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PBS 45 & 49 to Air Andrew Wyeth Special in Celebration of Exhibit Opening at The Butler

Andrew Wyeth: Self-Portrait — Snow Hill to air on Wednesday, Sept. 12

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KENT, Ohio — Sept. 11, 2007 — As The Butler Institute of American Art prepares for the Sept. 21 opening of its Andrew Wyeth exhibit, PBS 45 & 49 presents **Andrew Wyeth: Self-Portrait — Snow Hill**. The special will air on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 8 p.m., with repeats on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

This authorized documentary celebrates the life of famed painter Andrew Wyeth. Sensitively narrated by actor Stacy Keach, the intimate portrait explores over 60 years of Wyeth's personal drama. The film was produced by the artist's wife, Betsy James Wyeth.

The production incorporates the artist's great works of art along with family photographs, home movies, personal letters and never-before-seen footage about the artist. It also includes the first interview ever granted by Helga Testorf, the model for Wyeth's "Helga Pictures" collection. The moving program lends a treasured insight into Wyeth's very private world.

PBS 45 & 49 presents the special in celebration of The Butler's upcoming exhibit, "Andrew Wyeth: Watercolors and Drawings." The show runs from Sept. 21 through Dec. 16 and features 114 watercolors and drawings from the Marunuma Art Park Collection in Japan, which have rarely been seen publicly in the United States. For exhibit hours and other information, call The Butler at (330) 743-1107, ext. 210, or visit butlerart.com.

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