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Season 2 of Museum Access Airing Now on Public Television Host Leslie Mueller Takes Viewers Behind-the-Scenes of the Country's Top Museums

Greenwich, CT (February 27, 2019) – Behind-the-scene tours of some of the nation's most interesting museums continue as Season 2 of *Museum Access* begins airing on Public Television (PBS stations) across the country.

Museum Access, a 10-part television series, produced and hosted by Leslie Mueller and Museum Access Media, LLC, takes viewers on a lively, interactive adventure as she explores top museums throughout the USA. Each 30-minute episode features exciting stories, in-depth conversations with experts, and fascinating footage that museum guests don't typically have the opportunity to see. All 10 episodes of Season 1, which began airing in 2018 on Public Television, are now available on Amazon Prime.

"We are absolutely delighted with the response to *Museum Access*," said host Mueller, whose passion for museums began as a young girl growing up outside of Chicago and visiting the city's world-renowned institutions. "I was fortunate to live so close to so many museums," she continued. "But, many people don't have the same access to museums that I had," she added. "This is what led me to develop and produce *Museum Access*. I wanted to find a way to bring the museum experience to everyone."

Season 2 takes Mueller back to her hometown with a private tour of the "Saturday Night Live" special exhibition at the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago. Mueller dives into the creative process of SNL, as she explores a week in the life of the award-winning show. Viewers go behind-the-scenes with Mueller to see the writing process, the table-read, set construction, make-up, and costume design – concluding with the live broadcast on Saturday night. "What a treat for us to see the inner workings of this iconic show and share it with our *Museum Access* viewers," said Mueller. "We had a great time filming this one!"

Another highlight of Season 2 was Mueller's visit to the private museum within the C.I.A headquarters in Langley, Virginia – a museum that most people don't even know exists! During this *Museum Access* episode, Mueller shares how the agency gathers intelligence from outer space to the ocean's floor and everywhere in between. She takes viewers on a close-up look at important historical artifacts including the model of Osama bin Laden's compound that was used for planning the successful assault. "This was a rare opportunity to learn about American's intelligence history, and I was thrilled for the opportunity to share it with our viewers," she said.

Additional museums featured throughout Season 2 include The Collings Foundation, "Wings of Freedom" traveling aviation museum of WWII aircraft in Stow, Massachusetts, the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois, and the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Connecticut where Mueller visits a world-class exhibition of Toulouse-Lautrec portraits from the Herakleidon Museum in Athens, Greece. During each visit, Mueller asks the questions that she believes viewers would want answered.

"I'm curious by nature, and I love learning new things," she explained. "I dig deeper and ask these questions, because I want viewers to gain as much information and detail as possible from each episode," she added.

"Because I'm invited to see things that the general public doesn't have access to, our shows are much more than a simple guided tour. We do everything possible to provide a complete experience, so viewers feel as though they are touring the museum with me," she continues. "From the feedback we've received from viewers across the country, I'm happy to say we're accomplishing our goal."

Season 2 also features visits to the Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Connecticut, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City, the Wild Center Natural History Museum in the Adirondacks in upstate New York, and the Phillips Collection Museum in Washington, DC. "Each of these museums has so much to see, I wish we had more than 30 minutes for each episode!"

While Season 1 is streaming on Amazon Prime, and Season 2 is airing on Public Television (PBS stations) nationwide, Mueller is already filming episodes for Season 3. "It's wonderful to see how the show has taken off in such a short period of time," she said. "It's truly a privilege to bring these museums into people's homes and share the very best of our country's culture, accomplishments and heritage."

For more information about Museum Access and its various episodes, please visit www.museumaccess.com.

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