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THE 64th ANNUAL CHICAGO/MIDWEST EMMY® AWARDS CEREMONY

Chicago native and HBO Max star Sultan A. Salahuddin II to host the in-person awards show on December 3rd, 2022 at 7 pm. The event will also be streamed live on chicagoemmyonline.org.

Chicago –October 23, 2022 – The Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is pleased to announce that the in-person 64th Annual Chicago/Midwest Emmy® Awards ceremony will be held at the Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile, 540 N. Michigan, on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 7 pm.

The annual event, which honors regional Emmy® winners in a wide range of broadcast and craft categories, will be available online at the NATAS Chicago/Midwest website (www.chicagoemmyonline.org). It will also be available on You Tube and the Emmys® app.

“This is our first in-person Emmy® Ceremony in three years, the last one held in November 2019,” said Chicago/Midwest NATAS President John Owens. “Obviously, COVID-19 forced us to livestream the event for the past two years. We are extremely excited to be in front of a live audience again.”

Comedian Sultan A. Saladuddin II, a South Side native, co-creator, producer, writer and star of the HBO Max Comedy, *South Side*, will be hosting. *South Side* follows two friends who just graduated from community college and are ready to take over the world, but until they do, they’re stuck working at Rent-T-Own. Shot on location in Chicago's Englewood and various other south side neighborhoods, the show offers an authentic look into what life on the South Side is all about. The show's third season will air on HBO Max this December 2022.

Richard Roeper of the *Sun-Times* wrote of the series, “*South Side* is sharply observed, slyly satirical, uproariously funny — and instantly addictive. It is edgy and bold, outrageous and provocative...” Roeper continues, “the show (sic) is a fearless, unapologetic, equal opportunity offender — sometimes going to near absurdist lengths in shining a spotlight on racial and cultural and societal issues, but never in mean-spirited fashion, and always in the interest of keeping us laughing. And thinking.”

The show also features local news reports from fictional WZVK-TV in Chicago. Former WLS-TV and WLFD-TV anchor Lauren Cohn is featured in the news reports. “We hope to incorporate WZVK into the show,” said Board President John Owens, “we think Sultan will do a great job of bringing a sense of a fun into the show. We were thrilled that he agreed to host.”

Chicago/Midwest members come from all areas of the industry and includes Illinois markets: Chicago, Rockford, Peoria-Bloomington; Wisconsin markets: Milwaukee, Green Bay-Appleton, Madison, Wausau-Rhineland and Indiana markets: South Bend-Elkhart.

The Chicago Chapter was founded in 1958 after an expansion call by then National President, Ed Sullivan. The Chapter is one of the largest and most senior local chapters in the country, with a proud history of innovation and excellence in the field of broadcast television and beyond. The Chicago Chapter became regional in the early 1990s, becoming the Chicago/Midwest Chapter by expanding to include markets in two neighboring states.

For more information about the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, visit www.chicagoemmyonline.org

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