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WEDU Presents Free Community Cinema Preview Screening: *Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines*

Film traces the fascinating birth, evolution, and legacy of Wonder Woman and introduces a dynamic group of fictional and real-life superheroines fighting for positive role models for girls, both on screen and off



TAMPA, FL, March 12, 2013 – WEDU, West Central Florida’s primary PBS station, continues its Community Cinema season this month with free preview screenings of *Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines* in Longboat Key, Spring Hill, and Tampa.

The film traces the fascinating evolution and legacy of Wonder Woman. From the birth of the comic book superheroine in the 1940s to the blockbusters of today, *Wonder Women* looks at how popular representations of powerful women often reflect society’s anxieties about women’s liberation.

The film goes behind the scenes with TV stars Lynda Carter (*Wonder Woman*) and Lindsay Wagner (*The Bionic Woman*), comic writers and artists, and real-life superheroines such as Gloria Steinem, Kathleen Hanna, and others, who offer an enlightening and entertaining counterpoint to the male-dominated superhero genre. A film by Kristy Guevara-Flanagan and Kelcey Edwards, *Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines* will be screened at the **Longboat Key Center for the Arts on Wednesday, March 20th beginning at 6:30pm; Aston Gardens in Tampa on Thursday, March 21st beginning at 6:45pm; and Pasco Hernando Community College in Spring Hill on Thursday, March 21st at 6:00pm.**

Wonder Women explores our nation’s long-term love affair with comic book superheroes and raises questions about the possibilities and contradictions of heroines within the genre. Reflecting our culture’s deep-seated ambivalence toward powerful women — even in this so called post-feminist era — women may be portrayed as good, or brave, or even featured as “action babes,” but rarely are they seen as heroes at the center of their own journey.

WHAT: FREE screening of *Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroines* and film discussion.

WHO: Presented by WEDU and ITVS Community Cinema

WHEN: Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30pm (Doors open at 6:00pm)
Longboat Key Center for the Arts, 6860 Longboat Drive S., Longboat Key, FL 34228

WHEN: Thursday, March 21st at 6:00pm
Pasco Hernando Community College-Spring Hill Campus, 450 Beverly Court Spring Hill, FL 34606

WHEN: Thursday, March 21st at 6:45pm
Aston Gardens-Tampa, 12951 W Linebaugh Ave, Tampa, FL 33626

RSVP: www.wedu.org/cinema (Free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Reservations are requested.)

ABOUT WEDU

WEDU is West Central Florida’s leading PBS station and public media company reaching 16 counties through media platforms including on-air programming and online experiences that broaden horizons, transport and transform and open gateways to new ideas and new worlds. Financially supported by the community, the organization offers a wealth of award-winning inspirational, educational and enlightening content over a variety of multi-media platforms including: television

programming, station's website, wedu.org and various social media platforms, monthly member magazine *Premiere*, educational outreach activities and a myriad of special events. WEDU's focus on the local community has resulted in the station being regarded as a beacon of trust for men, women and children of every walk of life no matter their age, ethnicity or socio-economic status. WEDU is a treasured community resource; a window to the world for the homebound and a vital educational source for the youngest members of society. WEDU prides itself on its position in the Tampa Bay community as a leader, partner, informed citizen and a member of PBS, the most trusted institution in America (Source: CARAVAN ORC International, January 2013).

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