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## The work of Master Craftsmen, from Murano Glass to sculpted gold: **THE SECRETS BEHIND THE FESTIVAL'S NYMPHS**

Since its creation in 1961 by **Prince Rainier III**, the **Monte-Carlo Television Festival** has not only honored the finest talents in the global television industry, but also highlighted the exceptional craftsmanship of the **Master Artisans** who bring to life its prestigious Nymphs—true symbols of excellence and creativity.

Each trophy, whether **the Golden Nymph, Crystal Nymph** or **Honorary Nymph**, is crafted using outstanding artisanal techniques, blending bronze, gold and hand-blown Murano glass. These unique, handmade pieces embody the heritage, prestige and perfection that define the Festival.

### **THE GOLDEN NYMPHS** A TRIBUTE TO MONACO'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Golden Nymph trophies, created by Monaco-based company Mylord, draw inspiration from the renowned sculpture *The Nymph of Salmacis*, a masterpiece by Monegasque sculptor **François-Joseph Bosio** (1768–1845), which is displayed at the Louvre Museum in Paris. Born in Monaco, Bosio is recognized as one of the greatest sculptors of his time, with works commissioned by Napoleon I and King Louis XVIII.

This deep connection to history and art pays tribute to Monaco's rich cultural heritage, giving the Golden Nymphs a truly unique symbolic significance. Each trophy represents artistic and television excellence, as well as a time-honored craftsmanship passed down through generations.

### **THE CRYSTAL NYMPH** THE EXCELLENCE OF VENETIAN GLASSMAKING

Inspired by the Golden Nymph, the Crystal Nymph and the Best Newcomer Award trophies have been crafted since 2016 by Venetian glass master Giancarlo Signoretto.

Each trophy, entirely handmade, is a one-of-a-kind piece.

Born in Murano, the legendary Italian glassmaking island, Giancarlo Signoretto has been perfecting his art since the age of 14. In his workshop, he collaborates with artists from around the world to create these exquisite glass and gold treasures.

The creation of these two trophies follows a meticulous process:

- **Glassblowing:** Mastering precise temperatures ensures graceful and harmonious curves.
- **Gold Leaf Inlay:** Adding unparalleled brilliance and depth.
- **Cooling and Finishing Touches:** Ensuring the flawless quality of each trophy.

Each Crystal Nymph and Best Newcomer trophy embodies the fusion of tradition and innovation, symbolizing the refinement and excellence of the Festival.

Designed to honor the most distinguished figures in the audiovisual industry, the Honorary Nymph is a prestigious distinction awarded by the Monte-Carlo Television Festival. This trophy represents the recognition of an outstanding career and a major contribution to the world of television.

Its creation is entrusted to exceptional artisans:

- Like the Golden Nymph, it is crafted by Monaco-based company Mylord.
- Once molded, the raw piece is sent to the Lauragaise Bronze Foundry.
- The silver plating is applied with the utmost precision.
- The final finishing touches include the transformation of the base, the attachment of the Honorary Nymph, and the engraving of nameplates.

**Each Honorary Nymph is a unique piece, reflecting the significance and singularity of the esteemed recipients it celebrates.**

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### **About Monte-Carlo Television Festival**

Originally created by Prince Rainier III of Monaco, and now under the Honorary Presidency of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, the Monte-Carlo Television Festival has, for more than sixty years, presented the very best of television from around the world. The Festival has also been at the forefront in showcasing the highly talented professionals associated with many of the most successful programs in the history of the medium.

Celebrities, producers, directors, writers and heads of studios, networks and digital platforms gather in June every year to attend series launches, premiere screenings, conferences, press activities, public events, VIP meetings and signing sessions. Culminating with a unique competition, which celebrates and honours fiction, news and current affairs programming with the prestigious Golden Nymph Awards, the Monte-Carlo Television Festival is recognized as one of the finest Festivals in the world, enhanced even further by its location in the magical Principality of Monaco.

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