



# press release

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### BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING TO AIR ON PBS 45 & 49

KENT, Ohio — Jan. 31, 2006 — PBS 45 & 49 celebrates Black History Month in February with programming that emphasizes the resilience of the African-American spirit. Presented here is the month's black history programming, with shows airing for the first time marked with an asterisk (\*).

*Fridays at 9:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 7 to Saturday, Feb. 16 at 1 a.m.*

#### **\*History of Black Achievement**

This original, eight-part series documents black achievement in American history, its defining role in the growth of a country, and influence on current events. Hosted by James Avery, the series highlights the many contributions of blacks that have influenced our culture, enriched society with their achievements and shaped the history of the United States.

*Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 10 p.m.*

#### **\*Independent Lens, Negroes With Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power**

Credited with inspiring the Black Power Movement, Robert Williams led his North Carolina hometown to defend itself against the Ku Klux Klan and challenge repressive Jim Crow laws. *Negroes With Guns* follows Williams' journey from southern community leader to his exile in Cuba and China — a journey that brought the issue of armed self-defense to the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement.

*Mondays, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20, at 10 p.m.*

#### **American Experience, Reconstruction: The Second Civil War**

In the tumultuous years after the Civil War (1863-77), America grappled with how to rebuild itself, how to successfully bring the South back into the Union and how to bring former slaves into the life of the country.

*Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 10 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 2 a.m.*

#### **\*Independent Lens, July '64**

In the summer of 1964, a three-night riot erupted in two predominantly black neighborhoods in downtown Rochester, N.Y. — the culmination of decades of poverty, joblessness and racial discrimination and a significant event in the Civil Rights era. Using archival footage and interviews with those who were present, *July '64* explores the genesis and outcome of these three devastating nights.

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