



Celebrate Black History Month in February with programs about the African American experience

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February is Black History Month. As part of our commitment to celebrate the diversity of America year-round, KET will air an assortment of programs that highlight the African American experience throughout the month of February.

KET's Black History Month programming includes:

City of Ali

Explore Muhammad Ali's lifelong relationship with his hometown of Louisville through his funeral procession in 2016, which drew 100,000 people along the city's streets. Through candid interviews with friends and relatives, viewers get a behind-the-scenes account of the man who went on to become a global icon.

KET Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 9/8 pm

The Alice and Wade Houston Story

Learn about the lives and careers of one of Louisville's most prominent couples: Alice and Wade Houston. From their childhoods in Louisville, Ky., and Alcoa, Tenn., we follow the Houstons as they move from the segregated worlds of their youth to their multiple successes in the arenas of both business and sports, and their lifelong friendship with Muhammad Ali. The story is told by a chorus of voices including their children, relatives and friends, and others whose lives have been touched by the Houston's generosity.

KET Thursday, Feb. 8 • 4/3 pm

KET2 Thursday, Feb. 22 • 10/9 pm

Gospel Live! Presented by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

This companion program to the *Gospel* series, co-hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Erica Campbell, presents an assortment of artists, including John Legend, performing some of their favorite gospel songs.

KET Friday, Feb. 9 • 9/8 pm



A Symphony Celebration: The Blind Boys of Alabama

The Blind Boys of Alabama, who rose to fame in the segregated South with their thrilling vocal harmonies and roof-raising live shows, perform with conductor Dr. Henry Panion, III, and a full symphony orchestra.

KET Friday, Feb. 9 • 10/9 pm

American Masters: How It Feels to Be Free

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of iconic African American entertainers Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier, who changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

KET Monday, Feb. 12 • 4/3 pm

Gospel

Presented by Henry Louis Gates Jr., this four-part series, airing in back-to-back episodes over two nights, honors the legacy and influence of gospel music in America. The series takes viewers across the United States to meet the pioneers who first fused blues and jazz with testimonies of God's goodness to create a new genre of gospel music.

KET Monday, Feb. 12 & Tuesday, Feb. 13 • 9/8 pm & 10/9 pm

KET2 Sunday, Feb. 18 & Sunday, Feb. 25 • 8/7 pm & 9/8 pm

Films BYkids: Beekeeper

This film follows 15-year-old Keith Griffith III of Louisville, who developed an interest in beekeeping at age 11 when both of his parents were incarcerated. To help Keith cope with stress, his uncle taught him how to care for a bee colony, how to harvest honey, and the importance of pollinators for food production and the environment.

KET Monday, Feb. 19 • 5/4 pm

The Legacy of Black Horsemen

The Legacy of Black Horsemen, an hour-long historical documentary from KET, highlights the often-untold story of Black jockeys, trainers, grooms and exercisers in the 1800s whose contributions helped lay the foundation for the Thoroughbred industry.

KET Monday, Feb. 26 • 9/8 pm

KET2 Thursday, Feb. 29 • 10/9 pm



Becoming bell hooks

Explore the life and legacy of Kentucky-born author bell hooks, who wrote nearly 40 books and whose work at the intersection of race, class and gender serves as a lasting contribution to the feminist movement. This one-hour documentary features selections read by Academy Award® winner Octavia Spencer and interviews with feminist activist Gloria Steinem, Kentucky writers Crystal Wilkinson and Silas House, bell's younger sister Gwenda Motley and many others. The program is funded in part by the KET Endowment for Kentucky Productions.

KET Tuesday, Feb. 27 • 9/8 pm

KET2 Thursday, Feb. 29 • 9/8 pm

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