**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES NORTHWEST CHAPTER ANNOUNCES 2023 RECIPIENT OF THE GOVERNORS’ AWARD**

SEATTLE, Wash. – [The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Northwest Chapter](http://www.natasnw.org) is excited to honor MAPS Media Institute of Montana with the Governors’ Award.

The Governors’ Award is our chapter’s highest honor and recognizes achievements by individuals,

organizations or companies which do not fall within the structure of the Northwest Chapter’s regular Area Awards. The Board of Governors’ Award honors truly outstanding achievement in the arts, sciences or management of television either of a cumulative nature or so extraordinary and universal as to be beyond the realm of the awards presented.

MAPS Media Institute is a statewide Montana nonprofit which empowers, inspires and prepares Montana’s future generations for success through:

- Professional media arts instruction
- Engaging community service
- Compassionate mentoring

Established in 2004 as a free-of-charge after-school media arts program in the Bitterroot Valley, MAPS started teaching just 20 filmmaking students. Since 2004, while still free-of-charge, MAPS has expanded to year-round programming which reaches hundreds of students, grades 8 through 12, in dozens of schools throughout Montana. In addition to the original film class, MAPS offers all media arts mediums including graphic design, music production, new technologies, podcast, photojournalism, and more!

“We are excited to recognize the incredible work MAPS Media Institute is doing throughout Montana,” said Nicole Sanchez, NATAS NW president. “This non-profit is truly helping young people find their voice through storytelling in a unique and powerful way.”

MAPS Media Institute will be presented with the Governors’ Award at the 60th annual NW Regional Emmy® Awards Gala on June 3rd, at Fremont Studios in Seattle. For this award an Emmy® Statuette is given.

About NATAS Northwest: The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television, the fostering of creative leadership in the television industry, and the encouragement of excellence in artistic, educational, cultural, and technical progress.

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