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WGUV Productions Earn Seven Telly Awards

(Grand Rapids, MI, February 20, 2009) WGUV is happy to announce that WGUV Productions have received seven Bronze Awards from the 2009 Telly Awards. These programs, all of which feature jazz musician Stefon Harris, were selected from over 13,000 entries received from around the world.

The concert program *Stefon Harris and Friends: African Tarantella – Dances with Duke* gracefully honors Stefon's music. Stefon performs much of the album of the same name, including three movements from Duke Ellington's New Orleans Suite and two from his Queen's Suites, as well as three pieces from Stefon's own suite The Gardner Meditations. The HD program was directed and edited by WGUV Production Manager Phil Lane and received awards in the Entertainment, Use of HD and Videography categories.

In *Stefon Harris: The Art of Listening*, Harris chats with scientists and riffs with jazz students. He also responds to a Unitarian church's request for a new celebratory composition, then rehearses and performs with his own talented ensemble. *Stefon Harris: Portraits of The Promised* is a concert performance of that commissioned piece. Both programs were directed and edited by WGUV Production Manager Phil Lane and *Listening* was written by Kalamazoo filmmaker Dhera Strauss. *Listening* received awards in the Documentary and Entertainment categories, while *Portraits* was honored in the Entertainment and Videography categories.

WGUV's continued mission is to provide educational, informative, and entertaining programs and events to the West Michigan community as a service of Grand Valley State University.

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