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BTPM Wins NY Emmy for Compact History

Educational digital series won in Instructional category

Compact History, an original digital series from Buffalo Toronto Public Media that aims to help 4th to 8th grade students understand the relevance of historical moments, won a NY Emmy on Saturday in the Informational/Instructional category. The episode that was nominated was “Battling for Fossils? How the Westward Expansion Fueled Conflict and Competition in the USA,” which highlights the story of a paleontologist from Western New York.

“This is such a proud moment for the entire Compact History team, which includes many people across Buffalo Toronto Public Media, from producers and editors to episode and curriculum writers and animators – and several talented freelancers, including host Cory McCants,” said Lynne Bader, VP of Original Content Creation. “Receiving an Emmy for Compact History demonstrates that our shift to shorter content made for digital platforms is succeeding.”

Compact History follows Cory, a time-traveling middle school history teacher, as he journeys beyond the textbook telling untold stories that transformed our world. From his time portal in Western New York, Cory discovers connections between local historical events and their national impact.

Compact History and its accompanying learning activities are available at wned.org/compacthistory or on PBS Learning Media, a free resource for educators. The videos are also available on the Buffalo Toronto Public Media YouTube channel.

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Buffalo Toronto Public Media engages with our communities through exploration and entertainment – everywhere. Our member-supported services include WNED PBS, WBFO (NPR) (88.7 in Buffalo, 91.3 in Olean, 88.1 in Jamestown), WNED Classical (94.5 in Buffalo, 89.7 WNJA in Jamestown), WBFO The Bridge (88.7 HD2 and 94.5 HD2 in Buffalo), Radio Bilingüe (88.7 HD3), WNED Create, and WNED PBS KIDS. WNED PBS is also a national producer of award-winning documentaries. Additional information about Buffalo Toronto Public Media can be found at wned.org.