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WCTE PBS OFFERS A FREE PUBLIC SCREENING AT CPAC

Cookeville, TN, September 4, 2019 – On September 10 at 6:00 pm, WCTE is pleased to partner with the Cookeville Performing Arts Center at 10 E Broad St Cookeville, TN bring the community a free public screening of the new PBS Series *COUNTRY MUSIC* a documentary written and produced by filmmaker Ken Burns.

We will also be welcoming world-renowned documentarian Dayton Duncan back to Cookeville for a sneak peek screening of the upcoming documentary *Country Music*.

There is NO CHARGE for tickets but seats are limited, please reserve your space at wcte.org/events

Dayton Duncan is the writer and co-producer for many Ken Burns documentaries including *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, *The Civil War*, *Horatio's Drive*, *Baseball*, *Mark Twain* and *Jazz*.

Country Music hardback coffee table book will be on sale for \$55. Dayton will be signing copies starting at 6 PM. You can preview the book here: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/564642/country-music-by-dayton-duncan-and-ken-burns/>

COUNTRY MUSIC is 16-Hour Documentary Chronicles History of Country Music —Explores crucial questions — “What is country music?” and “Where did it come from?”— while focusing on the biographies of the fascinating trailblazers: from the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers and Bob Wills to Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, Charley Pride, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Garth Brooks and Many More , who created and shaped it as well as the times in which they lived. Much like the music itself, the film tells unforgettable stories of hardships and joys shared by everyday people.

At 6:30, guests will move into the auditorium for a 45-minute special edition, sneak peek screening of Ken Burns *Country Music* followed by a 30 minute Q&A with Dayton and other panelists.

Reserve your tickets today for an unforgettable night celebrating Country Music, the song of America.

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