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Western Reserve PBS Celebrates Black History Month

NORTHEAST OHIO — Jan. 29, 2013 — Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1) celebrates Black History Month in February with programming that emphasizes the resilience of the African-American spirit. Shows airing for the first time are marked with an asterisk (*). Additional air dates on Western Reserve PBS and Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2) for these and other Black History Month programs can be found at www.WesternReservePBS.org.

Local funding for Black History Month programming on Western Reserve PBS and Fusion is provided by Summa Health System.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

10:30 p.m. ***Integrating Ole Miss: James Meredith and Beyond** — A look at the University of Mississippi from the midst of the civil rights movement to the present.

Friday, Feb. 15

10 p.m. ***AfroPop: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange, A Lot Like You** — Eliaichi Kimaro, a mixed-race American, documents her father's path back to his family in Tanzania.

Friday, Feb. 16

11 p.m. ***An Evening With Berry Gordy** — Journalist Gwen Ifill interviews the songwriter, record producer and founder of Motown Records.

Friday, Feb. 22

9 p.m. ***American Masters, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, The Godmother of Rock & Roll** — This flamboyant African-American gospel superstar was a natural-born performer and rebel.

10 p.m. ***AfroPop: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange, Dear Mandela** — Three friends evicted from a South African shantytown refuse to move and take their case to court.

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Saturday, Feb. 23

9 p.m. **DuSable to Obama: Chicago's Black Metropolis** — Explore the essential contributions of African-Americans to the city's growth and vitality.

11 p.m. *Independent Lens, **The Powerbroker: Whitney Young's Fight for Civil Rights** — The controversial civil rights leader and former head of the National Urban League is profiled.

Monday, Feb. 25

10 p.m. ***The Black Kungfu Experience** — The compelling stories of kungfu's African-American pioneers are shared.

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 (5.13 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 5.13 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 (WNEO 45.2/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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