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WGVU Programs Receive Four EMMY Nominations

(Grand Rapids, MI, May 8, 2009) WGVU is happy to announce that four of its productions have been named as nominees in the Michigan EMMY Awards by the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. Winners in the 2006 Michigan EMMYS will be announced at an awards ceremony this June.

Stefon Harris and Friends: African Tarantella – Dances with Duke, earned a nomination for WGVU Production Manager Phil Lane in the Director (Live or Live to Tape) category. The program was WGVU's first High Definition production and highlights a concert by jazz musician Harris. Another effort featuring Harris, *Stefon Harris: The Art of Listening*, was nominated in the Cultural Documentary category. That program was also produced and directed by Phil Lane, and was written by Kalamazoo-based filmmaker Dhera Strauss.

WGVU Producer/Director Deb Kirk earned a nomination in the Special Event Coverage category for the program *Battle Creek: Celebrating Flight 2008*, which includes footage of the Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Hot Air Balloon Festival. In the Arts/Entertainment category, a nomination went to "The Art of Puppetry," a segment of the program *Kalamazoo Lively Arts*, featuring WGVU Producer/Host Shelley Irwin.

For more on these and other award-winning productions from WGVU, visit wgvu.org.

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