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NEW SPECIALS FEATURING THE WELK MUSICAL FAMILY AND JOHN TESH OFFER SPIRITUAL MUSIC

KENT, Ohio – Wednesday, March 2, 2005 — Lawrence Welk: Precious Memories is an all-new special that abounds with spiritual hymns, inspirational songs and gospel medleys. This nostalgic special is designed to lift spirits, heal hearts and take viewers into the haven of the past with promises for a brighter tomorrow.

Taped at the Welk Resort Theatre in Branson, Mo., in early September 2004, Lawrence Welk: Precious Memories airs on PBS 45 & 49 on Saturday, March 5 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at noon and 5 p.m. The program stars members of the Welk Musical Family including the Lennon Sisters, Ralna English, Guy Hovis and Champagne Lady Norma Zimmer. The first three acts feature more than 20 songs of inspiration, including “Precious Memories,” “Swing Low Sweet Chariot,” “Ave Maria,” “How Great Thou Art” and “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You.”

Also airing in March is John Tesh Worship at Red Rocks, which airs Wednesday, March 9 at 10 p.m. Tesh, performing at the Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Colorado, presents a concert of favorite praise and worship songs. Joining him are his band, a 23-member choir and a group of young singers that includes his daughter, Prima. The instrumental and vocal selections in the new concert include “You are Good,” “I Can Only Imagine,” “Above All” and many original pieces created for the project.

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