

PRESS RELEASE

**63rd MONTE-CARLO TELEVISION FESTIVAL CELEBRATES
CLOSING CEREMONY
HONORARY GOLDEN NYMPH PRESENTED TO OLIVIER MARCHAL
WINNERS OF PRESTIGIOUS GOLDEN NYMPH AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

Monaco, 18 June 2024

Stars and celebrities walked a glittering Blue Carpet at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco this evening ahead of the Closing Ceremony of the 63rd Monte-Carlo Television Festival, hosted by French TV anchor **Laury Thilleman** alongside singer, TV anchor and radio presenter **Vincent Niclo**.

Winners of the prestigious **Golden Nymph Awards** were announced during the ceremony in the Salles Des Princes theatre. Laureates were selected from **18 nominated programmes from 11 countries** across the **Fiction and News & Documentaries Categories** as well as the **Prince Rainier III Special Prize** and received their awards in the presence of **H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco and H.S.H. Princess Charlene of Monaco**. Other honours were also presented including the **Prix du Public** in partnership with **BetaSeries**, the **Monaco Red Cross Prize** and the **AMADE** Prize.

The Honorary Golden Nymph Award, the Festival's highest accolade bestowed upon a renowned professional for their extraordinary contribution to the entertainment industry, was presented to celebrated French actor and director **Olivier Marchal** (*36 quai des Orfèvres, Ne le dis à personne, Braquo, Bronx...*) by **H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco**.

During the course of the past week, the 63rd Monte-Carlo Television Festival has hosted a sparkling selection of first-look screenings both in and out of competition. **4 World premieres** along with **2 International** and **4 French** premieres took place over the five-day Festival attended by more than **210 VIPS**.

More than 30 exciting and innovative public events gave fans incredible access to engage with their favorites, including a selfie session with the talent from **Un Si Grand Soleil**, plus autograph signings with cast members from hit shows **Chicago Med, FBI, FBI: Most Wanted** as well as with stars from the soaps **The Bold and the Beautiful** and **The Young and the Restless**, who also attended fabulous *Behind The Scenes* events. The long-awaited **50th Anniversary** of primetime drama **Little House on the Prairie** held a unique gathering and a special Tea Party. Celebrating its 1000th episode, **NCIS** stars took part in a *Behind The Scenes* event and the Festival's official partner, **SLA Paris**, once again organized an amazing make-up experience for the public.

More than 1300 interviews were conducted by leading print, internet and TV journalists from more **than 36 countries**, to showcase brand new series set to launch internationally in the coming months.

The expanded and carefully curated **Business Content** sessions, boasted a line-up of leading industry experts, including **Dan Cohen**, Chief Content Licensing Officer at Paramount and President Republic pictures and CEO and Executive Producer **Lori McCreary** at Revelations Entertainment, joined jury and committee members, plus a number of nominated producers in competition, who all shared unique insights into the challenges and opportunities currently facing the global entertainment industry.

H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco stated, *“I was thrilled to present special distinctions, recognising their talent and outstanding contribution to the entertainment industry, to both Olivier Marchal and Morgan Freeman. I send my sincere congratulations to the laureates and all the nominees of the Golden Nymphs competition which celebrates the very best international scripted and factual programming.”*

Laurent Puons, CEO of the Monte-Carlo Television Festival comments, *“It has been a real pleasure to preside over such a spectacular Festival which has hosted incredible talent appearances, fabulous premiere screenings, numerous fan events and significant industry debates. We have all been so entertained and have learned so much from truly exceptional and inspirational programs. I would particularly like to thank our jury members for their dedication and expertise in deciding the winners of our highly-coveted Golden Nymph Awards. Our 63rd Festival has simply been the best yet!”*

WINNERS