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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Marie Antoinette to air on PBS 45 & 49; free sneak preview to be held at The Butler Institute of American Art**

Kent, Ohio — Aug. 25, 2006 — The story of the woman whose name became synonymous with the French monarchy's excesses is told in **Marie Antoinette**, which will air on PBS 45 & 49 on Monday, Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. The program repeats on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 3 a.m.

In celebration of the **Marie Antoinette** premiere, PBS 45 & 49 will hold a free "Let Them Eat Cake!" party on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at The Butler Institute of American Art, 524 Wick Ave., in Youngstown. Attendees will see a sneak preview of the film on the big screen and will enjoy cake and dessert wines afterward — all free of charge.

"While it's true that Marie Antoinette never actually uttered the famous 'Let them eat cake' phrase, we think it is a fun theme for celebrating the program premiere," said Lisa Martinez, PBS 45 & 49 vice president of marketing and development. "We hold events such as this as part of our free History Circle affinity club, which viewers who enjoy history programming and events are welcome to join."

**Marie Antoinette** helps prove that there is more to the story of the French queen than the simplistic tale of a frivolous sovereign whose actions helped provoke the uprising that became the French revolution. Without losing sight of the dire inequities in 18th-century France, the film by David Grubin paints a surprising portrait in which the monarch emerges as a sympathetic and, in the end, courageous figure.

The "Let Them Eat Cake" event is free, but reservations are required by calling 1-800-554-4549.

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