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# PBS Western Reserve wins five awards in the 43rd annual Telly Awards

*LINES BROKEN: THE STORY OF MARION MOTLEY wins gold in Television—Documentary category*

Kent, OH – Thursday, May 26, 2022 -- PBS Western Reserve announced today that two of its productions received five awards in the 43rd Annual Telly Awards. *LINES BROKEN: THE STORY OF MARION MOTLEY* was a gold winner in the Television—Documentary category and also won a silver award and a bronze award. *BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME: JOURNEY TO CANTON* won a silver award and a bronze. Both productions premiered exclusively on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO / WEAO) in February 2021. They were co-directed by James Waters of Waters Media LLC, and Shaun Horrigan of Fog City Multimedia LLC. Following is the awards list:

### LINES BROKEN: THE STORY OF MARION MOTLEY

- Gold award, Television—Documentary
- Silver award, Television—Social Impact
- Bronze award, Television—Biography

### BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME: JOURNEY TO CANTON

- Silver award, Television—Cultural
- Bronze award, Television—Museums & Galleries

The Telly Awards honors excellence in video and television across all screens and is judged by leaders from video platforms, television, streaming networks, production companies and including Adobe, Netflix, Dow Jones, Duplass Brothers Productions, Complex Networks, Jennifer Garner, A&E Networks, Hearst Media, Nickelodeon, ESPN Films, RYOT, Partizan and Vimeo.

“Now, more than ever, it is necessary to celebrate video work that reflects the top tier of our industry, such as PBS Western Reserve,” said Telly Awards Executive Director Sabrina Dridje. “This year’s submissions reflect an industry that has returned to the important work of storytelling, one that has returned with a new perspective that values innovation, agility, equity and tenacious creativity.”

“PBS Western Reserve is always looking for meaningful and important stories to tell,” said President and CEO Trina Cutter. “After brainstorming content ideas with talented producers James Waters and Shaun Horrigan, we stepped back and let them pursue their craft, which led to two outstanding documentaries.” Both productions are available for free viewing on demand at [PBSWesternReserve.org](http://PBSWesternReserve.org).

The announcement of this year’s Telly Awards caps a yearlong celebration of creators producing work with a new point of view and a refreshed creativity, reflecting an ever-changing landscape emerging from the difficulties and opportunities from the last few years. Last year, The Telly Awards attracted more than 12,000 entries from top video content producers including Netflix, Jennifer Garner, HBO Latin America, Microsoft, RadicalMedia, Condé Nast, Adobe, Nickelodeon and Partizan.

The full list of the 43rd Annual Telly Awards winners can be found at [www.tellyawards.com](http://www.tellyawards.com).

## **About PBS Western Reserve**

PBS Western Reserve is the brand name of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. A trusted community resource, PBS Western Reserve 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 of Ohio’s eight PBS member stations.

PBS Western Reserve (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 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 two standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) and FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3).

## **About The Telly Awards**

The Telly Awards is the premier award honoring video and television across all screens. Established in 1979, The Telly Awards receives over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents. Entrants are judged by The Telly Awards Judging Council—an industry body of over 200 leading experts including advertising agencies, production companies, and major television networks, reflective of the multiscreen industry The Telly Awards celebrates. Partners of The Telly Awards include Video Consortium, Ghetto Film School, We Are Parable, Future of Film, IFP, LAPPG, NAB, Stash, NYWIFT, Production Hub, IFP, with support from The Commercial Director’s Diversity Program.