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ENJOY THE NATION'S BEST FIREWORKS FROM HOME *Top-rated "A Capitol Fourth" celebration returns to WEDU*

Tampa, FL – Hundreds of Independence Day celebrations will be taking place throughout west central Florida in honor of this nation's birthday: the 4th of July. But those who want enjoy the country's 231st birthday without braving the traffic and crowds can watch the nation's ultimate celebration from the comfort of their own homes with *A Capitol Fourth* premiering on **WEDU** on July 4, 2007 at 8 p.m.; encore presentation at 9:30 p.m. the same evening.

WEDU will be airing the top rated, multi-award winning program, **A Capitol Fourth**, live from the West Lawn of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. The program will be hosted by veteran actor Tony Danza who will open the show with a patriotic tap dance performance, as well as feature music performances by recording artist Elliot Yamin ("American Idol"), Tony award-winner Bebe Neuwirth, Gospel sensation and Grammy-award winner Yolanda Adams, accomplished singer and actress Hayden Panettiere ("Heroes") and the National Symphony Orchestra, conducted by top pops Erich Kunzel. The celebration will include a fireworks display over the Washington Monument and a musical tribute by the National Symphony Orchestra in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the all-American Broadway show, *West Side Story*. The program will conclude with a rendition of Tchaikovsky "1812 Overture" along with a live cannon fire provided by the United States Army Presidential Salute Battery, now **A Capitol Fourth** tradition.

For more information about **A Capitol Fourth**, WEDU programming, special events, outreach efforts and community partnerships visit www.wedu.org or call 800.354.9338. WEDU, a 501(c)(3) organization, is West Central Florida's primary PBS station serving 16 counties including the Tampa, St. Petersburg, Pasco, Polk and Sarasota areas through multiple media disciplines including on-air broadcasting and online experiences. WEDU, recently awarded its second consecutive four-star rating by Charity Navigator, is financially supported by its local community, and provides the highest quality education, information, and entertainment programming on local, national, and international levels.

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