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PBS 45 & 49 Republican Convention Coverage to Include Reports From WKSU News Director

KENT, Ohio — Aug. 29, 2008 — PBS 45 & 49's coverage of the Republican National Convention, which will air Sept. 1 through Sept. 4 at 8 p.m., will include reports that give a northeast Ohio perspective of the convention. At approximately 9:30 p.m. each evening, PBS 45 & 49 will break from gavel-to-gavel coverage of the convention to present short reports from M. L. Shultze, WKSU-FM news director. The live audio reports will feature news of importance to our region.

PBS 45 & 49 offered a similar format during the Democratic National Convention coverage, with University of Akron students sending daily live video reports from the convention floor.

PBS's convention coverage, anchored by Jim Lehrer of **The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer**, will include extended, uninterrupted coverage of podium activities and speeches; reporting from the floor of the convention; newsmaker interviews; political analysis and historical perspective. **NewsHour** senior correspondents Gwen Ifill, Ray Suarez, Judy Woodruff and Margaret Warner will join Lehrer.

In addition to the **NewsHour** convention coverage and ongoing coverage on PBS news programs, PBS 45 & 49 offers more election-related programming in September:

- **Debating Our Destiny II** — Sunday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. Former presidential and vice-presidential candidates review their debate triumphs and failures.
- **Now on PBS, Women, Leadership and Politics: A Rising Tide?** — Sunday, Sept. 21 at noon. Senior correspondent Maria Hinojosa takes an intimate behind-the-scenes look at the high-stakes risks, triumphs and — in some cases — defeat of being a woman leader today.
- **American Experience, Reagan** — Mondays, Sept. 22 and Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. The fourth biography in The Presidents series examines Ronald Reagan through the testimony of family, friends, historians, biographers.
- **PBS NewsHour Debates 2008: A Special Report** — Friday, Sept. 26 at 9 p.m. Jim Lehrer, of PBS's NewsHour, moderates the first presidential debate between Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama.
- **Frontline, The Choice 2008** — Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 9 p.m. This two-hour program examines the rich personal and political biographies of John McCain and Barack Obama.

About PBS 45 & 49

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