

**FIRST DOCUMENTARY ON FAMED ABOLITIONIST
"FREDERICK DOUGLASS: WHEN THE LION WROTE HISTORY"**



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

The dramatic tale of the triumphs of a true American hero comes to public television when

FREDERICK DOUGLASS: WHEN THE LION WROTE HISTORY airs Wednesday, November 2, 1994, 9-10:30 p.m. on most PBS stations (check local listings). This comprehensive 90-minute documentary, produced and directed by veteran filmmaker Orlando Bagwell (THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE "Malcolm X-Make It Plain," EYES ON THE PRIZE), is the first television biography to cover the scope of the remarkable life and career of Douglass, one of the most eloquent Americans of the 19th century.

Using archival photos from Douglass' own private collections, other public and private collections, drawings, engravings and paintings from the 19th century, FREDERICK DOUGLASS evokes Civil War-era America. Because Douglass' life spanned an era of great historical events, the film features analyses of the abolitionist and post-Reconstruction, the end of the 19th century and the age of Empire.

The program also features the important sites in Douglass' life - the Fells Point area of Baltimore; New Bedford,

Massachusetts; Rochester, New York; Nantucket Island; Maryland's Eastern Shore and the antebellum Wye House Plantation, where Douglass spent his childhood; and most notably, Cedar Hill - Douglass' home for the last 20 years of his life. Located in the Anacostia section of Washington, DC, Cedar Hill has been carefully restored as a National Historic Site by the United States Park Service.

After escaping slavery, Frederick Douglass was - for almost 50 years - the most outspoken and independent-thinking advocate for equality for African Americans in the 19th century. At a time when four million blacks were enslaved, Douglass depended on the power of his words, both spoken and written, to engage and change the thinking on the issues of slavery and full citizenship for black people in America. Douglass' story is important and relevant because, as historian David Blight says in (See Frederick Douglass, Pg 27)



Spread Love the Wilson Way - Two musical legends, (L) Mary Wilson (former Supreme) and Columbia's song stylist, Nancy Wilson (R) share a hug at "La Grande Affaire", the Sony sponsored gala held during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Weekend in Washington, D.C.

**THE VEGAS JAZZ SOCIETY PRESENTS
DOUBLE-HEADER JAZZ WEEKEND**

Jazz fans are in for a treat November 11 and 13. The Las Vegas Jazz society, the Las Vegas Clark County Library District and KUNV 91.5 FM are sponsoring a double-header jazz weekend featuring the Dan Skea Quartet at the Whitney Library on the 11th, and the Nevada Jazz Artists Orchestra at the Sunrise Library on the 13th.

The new Whitney Library recital hall just might be the best venue for jazz in all of Las Vegas. With 198 comfortable seats, an acoustically engineered performance space, and a completely outfitted professional facility on site, the hall is an almost unbelievably favorable location for the playing of jazz - which is exactly what it will become beginning this month.

On Friday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m., the Las Vegas Jazz Society will debut it's "Whitney Jazz Workshop," a six-concert series. Specifically designed to feature music of a more forward-leaning or experimental nature, the series will present jazz in an informant setting and will allow for an open exchange of ideas about the jazz being created and performed.

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