios*, WFMZ-TV, Allentown.

The WVIA Original Documentary Film, *Remembering the Scranton Sirens*, which premiered Oct. 5, 2011 on WVIA-TV, won the Emmy® Award in the Outstanding Documentary category. Members of the production team present to accept the award were Andrew Sordoni, executive producer, Bill Kelly, president/executive producer, Tom Currá, executive producer, Greg Matkosky, creative director of documentary films, Kris Hendrickson, editor, Kathryn Davies, production administrator and Ben Payavis II, production manager. Other nominees in this category were *The Last Chapter* - WQED Multimedia Pittsburg, *Timebomb: Allentown Gas Explosion* - WFMZ-TV Allentown, *Van Gogh* - NBC Philadelphia, and *Rescuing the River: the Raritan* - NJN Public Television, Trenton NJ.

WVIA was also nominated in the category of Outstanding Interview/Discussion Program/Special for its *State of Pennsylvania* episode titled “Are Dikes NEPA’s Answer” which aired Sept. 15, 2011 on WVIA-TV.

**“This is a capstone for decisions made at WVIA years ago to become a major maker of regional documentaries. The team here let nothing keep us from that vision.”**

Said Bill Kelly, President and CEO of WVIA Public Media.

“This is a major accomplishment for WVIA and the region we serve. It would not be possible without the support of our members.” Said Thomas M. Currá, Executive Vice-President and Executive Producer at WVIA Public Media.

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences was founded in 1957, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter was chartered in 1981. It is 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® Award for News, Sports, Programming, Public Service and Technology.

People change and lives improve when powerful ideas challenge us. WVIA Public Media is a regional catalyst, convener and educator, using media, partnerships, ideas and programs to advance the best attributes of an enlightened society.

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