A Place in the Sun

St. Petersburg: New Place in the Sun celebrates downtown St. Petersburg’s renaissance. This 30-minute documentary, produced by WUSF, was written, directed and narrated by Tampa filmmaker Larry Elliston and underwritten by the Florida Humanities Council. Why St. Petersburg? “It’s a perfect example of the new urbanism that’s blossoming around the country,” says Elliston. “As baby boomers and younger people turn to urban living, St. Petersburg, with its waterfront and historic charm, walkability, and vibrant arts and performance scene, is an ideal destination.” Elliston’s ode to St. Pete “covers a lot of ground,” including a look back at its history, and interviews with the city’s movers and shakers.

Airs on WUSF TV, Saturday, May 15, at 8 p.m., and repeats Sunday, May 16, at 9 p.m.
May Greetings!

As we look forward to the summer season, it’s the perfect time to look back at the busy months behind us. We have so much good news to share.

First, we thank you, our dedicated members, who showed your support during our March radio and TV membership campaigns. Thanks to you, we greeted nearly 1,600 new members and received pledges of support totaling $550,000. The tough economic times are starting to take their toll at WUSF Public Broadcasting, and we saw evidence of that during our membership campaigns. As a donor, you keep great programs on the air at WUSF and we’re very grateful to you for your support. Your contribution lets us know how valuable WUSF Public Broadcasting is to you.

There is good reason for your fierce commitment to WUSF. We don’t just provide valuable content, we also create it. This month, on WUSF-TV, you can view our most recent production, St. Petersburg: New Place in the Sun. You can read about this love letter to the vibrant city called “the Riviera of the southeast” in this issue.

Another WUSF original, “My Last Tour,” has captured the hearts of thousands of listeners and garnered a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for WUSF reporter Bobbie O’Brien. Since last May, Bobbie has checked in weekly with U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Rex Temple, a Tampa airman based in Afghanistan. These radio interviews take a foreign and faraway world and make it up-close and personal. Listeners love it and depend on it.

We also receive amazing positive feedback on “Florida Matters,” our weekly radio program that tackles tough issues, highlights little-known stories from our part of the world, and provides a greater perspective of what it means to live in the Sunshine State. At a time when conventional news media outlets are cutting back, we’re moving forward. Our commitment to original journalism remains as strong as ever.

Speaking of which, we’re also delighted to have been chosen to be part of an historic initiative. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting awarded WUSF and other Florida public broadcasting stations a $1.2 million grant to fund intensive reporting on healthcare policy, issues and wellness. Keep an eye on our website for news about this and other exciting programs, events and initiatives.

Finally, to all of the Moms among us, we wish you an educated, invigorating and inspired Mother’s Day!

JoAnn Urofsky General Manager
Every October balloonists from around the world descend on Albuquerque, New Mexico, to participate in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, a nine-day air balloon extravaganza. Since its start in 1972, Balloon Fiesta has grown to become the largest balloon convention in the world, featuring up to 700 artfully crafted balloons. In this beautifully photographed documentary, crews equipped with high-definition cameras captured the mass ascensions, thrilling competitions and interesting characters of the 2008 Balloon Fiesta. Against the backdrop of Albuquerque’s awe-inspiring Sandia Mountains and the ever-rolling Rio Grande river, Balloon Fiesta comes alive as event-goers gather to watch pilot competitions, marvel at special-shape hot-air balloons, enjoy evening “glowdeos” and take in morning dawn patrols. Airs Monday, May 17, at 10 p.m.
Tavis Smiley’s programming has a great appeal, especially to young professionals... his commentaries are direct, to the point, and many times voice the views that we have.

I’m Candace Cusseaux, and WUSF is my source for *The Tavis Smiley Show* because of his direct commentary style.
WUSF is Awarded Grant to Fund Journalism Center

WUSF Public Broadcasting has been awarded a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to fund a Local Journalism Center (LJC) called the “Healthy State Collaborative.” The LJC will focus on creating multimedia, multi-platform content on the subject of healthcare. This two-year grant provides WUSF an opportunity to collaborate with other Florida public television and radio stations. In addition to reporting and producing broadcast content for radio and television, partner stations will create a robust website and will hold events, and create partnerships to keep the community informed on healthcare policy, initiatives and wellness.

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Our Partners

It’s only natural that Don Wyatt, president of TravelVideoStore.com, and longtime public broadcasting fan, selected WUSF TV to showcase his business. “WUSF is a valuable resource for the community,” says Wyatt. “Our support not only benefits our organization by getting our message out to fellow travelers, it also benefits our community.” Wyatt is a huge fan of WUSF TV’s many programs about travel and cultures. “Rudy Maxa is my favorite these days, as he tends to travel more the way I travel now.” TravelVideoStore.com, says Wyatt, offers a large inventory of specialty travel videos and dvds for rent or purchase, including adventure, experiential, culinary, equestrian, historical and recreational.

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MAY TV HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted by Law and Order’s Mariska Hargitay, Telling Amy’s Story follows a domestic violence homicide that occurred in Pennsylvania in 2001. The victim’s parents, co-workers, law enforcement officers, and court personnel share their perspectives on what happened to Amy in the weeks, months, and years leading up to her death. Airs Wednesday, May 19, at 10 p.m.

No Kidding, Me 2! Actor Joey Pantoliano, best known for his portrayal of Ralphie Ciforetto in The Sopranos, hosts this uplifting documentary about mental illness. Pantoliano, who was diagnosed with clinical depression, follows people across America as they tell their own moving stories about addiction, suicide, brain injuries, PTSD, and other mental illnesses. Airs Wednesday, May 26, at 10 p.m.

Marina at West Point: Unity Through Diversity showcases concert pianist and composer Marina Arsenijevic performing with the 120-member West Point Band and West Point Cadet Glee Club. The 2008 concert, filmed live at West Point’s historic Eisenhower Hall, celebrates the strength of America’s unique cultural, racial and religious diversity. Airs Monday, May 31, at 9:30 p.m.
Saturday 1st
9:00pm Saturday Night Movie “The Philadelphia Story” (1940)
Sunday 2nd
8:00pm NOVA “The Great Inca Rebellion”
9:00pm American Experience “The Donner Party”
Monday 3rd
8:00pm Rick Steves’ Europe Classics “Central Turkey”
8:30pm Smart Travels - Pacific Rim with Rudy Maxa “Seattle”
9:00pm Visions of Ireland
10:00pm Islands of Britain “The West”
Tuesday 4th
8:00pm Lark Rise to Candelford
9:00pm Doc Martin
10:00pm Mi-5 “The Witness”
Wednesday 5th
8:00pm Gourmet’s Adventures with Ruth “Yara Robert’s Brazil”
8:30pm Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions “Philadelphia, Pennsylvania”
9:00pm This Old House “Newton Centre Project” Part 1 of 16
9:30pm Hometown “Stone Cottage – Geothermal”
10:00pm No Kidding, Me 2!
Thursday 6th
8:00pm Nature “Invasion of the Giant Pythons”
9:00pm Wild Florida “Frogs and Toads”
9:30pm Expedition Florida “Wild Alachua”
10:00pm Of Sharks And Men “The Faces of Fear”
Friday 7th
8:00pm America’s Ballroom Challenge “International Standard”
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow “Phoenix, AZ” Part 3
10:00pm Globe Trekker “Pacific Islands: Fiji, Vanuatu & Solomon”
Saturday 8th
9:00pm Saturday Night Movie “Gigi” (1958)
Sunday 9th
8:00pm NOVA “Family That Walks on All Fours”
9:00pm American Experience “Dolley Madison”
Monday 10th
8:00pm Rick Steves’ Europe Classics “Egypt”
8:30pm Smart Travels - Pacific Rim with Rudy Maxa “Vancouver & Victoria, British Columbia”
Monday 10th continued
9:00pm Visions of Scotland
10:00pm Islands of Britain “The South”
Tuesday 11th
8:00pm Lark Rise to Candelford
9:00pm Doc Martin
10:00pm Mi-5 “The Witness”
Wednesday 12th
8:00pm Gourmet’s Adventures with Ruth “Yara Robert’s Brazil”
8:30pm Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions “Philadelphia, Pennsylvania”
9:00pm This Old House “Newton Centre Project” Part 1 of 16
9:30pm Hometown “Stone Cottage – Geothermal”
10:00pm No Kidding, Me 2!
Thursday 13th
8:00pm Nature “Invasion of the Giant Pythons”
9:00pm Wild Florida “Frogs and Toads”
9:30pm Expedition Florida “Wild Alachua”
10:00pm Of Sharks And Men “The Faces of Fear”
Friday 14th
8:00pm America’s Ballroom Challenge “International Latin”
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow “Phoenix, AZ” Part 3
10:00pm Globe Trekker “Pacific Islands: Fiji, Vanuatu & Solomon”
Saturday 15th
8:00pm St. Petersburg: New Place in the Sun
8:30pm Venice, Florida: Moving Forward By Looking Back
9:00pm Saturday Night Movie “The Thin Man” (1934)
Sunday 16th
8:00pm Florida: Heaven on Earth?
9:00pm St. Petersburg: New Place in the Sun
9:30pm Jacksonville Beach: Against the Tide
10:00pm Imagining a New Florida
Monday 17th
8:00pm Rick Steves’ Europe “England’s Bath & York”
8:30pm Smart Travels - Pacific Rim with Rudy Maxa “Shanghai”
9:00pm Art Wolfe’s Travels to the Edge “Boliva: The Altiplano”
Monday 17th continued
9:30pm Travelsope “Manzanillo, Mexico & the Costa Alegre”
10:00pm Balloon Fiesta
Tuesday 18th
8:00pm Lark Rise to Candelford
9:00pm Doc Martin
10:00pm Mi-5 “Darkest Hour”
Wednesday 19th
8:00pm Gourmet’s Adventures with Ruth “The Tamarind School, Laos”
8:30pm Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions “Chicago, Illinois”
9:00pm This Old House “Newton Centre Project” Part 2 of 16
9:30pm Hometown
10:00pm Telling Amy’s Story
Thursday 20th
8:00pm Nature “Voyage of the Lonely Turtle”
9:00pm Wild Florida “Sea Turtles”
9:30pm Expedition Florida “From Exploration to Exhibition”
10:00pm Of Sharks And Men “Facts and Fear”
Friday 21st
8:00pm America’s Ballroom Challenge “Grand Finale”
9:00pm Antiques Roadshow “San Jose, CA” Part 1
10:00pm Globe Trekker “Nepal”
Saturday 22nd
8:00pm Frank Sinatra - The Man & The Myth
9:00pm Saturday Night Movie “High Society” (1956)
Sunday 23rd
8:00pm NOVA “Killer Subs in Pearl Harbor”
9:00pm American Experience “Victory in the Pacific”
Monday 24th
8:00pm Rick Steves’ Europe “North Wales: Feisty and Poetic”
8:30pm Smart Travels - Pacific Rim with Rudy Maxa “Hong Kong”
9:00pm Art Wolfe’s Travels to the Edge “Alaska: Glacier Bay”
9:30pm Travelscope “Flathead Valley, Montana”
Tuesday 25th
8:00pm Lark Rise to Candelford
9:00pm Doc Martin
10:00pm Mi-5 “Rain From Heaven”

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