NEW SEASONS OF WHYY’S EMMY WINNING SHOWS OFFER SPECIAL ACCESS TO TOP ARTISTS, EVENTS AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

WHYY’s locally produced television shows *Friday Arts* and *On Tour* are back this October to give audiences the scoop on the region’s rich arts and culture scene. Known for casting light on the area’s hottest attractions and best-kept secrets, these new seasons promise to keep viewers flush with behind-the-scenes access to the hottest performances and culinary experiences along with in-depth peaks into the lives of renowned artists.

“From traveling with acclaimed musician and arranger Paul Jost and rocking out with Wynonna Judd & the Big Noise to surveying the 300 acre Rodale Institute farm, both *Friday Arts* and *On Tour* showcase the people and organizations contributing to the region’s vibrant cultural appeal,” said Trudi Brown, WHYY’s executive producer who was recently inducted into the Mid-Atlantic National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences’ Silver Circle Society for her longtime service in the industry.

WHYY which serves southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and all of Delaware won five total Emmys at this year’s Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards. Arts, culture and entertainment magazine *Friday Arts* won for “Outstanding Magazine Program,” “Outstanding Education/Schools Program Feature or Segment,” and “Outstanding Health/Environment/Science – Program Feature Segment.” *Articulate with Jim Cotter*, which delves into stories from where life meets art, also picked up a win for best “Historic/Cultural Program Feature/Segment.” Executive producer Brown and former WHYY cameraman Eric Sennhenn won an “Outstanding Documentary” award for “The Pursuit: 50 Years in The Fight for LGBT Rights.”

“For decades, our award-winning programming has provided audiences with engaging information about the people and happenings that make this region such a special place to live, work and visit,” said WHYY President & CEO William Marrazzo.

Recorded locally at venues in and around Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, *On Tour* brings area concerts with popular and critically acclaimed rock n’ roll, R&B, country, jazz, blues, alternative rock, indie, folk and classical artists into viewer’s homes while each episode of *Friday Arts* features unique segments about fine art, cultural expression and culinary masterpieces.

This brand new season of local arts programming begins October 5, 2017 at 9 pm with the premiere of *On Tour* on WHYY-TV. *Friday Arts*’ will premiere on October 6 at 8:30 pm with rebroadcasts on Saturday at 10:30 p.m. & 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

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