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PBS Western Reserve Wins Regional Emmy Award For **LINES BROKEN: THE STORY OF MARION MOTLEY**

Kent, OH – Monday, July 27, 2022 – PBS Western Reserve, which operates TV channels WNEO and WEO, has won a regional Emmy award in the Documentary Historical category for **LINES BROKEN: THE STORY OF MARION MOTLEY**. The award was announced at Saturday’s 53rd Central Great Lakes Regional Emmy Awards gala, which was held on the grounds of the Lucas Estate in Carmel, Ind.

LINES BROKEN: THE STORY OF MARION MOTLEY also recently won three Telly Awards. The PBS Western Reserve documentary tells of Canton, Ohio, native Marion Motley’s journey as one of four African Americans who broke pro football’s color barrier when he joined the Cleveland Browns. Stark County-based filmmakers James Waters and Shaun Horrigan produced the documentary. “The memory of Motley and his great accomplishments on and off the field are beginning to fade in the city where he first made his name,” Waters said. “I hope that this documentary will help people to remember his lifelong achievements.”

LINES BROKEN, which premiered on PBS Western Reserve in February 2021, is available for free viewing on demand at [PBSWesternReserve.org](https://www.pbswesternreserve.org).

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 / WEO 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 / WEO 49.2) and FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEO 49.3).