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TELEVISION ACADEMY PREVIEWS IN-PERSON EMMY AWARDS[®] SHOW AND SHARES BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT CELEBRATIONS LEADING UP TO TELEVISION'S BIGGEST NIGHT

(NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. – Sept. 15, 2021) – The Television Academy today shared a glimpse of the 73rd Emmy[®] Awards "Celebrations Under The Stars" events held over the past two weeks for this year's Emmy nominees while unveiling plans for the widely anticipated return to an in-person Emmy telecast. Hosted by Cedric The Entertainer, the **73rd Emmy Awards** airs this **Sunday, Sept. 19, (8:00-11:00 PM, live ET/5:00-8:00 PM, live PT)** on the CBS Television Network and is available to stream live and on demand on Paramount+.

The Academy welcomed Emmy host Cedric The Entertainer and telecast executive producers Reggie Hudlin and Ian Stewart for a "sneak peek" at this year's Emmy Awards set design and special show elements. Attendees at today's event also experienced the hospitality enjoyed by Emmy nominees at 11 exclusive celebrations held in their honor this year. In addition to tasting the culinary creations prepared by celebrity chefs Eric Greenspan and Sherry Yard, attendees sampled the special toasting beverages of Sterling Vineyards, Franciacorta and Ketel One and were introduced to Emmy Awards automotive sponsor Kia America's sleek new EV-6 all-electric SUV. The 73rd Emmy Awards partners also include PEOPLE[®] and United Airlines.

The Emmy telecast talent lineup includes Paulina Alexis, Anthony Anderson, Annaleigh Ashford, Angela Bassett, Adrien Brody, Awkwafina, Stephen Colbert, Jennifer Coolidge, Misty Copeland, Kaley Cuoco, Michael Douglas, Ava DuVernay, Lane Factor, Beanie Feldstein, Allyson Felix, America Ferrera, Sterlin Harjo, Taraji P. Henson, Devery Jacobs, Ken Jeong, Mindy Kaling, Gayle King, LL COOL J, Vanessa Lachey, Dan Levy, Eugene Levy, Jessica Long, Annie Murphy, Catherine O'Hara, Sarah Paulson, Dolly Parton, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Amy Poehler, Ellen Pompeo, Billy Porter, Michaela Jaé (Mj) Rodriguez, Seth Rogen, Tracee Ellis Ross, Yara Shahidi, Hailee Steinfeld, Patrick Stewart, Wilmer Valderrama, Kerry Washington, Rita Wilson, D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai, Bowen Yang and Catherine Zeta-Jones. GRAMMY Award-winning R&B artist Leon Bridges and Academy Award-winning recording artist Jon Batiste (*The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*) will perform a special "in memoriam" song by Bridges. Also, bandleader Reggie Watts (*The Late Late Show with James Corden*) will serve as DJ for the evening.

About the Television Academy

The Television Academy seeks to expand the horizons of television excellence. Through the programs, publications and events of the Academy and its Foundation, it strives to empower storytellers who shape the evolving television space. And it celebrates those who have excelled by recognizing their achievements through accolades and awards, including television's most coveted prize the Primetime Emmy[®] Award. For more information, please visit <u>TelevisionAcademy.com</u>.

For more information and updates on the show, go to <u>TelevisionAcademy.com/Emmys</u> and follow @TelevisionAcad on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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