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Western Reserve Public Media Receives Emmy Nomination

NORTHEAST OHIO — May 1, 2012 — Western Reserve Public Media, which operates Western Reserve PBS (WNEO and WEAO), has received a 2011 regional Emmy nomination from the Lower Great Lakes Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS-LGL). The nomination was in the Public/Current/Community Affairs category for the production **Guns N' Pubs: CCW and Ohio SB 17**, about Ohio's new laws concerning concealed-carry permits. **Guns N' Pubs** is available for free viewing on demand at WesternReservePBS.org.

Also receiving multiple nominations were two regional productions that premiered on Western Reserve PBS:

- **The Restorers — They Were All Volunteers**, produced by Adam White, owner of Hemlock Films in Cleveland, received three nominations. The production, which premiered in December 2011, follows a B-25 bomber from Minnesota as its all-volunteer crew stakes time, money and lives to fly it to the Dayton event.
- **Hammer on Steel**, a two-program documentary produced by Phil Hoffman of The University of Akron, received eight nominations. Premiering in February 2011, the production documents the history and heart of steel drum music.

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Nominees were announced on Thursday, April 26. Award winners will be announced Saturday, June 2, at the NATAS-LGL 42nd Annual Emmy Award ceremony to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, Ind. For more information, visit <http://www.nataslgl.org>.

About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly 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, Western Reserve Public Media 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. It serves the largest population (4.9 million people) of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.9 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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