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***BORN TO EXPLORE WITH RICHARD WIESE***  
**IS HONORED WITH FIVE DAYTIME EMMY® AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Westport, CT (March 31, 2015): The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) has honored ***Born to Explore with Richard Wiese*** with five nominations for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Daytime Emmy® Awards. ***Born to Explore*** is a syndicated travel series, airing nationally on ABC as part of Litton's Weekend Adventure. The show was nominated in the following categories:

- Outstanding Travel Program;
- Outstanding Lifestyle/Travel/Children's Series Host;
- Outstanding Writing Special Class;
- Outstanding Sound Mixing – Live Action;
- Outstanding Music Direction and Composition.

"There are so many places and cultures left in the world to discover. I am passionate about exploration—whether it's the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, wildlife in the Arctic or the customs of indigenous people," comments host Richard Wiese. "I feel privileged to be able to share these unique experiences with our viewers and foster a better understanding of the world we all share. "

Recent episodes of ***Born to Explore with Richard Wiese*** included the hunting rituals of a stone-age tribe in Tanzania; the endangered mountain gorillas and pygmies of Uganda; and the picturesque fairy chimneys of Cappadocia, Turkey, as seen from a hot-air balloon.

"We are extremely humbled to be recognized by the television industry and by our peers with these nominations," added Mercedes Velgot, Executive Producer. "I am so proud of our talented production team. They are hardworking professionals who are committed to excellence."

In previous seasons, ***Born to Explore*** earned six Daytime Emmy® nominations and won the 2013 Emmy® Award for Outstanding Single-Camera Cinematography.

The ***Born to Explore*** production team is locally based, with offices in Westport. Host and Executive Producer Richard Wiese lives in Weston, as does Executive Producer Mercedes Velgot; Co-Executive Producer Andrew Ames lives in Redding.

The Daytime Creative Arts Emmy® Awards gala will be held on April 24th in Los Angeles.

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#### **About Richard Wiese**

As an explorer and respected field scientist, Richard has traveled to all seven continents. He was the youngest President of the legendary Explorers Club. Richard has tagged jaguars in the Yucatan jungles, led expeditions to the Northern Territory of Australia and was a member of the largest medical expedition ever conducted on Mt. Everest. He achieved the first ascent of an unclimbed mountain in Alaska, discovered 29 new life forms on Africa's Mt. Kilimanjaro and cross-country skied to the North Pole. As a journalist, he has received numerous honors, including an Emmy Award, a Genesis Award, an Associated Press Folio Award, a Golden Halo Award and the 2012 Walter Cronkite Award for his contributions to journalism and exploration. He is also the author of Born to Explore: How To Be A Backyard Adventurer (Harper Collins 2009).

#### **About Litton Entertainment**

Litton Entertainment is the preeminent independent producer and distributor in the U.S. television industry creating and distributing quality programming for over twenty years. Litton's Weekend Adventure, produced by Litton Studios, is the first program block of its kind airing Saturdays on ABC stations nationwide. Litton's Weekend Adventure features all original E/I series including Jack Hanna's Wild Countdown, Emmy®-winning Ocean Mysteries with Jeff Corwin, Emmy®-winning Born to Explore with Richard Wiese, Emmy®-nominated Sea Rescue and Emmy®-nominated The Wildlife Docs. Litton Entertainment provides CBS Network with six original programs for Saturday mornings called CBS Dream Team, It's Epic!, including Emmy®-nominated Lucky Dog, Emmy®-nominated The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation with Mo Rocca, All in With Laila Ali, and Emmy®-nominated Game Changers with Kevin Frazier. Litton recently announced the new block of programming for The CW, One Magnificent Morning. For more information about Litton Entertainment, visit <http://www.litton.tv>.

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