

"The Black Church THIS IS OUR STORY THIS IS OUR SONG"

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Video to be shown at the Grandin Theatre, 1310 Grandin Rd SW 24015

On May 3rd, 2022, Part 1, video shown between **6:30 pm** and **8:30 pm**, opening remarks by Blue Ridge PBS President & CEO, Will Anderson, discussion between **8:30** and **9:00** Moderator: Rev. Amy Hodge, Pastor of Mt. Zion A.M.E., Roanoke VA

On May 10th, 2022, Part 2, video shown between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm, discussion between 8:30 and 9:00 Moderator: Rev. David A. Jones, Pastor, Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Roanoke VA

The Black Church: Narrated by Henry Louis Gates Jr. chronicles the rich history of an institution at the heart of the African American experience. Beginning with enslavement, traveling through Emancipation, Jim Crow, the Great Migration, The Civil Rights Movement, and ending in the present day. Gates takes viewers on a journey through time, focusing on the key events, charismatic figures, political debates, and musical traditions that have shaped and been shaped by the Black Church. The series also explores the complexity of these spaces of worship at a time when many believe it is at a crossroads, A chorus of leading scholars, ministers, and cultural influencers who grew up in the Black Church weigh in and give meaning to events past and present.

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