

FACT SHEET

TITLE: **JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE**
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CATEGORY: Documentary

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CONTRACT TERMS: Five double runs to be completed by March 31, 2010. A release is defined as unlimited use within seven days.

PROGRAM SUPPLIER: MGM Studios

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: **JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE** salutes one of Hollywood's best-loved actors. Stewart, who started his career as a magician and accordionist, rose to stardom portraying ordinary men who called on their interior strengths to accomplish extraordinary things. Produced and directed by David Heeley and hosted by Johnny Carson, **JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE** features interviews with Hollywood luminaries and visits to the sets of Stewart's most popular films, creating a moving tribute to a truly unforgettable actor.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS: A press kit, including a fact sheet and press release will be posted to PBS Connect and to APTonline.org. Color and B&W photography is available via email and will also be posted to APTonline.org. All press kits will be posted to APTonline.org and

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BROADCAST HISTORY:

PBS and various other outlets

RELATED MERCHANDISE:

DVD is not available.

Pledge: If you are interested in pledging this program and need assistance with premiums, please contact Kerry Taylor at 617-338-4455, ext. 121.

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PRESS RELEASE

Explore the Life of a Silver Screen Legend in **JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE**

James Stewart was a true icon of Hollywood's Golden Age. He made a career out of portraying affable, ordinary men accomplishing extraordinary things through their inner strength. Indeed, the on-screen characters he played mirrored his own remarkable life. The American Public Television-distributed special **JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE**, airing on public television stations nationwide beginning April 1, 2008, takes an in-depth look at the story of one of America's most beloved leading men.

Stewart, a Pennsylvania native, started his career as a magician and accordionist before moving into films. He starred in such classics as *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Vertigo*, *Rear Window*, *The Spirit of St. Louis*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Destry Rides Again* and *The Shop Around the Corner*. During his career Stewart received five Academy Award nominations, winning for his timeless portrayal of a reporter in *The Philadelphia Story*, and was also awarded the Academy's Honorary Award in 1985. Stewart also served gallantly in the Second World War, rising to the rank of Brigadier General and receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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Produced and directed by David Heeley and hosted by late-night legend Johnny Carson, **JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE** includes thoughtful interviews with fellow Hollywood stars including Richard Dreyfuss, Carol Burnett, Sally Field, Katherine Hepburn, Gene Kelly, Ronald Reagan, and Clint Eastwood. Film clips from Stewart's celebrated work, including scenes from *The Philadelphia Story*, *Harvey*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Vertigo*, *The Glenn Miller Story* and *Anatomy of a Murder*, are also included.

Featuring visits to the sets of some of Stewart's greatest films and clips from his appearances on *The Johnny Carson Show* and *The Carol Burnett Show*, **JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE** is an unforgettable portrait of an American icon.

JAMES STEWART: A WONDERFUL LIFE was acquired from MGM Studios by American Public Television for syndication to public television stations nationwide.

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