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KCPT, MCPL, & KFKF Present Sneak Peek of Documentary

MCPL’s Midwest Genealogy Center Hosts Special Preview of Ken Burns’ ‘Country Music’

Independence, MO – Kansas City PBS and Mid-Continent Public Library, with support from KFKF, will host a special screening event in honor of Ken Burns’ most recent documentary, Country Music, on Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library’s Midwest Genealogy Center (3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO 64055).

During the event, attendees will enjoy a sneak preview of the documentary, which explores the origins and evolution of the quintessential American music genre, followed by a discussion of country music's greatest songs with David Cantwell, author of Merle Haggard: The Running Kind, and musician Scott “Rex” Hobart of Rex Hobart and the Misery Boys, Kansas City’s premier honkytonk band, who will also provide musical accompaniment.

This event is the first one to be held in the Midwest Genealogy Center’s newly built, 400-seat Community Hall, which offers a wide array of amenities, including a stage, divisible meeting space, state-of-the-art audio-visual capabilities, and an on-site catering kitchen. The Library broke ground on the Community Hall just over a year ago and will use the space for programs and seminars such as this one as well as for community forums and meetings.

“We’re very excited to partner with KCPT to host this event, which will give attendees an opportunity to learn more about this special piece of American history,” said Cheryl Lang, manager of the Midwest Genealogy Center. “At MGC we are all about making discoveries about the past and using those to inform and enrich the present and future. Music is certainly an engrained part of our collective history and culture, and I think everyone will enjoy learning more about this beloved genre.”

The full eight-part, 16-hour documentary series Country Music will air on Kansas City PBS on Sunday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. The series includes “never-before-seen footage and photographs, plus interviews with more than 80 country music artists.”

Register for the Ken Burns' Country Music Sneak Peek and Discussion event at the Midwest Genealogy Center on KCPT's website.

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