

NET Television's Carl Sandburg Program Wins Regional Emmy Award

LINCOLN, Neb. (July 21, 2010) -- The NET Television production "Carl Sandburg: Prayers for the People" won an Emmy Award for "Best Arts/Entertainment Program/Special" at the 2010 Heartland Regional Emmy Awards announced Sunday, July 18, in Denver and Oklahoma City. Emmy statues were awarded to Sue Maryott, producer/director; Ralph Hammack, editor; and Werner Althaus, audio sweetening engineer.

The hour-long high-definition NET Television production, taped at the Merryman Performing Arts Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), gives viewers the opportunity to rediscover Sandburg's work, especially as he celebrated the great expanse of the prairie and its people. The stage performance was conceived and written by UNK English professor Kathryn Benzel.

Featured performers in the program are Chuck Peek, UNK professor emeritus; Ted Kooser, former U.S. Poet Laureate; and the musical quartet, Mike Adams & the Sandtones, performing songs Sandburg collected for "The Great American Songbag." "Carl Sandburg: Prayers for the People" was funded in part by the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"Carl Sandburg: Prayers for the People" will be rebroadcast on NET1 and NET-HD on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 10 p.m. CT and Thursday, Sept. 23, at 9 p.m. CT. It will repeat on NET2 on Friday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. CT and Saturday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. CT.

To read more about "Carl Sandburg: Prayers for the People" or watch either a video preview or the entire Web-streamed program, go to <http://netNebraska.org/extras/sandburg>.

The Heartland Regional Emmy Awards are given each year by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) to recognize excellence in television news and programming. The NATAS Heartland chapter includes public and commercial television stations in Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming.

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NET Television:

NET1 is Nebraska's first public television broadcast service and includes PBS and award-winning, locally produced public television programming; **NET2** offers live coverage of the Nebraska Unicameral, Spanish language programming and other acquired or locally produced programs; **NET3** airs instructional programming for the classroom and life-long learning; and **NET-HD** presents high-definition digital broadcast programming displayed in a wide-screen format.