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ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING ACTOR RICHARD DREYFUSS TAKES HISTORY CHANNEL VIEWERS ON A REMARKABLE TOUR OF WASHINGTON D.C. IN MR. DREYFUSS GOES TO WASHINGTON

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NEW YORK, NY (OCTOBER 24, 2001) - Academy Award-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss takes viewers on a behind the scenes historical tour of Washington, D.C. in *Mr. Dreyfuss Goes to Washington* on **The History Channel**.®

The two-hour special, scheduled to air on Monday, November 26 from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m., invites viewers to witness the courage, the human failings and the secret deals that went into the creating our nation's capital. It brings to life the people, stories and symbolism embodied in the city's splendid memorials and monuments.

Washington, D.C. was the first national capital to be designed as a seat of government, and the only capital to symbolically reflect and foster guiding values and principals. The Founding Fathers envisioned a city so beautiful and balanced that it would inspire enlightenment in those who lived and worked there.

Mr. Dreyfuss Goes to Washington opens with the national television debut of the newly completed Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial created by landscape architect Lawrence Halprin. It is a rare combination of sculpture, landscape architecture, public architecture, and sentiments that convey the tumultuous drama and high stakes of Roosevelt's four presidential terms.

Among the many experts featured within the production are NPR's Nina Totenberg, former Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Pulitzer-prize winner Joseph Ellis. Each offers personal insight into landmarks such as the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial Wall, the White House, Mount Vernon and the Capitol Building.

Richard Dreyfuss has defined much of American culture with appealing films such as *American Graffiti*, *Jaws*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *Mr. Holland's Opus* which earned him an Academy Award Best Actor Nomination. A history buff, he currently stars in *The Education of Max Bickford*, where he plays a history professor at a women's college.

Mr. Dreyfuss Goes to Washington is produced for **The History Channel**® by Lioness Media Arts Inc., an independent production company based in Atlanta, Georgia. The creative team includes double Academy Award winners and National Emmy Award winners. Susan Werbe is executive producer for **The History Channel**. Akram Elias, a Lebanese immigrant, wrote the original treatment and produced the project together with Dreyfuss and Rachel Lyon.

Director Rachel Lyon has created over 60 hours of prime-time non-fiction programming, four feature films, and has served on series such as National Geographic EXPLORER. Ms. Lyon won the National Emmy for *Men Who Molest*. Ms. Lyon also produced the acclaimed feature film, *Tell Me a Riddle*, starring Academy Award winner, Melvyn Douglas and directed by Academy Award

winner, Lee Grant. Ms. Lyon is a professor at Reinhardt College where she is currently developing a state-of-art performance center and media facility.

Mr. Dreyfuss Goes to Washington was edited at Atlanta-based Crawford Communication Inc. celebrating their 20th year of working with audio, film, television, satellite, and Internet industries. Crawford offers the most advanced equipment and the latest technology and have won many industry awards for documentaries such as *Treasure Seekers: Jewels and Tibet*, *Gold Greed*.

Academy Award winner, Michael Kamen, who also wrote the music for Dreyfuss' *Mr. Holland's Opus*, wrote the original score. Serving as Line Producer is Lynn Falcon. Emmy Award winner, Chris Intagliata, is writing the script.

Additional support for this project was provided by Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M of the District of Columbia.

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