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***Waterman* is Nominated for the 44th Emmy Awards® for Outstanding Historical Documentary**

Los Angeles, CA – **The Foundation for Global Sports Development** (GSD) and **Sidewinder Films**, producer of the award-winning documentary, ***Waterman***, receives a News and Docs Emmy® nomination for Outstanding Historical Documentary.

Directed by Isaac Halasima, the film explores the journey of Duke Paoa Kahanamoku and his influence as a legendary swimmer, trailblazer, and the undisputed father of modern-day surfing. Since the film's theatrical release in 2021, *Waterman* climbed to the #1 documentary in America after two short weeks, screened at 37 film festivals across the world, and received 15 awards and accolades.

After seeing the film at the 2021 Florida Surf Film Festival, cast member and 11-time World Surf League champion Kelly Slater remarked: "This movie outlines what seems to be a timely topic given our current civil situation but also brings everyone up to speed with the importance Duke played not only for surfing, but in the community at large in a time when people of color were rarely celebrated. His kindness and humility shone through some tough times in history, and he inspired people with his character, kindness and larger than life persona."

The Foundation for Global Sports Development created *Waterman*, and its other films, to inspire curiosity and create a lasting impact.

"Like so many others, the Foundation has been inspired by Duke Kahanamoku's Creed of Aloha, philosophy of inclusion, compassion, and responsibility," said David Ulich, *Waterman* producer and executive board member of The Foundation for Global Sports Development. "A huge thank you to the many individuals, organizations, and teams involved in this project for putting their heart into honoring Duke, and making the international reach of this film possible. We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Duke's birthday month this August."

Judged by a pool of over 1,000 peer professionals from the television and streaming/digital media news and documentary industry, the 44th Annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards recognize outstanding programming content from more than 2,300 submissions that first aired in calendar year 2022. The complete list of nominees can be found at www.theemmys.tv.

"The News & Documentary Emmy® Awards honor the work of dedicated professionals working at the highest level of the broadcast journalism and documentary filmmaking professions," said Adam Sharp, President and CEO, NATAS. "They pay tribute to the journalists who bring us up-to-the-minute reporting on the critical stories of our time, and the documentary storytellers who explore important social, cultural, and political issues in great depth. NATAS is proud to celebrate the work of this year's nominees."

The film's director, producers, and cast will attend the live ceremony at New York City's Palladium Times Square in September.



About The Foundation for Global Sports Development

Established in 1996, The Foundation for Global Sports Development delivers and supports initiatives that promote accessible, fair, and abuse-free sport for youth, through grants, awards, and educational projects. In 2015, it launched its media division, Sidewinder Films, to inspire and educate audiences through films that highlight remarkable, untold stories of sports and life. Learn more at <https://globalsportsdevelopment.org> and <https://www.sidewinderfilms.org>.

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