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## WGVU Productions Receive Ava Awards

**(Grand Rapids, MI, December 8, 2008)** WGVU is happy to announce that eight of its productions have received Ava Awards. The international Ava Awards recognizes outstanding work by creative professionals involved in the concept, writing, direction, shooting, and editing of audio-visual materials and programs.

Platinum Awards went to *Messiah with the Calvin Oratorio Society 2008* and *Stefon Harris: Portraits of The Promised*, both in the Arts category. Both programs were recordings of live musical performances; *Messiah* was produced by WGVU Producer/Director Deb Kirk and *Stefon Harris* by WGVU Production Manager Philip A. Lane.

*Battle Creek: Celebrating Flight 2008*, also produced by Deb Kirk received a Gold Award in the Entertainment category. Gold Awards in the Arts category went to *Stefon Harris and Friends: African Tarantella – Dances with Duke* and *Stefon Harris: The Art of Listening*. Both programs were directed and edited by Philip A. Lane.

Honorable Mentions went to *Decision 2008: U.S. Senatorial Debate* in the Public Affairs category, *Grand Valley State Sports Report* in the Sports category and *Coast Guard Festival Highlights 2008* in the Entertainment category. *Decision 2008* was produced by Philip A. Lane and the others by WGVU Producer/Director Jim Vander Maas.

Visit [wgvu.org](http://wgvu.org) to learn about these and other award-winning productions from WGVU.

WGVU'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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