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PBS 45 & 49 plans road trip to Pittsburgh's Andy Warhol Museum

Trip coincides with Sept. 20 premiere of American Masters documentary

Kent, Ohio — Aug. 25, 2006 — In conjunction with the Sept. 20 national premiere of **American Masters, Andy Warhol: A Documentary Film**, PBS 45 & 49 is sponsoring a day trip to Pittsburgh's famous Andy Warhol Museum on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Participants on the trip will board a chartered bus at PBS 45 & 49 in Kent at 9:30 a.m. or at Southern Park Mall in Youngstown at 10:30 a.m. The trip includes a screening of the film, plus lunch and a guided museum tour. The cost is only \$10 for PBS 45 & 49 members and \$15 for nonmembers. Reservations are required by calling 1-800-554-4549.

The **American Masters** documentary about Warhol airs at 9 p.m. over two nights, Wednesday, Sept. 20 and Thursday, Sept. 21. Directed by Ric Burns, it tells how Warhol uniquely grasped the realities of modern society, particularly the function of celebrity and the mass media. He became the high priest of one of the most radical experiments in American culture, permanently penetrating and redefining the barrier between art and commerce.

The film delves deeply into the archives of the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, which opened in 1994. The museum features extensive permanent collections of art and archives for one of the most influential American artists of the 20th century. "PBS 45 & 49 is happy to sponsor this trip to the Andy Warhol Museum," said Lisa Martinez, vice president of marketing and development. "It's an enjoyable and affordable way to see firsthand the immense art collection and archives that are discussed in the **American Masters** film."

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