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## **Emmy-winning documentary about Kent State shootings to air on PBS 45 & 49**

KENT, Ohio — April 19, 2006 — On May 4, 1970 at Kent State University, 67 shots were fired in 13 seconds. These horrifying seconds in American history resulted in the deaths of four students and the wounding of nine others. A compelling Emmy-winning documentary about the disaster, “13 Seconds: The Kent State Shootings,” will air on PBS 45 & 49 on Wednesday, May 3 at 8 p.m., and on Friday, May 5 at 10 p.m.

Spurred by President Nixon’s announcement of the incursion of troops into Cambodia, the four days of confrontation at Kent State University began with a protest much like the other demonstrations that were occurring on college campuses throughout the country. On May 3, 1970, however, the students of Kent State University awoke to a situation quite different from that on any other campus. The National Guard had been called in by Ohio Governor James Rhodes and the Kent State students found their campus under military occupation.

The documentary gets its intimate feel from the stories of the people who were most affected. From the students who were themselves shot and wounded, to the parents who lost a child that day, to the guardsmen who still struggle to explain the 13 seconds of open gunfire, the program turns this historical event into a real moment in our collective past.

“13 Seconds: The Kent State Story” has received 14 awards, including a News and Documentary Emmy Award in 2001 for Outstanding Background/Analysis of a Single Current Story — Programs. The program is a production of Harmony Entertainment Management, Inc.

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