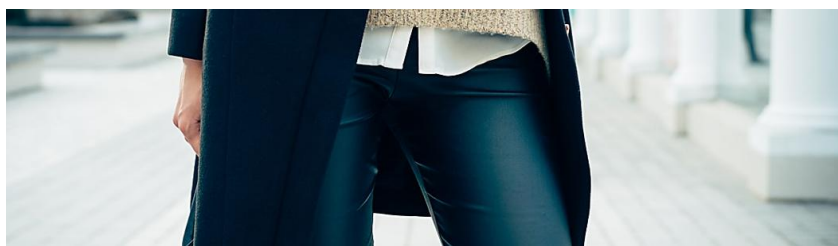


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# Ratings: *AGT: Champions* Dominates Monday, Tops *Masked Singer* Audience

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Courtesy of NBC

NBC's *America's Got Talent: The Champions* debuted to 9.9 million total viewers and a 1.8 rating, dominating Monday night in the demo while drawing a larger crowd than Fox's much-ballyhooed *Masked Singer* debut last Wednesday (9.4 million).

*AGT: Champions* thus now stands as TV's most watched, regularly scheduled unscripted debut in nearly three years (since NBC's own *Little Big Shots*).

Leading out of that, *Manifest* (5.9 mil/1.1) returned steady versus its fall finale.

Over on ABC, *The Bachelor: The Virgin Colton Edition* placed second for the night in the demo, matching its year-ago all-time premiere low rating of 1.5 (set on New Year's Day), while drawing 5.1 million viewers. In the demo, it greatly improved on *Dancing With the Stars*' fall season average (0.9).

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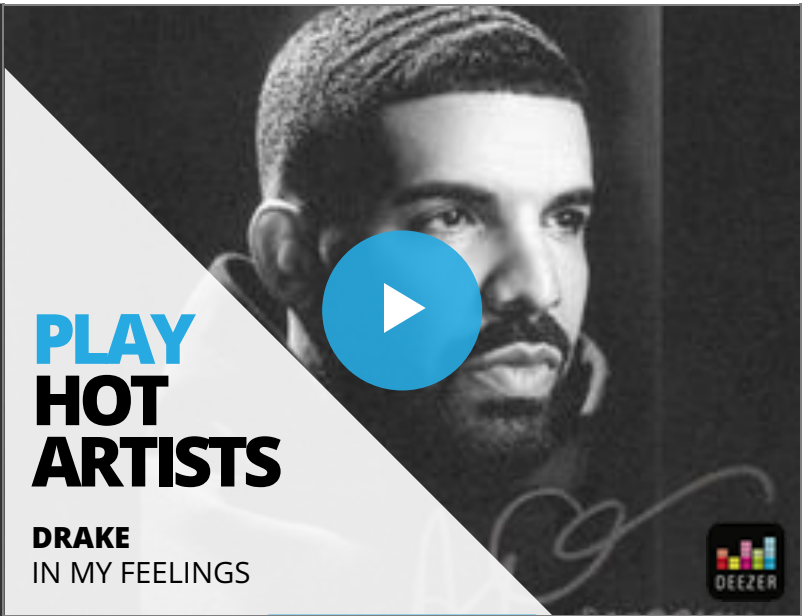
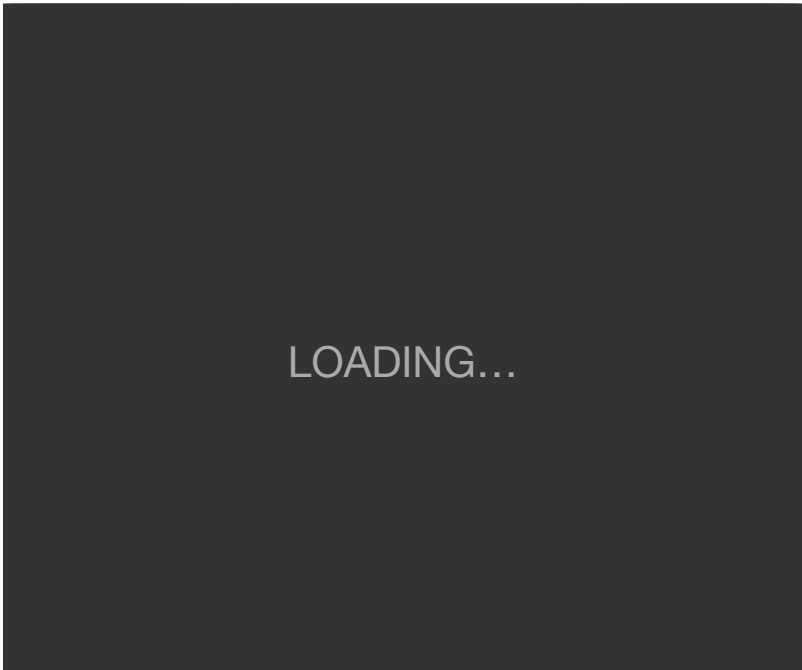
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I enjoyed it. Doesn't seem like anyone has lost their talent.

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January 8, 2019 at 9:15 AM

Monday nights are reserved for Murdoch Mysteries on CBC. Currently in its twelfth season.

I don't watch anything else when Murdoch is on.

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**Pat says:**

January 8, 2019 at 9:51 AM

Glad Manifest was steady. Great return episode, but Grace and her whining gotta go...

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Watched but not impressed by judges choices for gold button

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**theycallmetater says:**

January 8, 2019 at 12:55 PM

Same here. Golden buzzer should have gone to the sword guy or Preacher Lawson.

Makes me think someone wanted to make sure Susan Boyle made it to the next

round. I'm tired of singers trumping all of the other talent.

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**DS says:**

January 9, 2019 at 9:52 AM

GB should have been Preacher or Clairvoyants (they were awesome). Glad

Preacher got the SuperFan vote

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**isaaedi100 says:**

January 8, 2019 at 12:37 PM

Impressive numbers all around considering the Championship game for college football

was on ESPN last night

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**Beelzabubba says:**

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Watching Susan Boyle made me so proud. Goose bumps...tears of joy... she's definitely a

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