

"Celebrate Life," a special TV production dramatizing the evolution of Black music

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"Celebrate Life," a special television production dramatizing the evolution of black music and featuring the work of Cecil Lytle and the UCSD Gospel Choir, is scheduled to be shown on Public Broadcasting, KPBS-TV Channel 15, at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 30. The show will repeat at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 1.

"Celebrate Life," directed by Ryall Wilson, combines the efforts of artists of the black community of San Diego and the students of UCSD's Third College. Music, dance and words are interwoven to express the feelings of black Americans about their African heritage, the impact of slavery, living in modern America, and how, as a people, they celebrate life.

Although it is impossible to chronologically follow the entire history of black music in a half hour, the show endeavors to show black music indicative of five ages.

In addition to the Gospel Choir, performers include storyteller James Avery, dancer DeLois Kelly, and singer Almeta Speaks who also produced the show.

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