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**PBS Wisconsin and community partners host sneak peek of all-new THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION series in Baraboo**

*The new film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt premieres Nov. 16*

As the United States approaches the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, PBS Wisconsin and community partners will host a special preview screening of the all-new documentary series THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt, at 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 16, at the AL. Ringling Theatre in Baraboo.

The night will include the premiere of two new episodes of *The Look Back* produced by PBS Wisconsin Education and a panel conversation exploring themes and untold perspectives related to the Revolutionary War era in Wisconsin.

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m. No registration is required.**

This event is part of a statewide America@250 initiative led by PBS Wisconsin in partnership with the Wisconsin Historical Society, Wisconsin Public Radio, Wisconsin Veterans Museum and the Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION is a new six-part, 12-hour documentary series that explores the country’s founding struggle and its eight-year War for Independence. The series premieres 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.

“The American Revolution is one of the most important events in human history,” Burns said. “We went from being subjects to inventing a new concept, citizens and set in motion democratic revolutions around the globe. As we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our founding, I’m hopeful that people throughout the country will come together to discuss the importance of this history and to appreciate even more what our ancestors did to secure our liberty and freedoms.”

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