

NET Television's "Nebraska Night" to Honor State and Citizens

LINCOLN, Neb. (May 14, 2008) -- For more than 50 years NET Television has served as a mirror to Nebraska -- reflecting its people, places, history and stories. Beginning Saturday, May 24, on NET1, "Nebraska Night" marks the origin of a new intermittent programming feature that celebrates the best of what Nebraska has to offer by showcasing some of NET Television's finest productions.

From the Oregon Trail and the North Platte Canteen to the Huskers' monumental string of national championships, and from Solomon Butcher and Willa Cather to Joel Sartore and Ted Kooser, NET Television has documented Nebraska's history and celebrated its people.

"Nebraska Night" is hosted by Jeff Beckman, executive director of the NET Foundations for Television and Radio, and will feature local documentaries and specials that showcase the strength, courage, generosity and spirit of Nebraska's people and the treasures of our state. The nights will also include special guests who played significant roles in the production of these programs, as well as offer viewers some sneak previews of upcoming programs currently in production.

The premiere "Nebraska Night" begins with a tribute to Nebraska's -- and America's -- service men and women. Broadcast the Saturday before Memorial Day, the evening is launched at 7:30 p.m. CT with "Canteen Spirit," NET Television's documentary look at the North Platte Canteen and the support it provided to America's Second World War troops. Following at 8:40 p.m. CT is "Most Honorable Son" about Nebraska's Ben Kuroki, who not only fought the Axis powers in Europe and the Pacific during World War II, but also battled discrimination and prejudice in America. At 9:45 p.m. CT, the award-winning "On the Frontline: Nebraskans at War in Iraq" airs.

While not part of "Nebraska Night," the popular and patriotic annual PBS special, "National Memorial Day Concert" will air on Sunday, May 25, at 7 p.m. CT and again on Memorial Day at 10 p.m. CT on NET1.

"The goal of 'Nebraska Night' is simply to honor Nebraska and its great citizens, as well as to thank NET Television supporters for making possible the production of these award-winning programs," Beckman said.

NET1 is part of NET Television, a service of NET. For a complete program schedule, visit NET's Web site (netNebraska.org/television).

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