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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PBS 45 & 49's Eric Mansfield to Interview Akron Mayoral Hopefuls**

*Plusquellic and Finley to discuss their campaign platforms  
on special edition of NewsNight Akron*

KENT, Ohio — Aug. 29, 2007 — On Friday, Aug. 31 at 8:30 p.m., PBS 45 & 49 will air a special **NewsMaker** edition of **NewsNight Akron** that features interviews with Akron mayoral candidates Joe Finley and incumbent Don Plusquellic. **NewsNight Akron** host Eric Mansfield hosts the special.

Mansfield talks separately with the candidates about their campaign platforms and views on the state of the city. Both candidates will run in the Democratic primary on Tuesday, Sept. 11. There are no Republican candidates running for the office.

**NewsNight Akron's** regular Friday broadcast will follow the special at 9 p.m.

On the same evening at 9:30 p.m., viewers have one more chance to catch another **NewsNight Akron** special, **Defying Gravity: Akron's New Art Museum**. The program, which takes viewers on a tour of the newly renovated facility, also aired twice earlier this week.

#### **About NewsNight Akron**

**NewsNight Akron** airs every Friday night at 9 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49 and offers spontaneous, lively, in-depth discussions about issues that affect the lives of people in greater Akron. Hosted by Eric Mansfield, Akron-Canton news anchor for WKYC-TV3, **NewsNight Akron** features a roundtable discussion with a panel of local journalists that covers both breaking news stories on topics such as education, the community and local business, as well as ongoing subjects including elections and major news stories. Serving as regular panelists on the show are Steve Hoffman, political writer at the *Akron Beacon Journal*; Jody Miller, editor and publisher of *Bath Country Journal*; and Ed Esposito, Joe Jastzremski and Larry States, all of whom are members of the Rubber City Radio Group news staff.

#### **About PBS 45 & 49**

PBS 45 & 49 is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, PBS 45 & 49 uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. The only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio, PBS 45 & 49 is available to 1.8 million households and 4.6 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. Through funding from eTech Ohio, the organization provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 257,400 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about PBS 45 & 49, visit [www.pbs4549.org](http://www.pbs4549.org) or call 1-800-554-4549.