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PATRICK STONER ADDS SPECIAL *FLICKS* INTERVIEWS FOR NEW PBS KIDS 24/7 CHANNELS.

Patrick Stoner, host of *Flicks*, will now conduct interviews with the stars and makers of movies specifically for kids. This initiative is timed with recent developments in the PBS network, which have expanded the footprint of its award-winning PBS Kids programming to more than 108 entirely new 24 hour a day, 7 day a week kids programming channels across the country.

Flicks was created by Patrick Stoner, who also hosts the program. Through thought-provoking interviews with stars and moviemakers, Patrick Stoner has kept public television audiences informed about top films for years.

The new addition of content specifically for kids and their caregivers represents a new chapter for the show, which is carried at public television stations across the United States. "An entire channel devoted entirely to kids programs is the perfect place to help kids and their parents learn about the films so important to families," said Patrick Stoner, "These one-minute pieces between programs will inform and educate in a form easily enjoyed."

These new featurettes are specifically designed to leverage the PBS Kids programming audiences, including those on the new PBS Kids 24/7 standalone channels added to more than 108 PBS Member station lineups across the country. As always, the new features will be available to public television stations for broadcast nationwide.

The new *Flicks* features will air in the Philadelphia market on WHYY-TV. They will receive heavy rotation during the 8.5 hours of PBS Kids programs every weekday on the main WHYY-TV channel. They will also receive heavy rotation on WHYY's PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, called, "Y Kids" in channel listings. (Check local cable or satellite providers for additional details.). Lastly, they will air during the 24/7 PBS Kids digital streaming service at WHYY.org/kids.

Patrick Stoner has a B.A. in Theatre and Speech from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, an M.A. in Drama from the University of Virginia, and has completed his doctoral courses in the PhD Program in Drama at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Stoner is producer and host of *FLICKS*, a short film star interview program that airs on over a hundred public television stations around the United States weekly. He is a senior member of the Broadcast Film Critics Association.



Flicks is devoted to exploring the latest creations from Hollywood. Each week, WHYY film critic Patrick Stoner provides up-to-the-minute coverage of top films, stars and moviemakers. Stoner's signature programs — the three-minute Flicks, capturing interviews with the stars and the one-minute Quick Pics offering the week's "best bets" — appear on dozens of public television stations nationwide each week.

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