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## *2014 Emmy Awards: 'Game of Thrones,' 'Fargo' Lead Nominations*



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HBO again led the way in nominations for the 66th annual nighttime **Emmy Awards**, buoyed by the strong showing of new drama “True Detective” and the movie “The Normal Heart,” as the voting again tilted heavily toward cable and new players such as Netflix.

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As usual, the nominations announced Thursday morning mixed returning series with a few breakthroughs, with the logjam of quality programming inevitably bound to produce grumbling about those shows that were overlooked.

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With “True Detective” nabbing nods for best drama as well as stars Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson — and “Game of Thrones” leading all programs, with 19 nods — HBO totaled 99 Emmy bids, the most of any network for the 14th consecutive year. The pay service’s coups also included a best-comedy nod to the new sitcom “Silicon Valley,” while one of the more high-profile network contenders, Fox’s “Brooklyn Nine-Nine,” didn’t make the cut.

Similarly, there was no room for CBS’ acclaimed “The Good Wife” in the drama voting, which saw only one broadcast show, PBS’ “Downton Abbey,” admitted to the club.

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Netflix, meanwhile, more than doubled last year’s nomination tally with 31 — surpassing both AMC and Fox — including best comedy and drama for “Orange Is the New Black” and “House of Cards,” respectively, as well as “Derek” star Ricky Gervais.

The academy clearly picked a good year to restore movies and miniseries as separate categories, after a stretch where the two had been merged because of a dearth of the latter, with FX’s “ Fargo” among the leading contenders, with 18 nominations.

Nominees are listed below.

**Best Drama Series**

“Breaking Bad”  
“Downton Abbey”  
“Game of Thrones”  
“House of Cards”  
“Mad Men”  
“True Detective”

**Best Comedy Series**

“The Big Bang Theory”  
“Louie”  
“Modern Family”  
“Orange is the New Black”  
“Silicon Valley”  
“Veep”

**Lead Actor in a Drama Series**

Bryan Cranston, “Breaking Bad”  
Jeff Daniels, “The Newsroom”  
Jon Hamm, “Mad Men”  
Woody Harrelson, “True Detective”  
Matthew McConaughey, “True Detective”  
Kevin Spacey, “House of Cards”

**Lead Actress in a Drama Series**

Lizzy Caplan, “Masters of Sex”  
Claire Danes, “Homeland”  
Michelle Dockery, “Downton Abbey”  
Julianna Margulies, “The Good Wife”  
Kerry Washington, “Scandal”  
Robin Wright, “House of Cards”

**Lead Actor, Comedy**

Jim Parsons, “The Big Bang Theory”  
Ricky Gervais, “Derek”  
Matt LeBlanc, “Episodes”  
Don Cheadle, “House of Lies”  
Louis C.K., “Louie”  
William H. Macy, “Shameless”

**Lead Actress, Comedy**

Lena Dunham, “Girls”  
Edie Falco, “Nurse Jackie”  
Julia Louis Dreyfus, “Veep”  
Melissa McCarthy, “Mike & Molly”

Amy Poehler, "Parks & Recreation"  
Taylor Schilling, "Orange Is the New Black"

#### **Lead Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie**

Benedict Cumberbatch, "Sherlock: His Last Vow"  
Chiwetel Ejiofor, "Dancing on the Edge"  
Martin Freeman, "Fargo"  
Billy Bob Thorton, "Fargo"  
Idris Elba, "Luther"  
Mark Ruffalo, "The Normal Heart"

#### **Lead Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie**

Helena Bonham Carter, "Burton and Taylor"  
Minnie Driver, "Return to Zero"  
Jessica Lange, "American Horror Story: Coven"  
Sarah Paulson, "American Horror Story: Coven"  
Cicely Tyson, "The Trip to Beautiful"  
Kristen Wiig, "The Spoils of Babylon"

#### **Reality-Competition Series**

"The Amazing Race"  
"Dancing with the Stars"  
"Project Runway"  
"So You Think You Can Dance"  
"Top Chef"  
"The Voice"

#### **Variety Series**

"The Colbert Report"  
"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"  
"Jimmy Kimmel Live"  
"Real Time with Bill Maher"  
"Saturday Night Live"  
"The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon"

#### **Miniseries**

"American Horror Story: Coven"  
"Bonnie & Clyde"  
"Fargo"  
"Luther"  
"Treme"  
"The White Queen"

#### **Television Movie**

"Killing Kennedy"  
"Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight"

"The Normal Heart"  
"Sherlock: His Last Vow"  
"The Trip to Bountiful"

**Supporting Actor, Drama**

Aaron Paul, "Breaking Bad"  
Jim Carter, "Downton Abbey"  
Peter Dinklage, "Game of Thrones"  
Josh Charles, "The Good Wife"  
Mandy Patinkin, "Homeland"  
Jon Voight, "Ray Donovan"

**Supporting Actress, Drama**

Anna Gunn, "Breaking Bad"  
Maggie Smith, "Downton Abbey"  
Joanne Froggatt, "Downton Abbey"  
Lena Headey, "Game of Thrones"  
Christine Baranski, "The Good Wife"  
Christina Hendricks, "Mad Men"

**Supporting Actor, Comedy**

Andre Braugher, "Brooklyn Nine-Nine"  
Adam Driver, "Girls"  
Jesse Tyler Ferguson, "Modern Family"  
Ty Burrell, "Modern Family"  
Fred Armisen, "Portlandia"

**Supporting Actress, Comedy**

Mayim Bialik, "The Big Bang Theory"  
Julie Bowen, "Modern Family"  
Allison Janney, "Mom"  
Kate Mulgrew, "Orange Is the New Black"  
Kate McKinnon, "Saturday Night Live"  
Anna Chlumsky, "Veep"

**Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie**

Colin Hanks, "Fargo"  
Jim Parsons, "The Normal Heart"  
Joe Mantello, "The Normal Heart"  
Alfred Molina, "The Normal Heart"  
Matt Bomer, "The Normal Heart"  
Martin Freeman, "Sherlock: His Last Vow"

**Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie**

Frances Conroy, "American Horror Story: Coven"  
Kathy Bates, "American Horror Story: Coven"

Angela Bassett, "American Horror Story: Coven"  
Allison Tolman, " Fargo"  
Ellen Burstyn, "Flowers in the Attic"  
Julia Roberts, "The Normal Heart"

**Guest Actor, Drama**

Paul Giamatti, "Downton Abbey"  
Dylan Baker, "The Good Wife"  
Reg E. Cathey, "House of Cards"  
Robert Morse, "Mad Men"  
Beau Bridges, "Masters of Sex"  
Joe Morton, "Scandal"

**Guest Actress, Drama**

Margo Martindale, "The Americans"  
Diana Rigg, "Game of Thrones"  
Kate Mara, "House of Cards"  
Allison Janney, "Masters of Sex"  
Jane Fonda, "Newsroom"  
Kate Burton, "Scandal"

**Guest Actor, Comedy**

Bob Newhart, "The Big Bang Theory"  
Nathan Lane, "Modern Family"  
Steve Buscemi, "Portlandia"  
Jimmy Fallon, "Saturday Night Live"  
Louis C.K., "Saturday Night Live"  
Gary Cole, "Veep"

**Guest Actress, Comedy**

Natasha Lyonne, "Orange Is the New Black"  
Uzo Aduba, "Orange Is the New Black"  
Laverne Cox, "Orange Is the New Black"  
Tina Fey, "Saturday Night Live"  
Melissa McCarthy, "Saturday Night Live"  
Joan Cusack, "Shameless"

**Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series**

"Breaking Bad" • Ozymandias • AMC • Sony Pictures Television  
Moirá Walley-Beckett, Written by

"Breaking Bad" • Felina • AMC • Sony Pictures Television  
Vince Gilligan, Written by

“Game of Thrones” • The Children • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association with Bighead, Littlehead; Television 360; Startling Television and Generator Productions  
Written by David Benioff, written by D.B. Weiss,

“House Of Cards” • Chapter 14 • Netflix • Donen/Fincher/Roth and Trigger Street Productions, Inc. in association with Media Rights Capital for Netflix  
Beau Willimon, Written by

“True Detective” • The Secret Fate of all of Life • HBO,  
Nic Pizzolatto, Written by

### **Directing for a Drama Series**

Boardwalk Empire • Farewell Daddy Blues • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association with Leverage, Closest to the Hole Productions, Sikelia Productions and Cold Front Productions  
Tim Van Patten, Directed by

Breaking Bad • Felina • AMC • Sony Pictures Television  
Vince Gilligan, Directed by

Downton Abbey • Episode 1 • PBS • A Carnival Films/Masterpiece Co-Production in association with NBC Universal  
David Evans, Directed by

Game of Thrones • The Watchers On The Wall • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association with Bighead, Littlehead; Television 360; Startling Television and Generator Productions  
Neil Marshall, Directed by

House of Cards • Chapter 14 • Netflix • Donen/Fincher/Roth and Trigger Street Productions, Inc. in association with Media Rights Capital for Netflix  
Carl Franklin, Directed by

True Detective • Who Goes There • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association with Neon Black, Anonymous Content, Parliament of Owls and Passenger  
Cary Joji Fukunaga, Directed by

### **Directing for a Comedy Series**

Episodes • Episode 309 • Showtime • Showtime Presents, Hat Trick Productions, Crane Klarik Productions  
Iain B. MacDonald, Directed by

Glee • 100 • Fox • Ryan Murphy Television in association with 20th Century Fox Television  
Paris Barclay, Directed by

Louie • Elevator, Part 6 • FX Networks • Pig Newton, Inc. and FX Productions  
Louis C.K., Directed by

Modern Family • Vegas • ABC • Picador Productions and Steven Levitan Productions in  
association with 20th Century Fox Television  
Gail Mancuso, Directed by

Orange Is The New Black • Lesbian Request Denied • Netflix • Lionsgate Television for  
Netflix  
Jodie Foster, Directed by

Silicon Valley • Minimum Viable Product • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association with  
Judgemental Films, Alec Berg, Altschuler Krinsky works, and 3 Arts Entertainment  
Mike Judge, Directed by

### **Writing for a Comedy Series**

Episodes • Episode 305 • Showtime • Showtime Presents, Hat Trick Productions, Crane  
Klarik Productions  
David Crane, Written by  
Jeffrey Klarik, Written by

Louie • So Did The Fat Lady • FX Networks • Pig Newton, Inc. and FX Productions  
Louis C.K., Written by

Orange Is the New Black • I Wasn't Ready (Pilot) • Netflix • Lionsgate Television for Netflix  
Liz Friedman, Written by Jenji Kohan, Written by

Silicon Valley • Optimal Tip-To-Tip Efficiency • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association  
with Judgemental Films, Alec Berg, Altschuler Krinsky works, and 3 Arts Entertainment  
Alec Berg, Written by

Veep • Special Relationship • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association with Dundee  
Productions  
Simon Blackwell, Story and Teleplay by Tony Roche, Story and Teleplay by Armando  
Iannucci, Story by

### **Writing for a Miniseries, Movie or a Dramatic Special**

American Horror Story: Coven • Bitchcraft • FX Networks • 20th Century Fox Television  
Ryan Murphy, Written by Brad Falchuk, Written by

Fargo • The Crocodile's Dilemma • FX Networks • MGM and FX Productions  
Noah Hawley, Written by




Luther • BBC America • A BBC and BBC America co-production  
Neil Cross, Written by

The Normal Heart • HBO • HBO Films in association with Plan B Entertainment, Blumhouse  
and Ryan Murphy Productions  
Larry Kramer, Screenplay by

Sherlock: His Last Vow (Masterpiece) • PBS • Hartswood West for BBC/Cymru Wales in co-  
production with Masterpiece  
Steven Moffat, Written by

Treme • ...To Miss New Orleans • HBO • HBO Entertainment in association with Blown  
Deadline Productions  
David Simon, Written by Eric Overmyer, Written by

### **Directing for a Miniseries, Movie or a Dramatic Special**

 American Horror Story: Coven • Bitchcraft • FX Networks • 20th Century Fox Television  
Alfonso Gomez-Rejon, Directed by

Fargo • The Crocodile's Dilemma • FX Networks • MGM and FX Productions  
Adam Bernstein, Directed by

Fargo • Buridan's Ass • FX Networks • MGM and FX Productions  
Colin Bucksey, Directed by

Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight • HBO • HBO Films in association with Rainmark Films and  
Sakura Films  
Stephen Frears, Directed by

The Normal Heart • HBO • HBO Films in association with Plan B Entertainment, Blumhouse  
and Ryan Murphy Productions  
Ryan Murphy, Directed by

Sherlock: His Last Vow (Masterpiece) • PBS • Hartswood West for BBC/Cymru Wales in co-  
production with Masterpiece  
Nick Hurran, Directed by