

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 4, 2019



MEDIA CONTACT: Allison Alvarez Hedrick
Vice President of Communications
P: 800.354.9338 ext. 2240
E: ahedrick@wedu.org

WEDU PBS and The Ringling Host Preview Screening of Antiques Roadshow Episodes Taped in Sarasota



Tampa, FL — Part adventure, part history lesson, **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW** is PBS's highest-rated series and several episodes were filmed at Ca' d'Zan last spring for the program's 23rd season.

Season 23 will premiere on January 7, 2019 with episodes featuring Ca' d'Zan airing January 28, February 4, and February 11 on **WEDU PBS**. For fans of Antiques Roadshow that just can't wait for the premiere, WEDU PBS and The Ringling will host an advanced screening of the first hour of the Sarasota episodes on **January 15, 2019** at the **Historic Asolo Theatre** located at 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota beginning at **7:30 p.m.** Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

In each episode, some of the country's leading specialists offer free appraisals of historic antiques and collectibles as the cameras capture tales of family heirlooms and yard-sale bargains. These objects can tell us much about life in the past and often are tied to significant historical events and personalities.

Following the screening, there will be a discussion with **Stuart Whitehurst**, a seasoned Antiques Roadshow appraiser. Stuart has been touring with Antiques Roadshow since the premiere on PBS. He is an independent appraiser and consultant of antiques and personal property. Stuart has been in the auction industry since 1984, and is a generalist appraiser with extensive knowledge of American, British and European furniture, decorative arts of all types including ceramics and silver, as well as fine art. Stuart has appeared in numerous national and regional television and radio broadcasts, speaking about the world of antiques and collecting.

Tickets for the screening event are **FREE** and can be reserved online at <https://www.ringling.org/events/antiques-roadshow-sarasota-preview-screening>. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Tickets are limited to two per person.

About WEDU PBS

WEDU is West Central Florida's PBS station 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 website, www.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 PBS 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 (ORC International's DualFrame CARAVAN, January 2018). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit www.wedu.org; WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter (@wedupbs) or call (813) 254-9338.

— WEDU PBS —

WEDU PressRoom: www.wedu.org/press

WEDU Video Portal: <http://video.wedu.org>

WEDU on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WEDUPublicMedia

WEDU on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/wedupbs>