

What It's Like to Be Submitted for an Emmy®

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How I avoided the customary mood swings that come prior to, and after the announcement.



Want to know what motivates me to be so productive? The answer: Pain. I have found nothing relieves emotional pain more effectively than getting busy.

"If you're feeling shitty make something pretty." - Diana, Darrell's cousin

This remedy is no secret, you may have even heard the saying, "Move a muscle: change an emotion." What does any of this have to do with being submitted for an Emmy®? Nothing, but since the news program I produce in Los Angeles was submitted for one this year I decided I'd make a preemptive strike. In my attempt to avoid the high high of potential nomination as well as the low low of being passed over I decided I'd bare my soul. Miraculously it worked. By shamelessly pointing out my less than virtuous craving for approval, via cartoon confession, I've made it through the Emmy® selection process emotionally unscathed - even after finding out we weren't nominated. Here they are, my before and after shots of the Emmy® selection process, so you can enjoy a laugh at my expense too.

Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can. -Elsa Maxwell

BEFORE



and AFTER



the forever-elusive
FAME BALLOON

NO Emmy® for you
Podge-butter!



RATS!



up, up
and
away!

Humility...
WINNING!



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[*For those of you unfamiliar with Famous Amos you can discover more about him by clicking on this link.](#) [2] As for the guy smoking a cigar in the bottom right corner, that's the ghost of Darrell's father.

[Reality kingpin Mark Burnett has been tapped to produce the 2011 Primetime Emmy Awards on Sept. 18, which will air on Fox.](#) [3]

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