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THE STORY OF AMERICA'S BLACK PATRIOTS

FRANK MARTIN

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

Frank Martin began his career as a documentary filmmaker, after spending eight years as a San Francisco radio personality and production director. His first project was writing, producing and directing a one-hour television special chronicling the life of 18th century sea captain William Bligh and the infamous mutiny aboard his ship, the HMS Bounty. Shot in Tahiti, New Zealand and England--and produced in conjunction with the feature film *The Bounty*, the documentary featured Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopkins.

In 1988, Mr. Martin approached John Huston and convinced the venerable film director to allow him to document his long and colorful life. The result was *John Huston: The Man, the Movies, the Maverick*, which the LA times called "a great, wallop, gutsy, funny, unsparing and ultimately inspiring film." Upon its release, the picture received numerous national and international awards including The Filmmakers Trophy at the 1989 Sundance Film Festival (then known as the United States Film Festival), and a nomination for "Best Director" at the 11th Annual National ACE Awards.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Martin wrote and directed the six-hour documentary mini-series *MGM: When the Lion Roars* which The Hollywood Reporter called, "a roaring success." Two years in production, the film is an in-depth study of the rise and fall of Hollywood's greatest motion picture empire. The documentary received numerous accolades including a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Informational Series.

Subsequent documentaries produced and directed by Mr. Martin include: the two-hour ABC primetime special *The Wonderful World of Disney: Forty Years of Television Magic*, starring Kirstie Alley, the six-part documentary series for Showtime, *Sex, Censorship & the Silver Screen*

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which the LA Times called “monumental,” as well as the Disney Channel primetime special *Elvis in Hollywood*.

In 1996, Mr. Martin formed Eleventh Day Entertainment with producer Rudy Poe. Mr. Martin directs and produces the company's long-form entertainment productions which include *Warner Bros. 75 Years of Laughter*, *CBS: the First 50 Years* and *Mr. K: a Common Man with Uncommon Vision* which was recently awarded the Emmy for both Outstanding Direction and Outstanding Writing. The company has produced a four-hour documentary film entitled, ***For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots***, hosted by Academy Award winner Halle Berry and introduced by former Secretary of State Colin Powell and *The Miracle of the New Testament*, a twelve-part documentary series that examines the origins of Christianity's defining document.