

HBO's Bob Costas to host 66th annual Peabody Awards

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Bob Costas, one of television's most accomplished broadcasters, will host the 66th Annual George Foster Peabody Awards ceremony on Monday, June 4, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

"We are delighted to have Bob as the host for the 66th Annual Peabody Awards," said Horace Newcomb, director of the Peabody Awards at the University of Georgia. "He has made the world of sports accessible to everyone and has guided television audiences through some of history's greatest moments in sports. The breadth and depth of his experience matches the Peabody search for excellence in electronic media wherever it appears."

The winners of the Peabody Awards for original broadcast, cablecast and Webcast programs presented in 2006 will be announced via Webcast and satellite on April 5 from the University of Georgia.

A 19-time Emmy Award winner, Costas is primarily known for his work on HBO and NBC. Costas joined HBO in February 2001 and currently hosts "Costas Now," a hard-hitting, intelligent and topical sports series for the cable network.

During his first four years at HBO, Costas hosted "On the Record With Bob Costas," which established itself as one of network television's most respected programs for its compelling mix of interviews, commentary and opinion. In addition, since 2002, he has been a co-host of HBO's Emmy-Award- winning football program, "Inside the NFL."

A 27-year veteran of NBC Sports, he has anchored television coverage of seven Olympic Games (including prime time host from the 2006 Games in Torino, Italy) and participated in the broadcast of virtually every major sports event from Super Bowls to World Series. From August 1988 through January 1994, he hosted his own late-night interview show, "Later with Bob Costas," on NBC; the program won the 1993 Emmy Award for Outstanding Informational Series. Costas has been honored as Sportscaster of the year by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association a record eight times.

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