

Harry Belafonte hosts "The Long Road to Freedom" during a "Sunday Brunch Jazz" feature on Black Entertainment Television.

Remarkable Lives Profiled

Networks air Black History Month specials



The story of acclaimed actress, poet and civil activist Beah Richards is told in the HBO documentary "Beah: A Black Woman Speaks."



Comedian Steve Harvey is the master of ceremonies in the Black History Month broadcast "Celebration of Gospel IV."

Two major networks are highlighting significant contributions made by and about African-American women with key programming that spotlights their remarkable lives, the troubles they faced and the positive changes their efforts have made.

The HBO network airs the exclusive documentary "Beah: A Black Woman Speaks," which debuts on Wednesday, Feb. 25 and celebrates the life of acclaimed actress, poet and activist Beah Richards.

Her story is a springboard for an HBO campaign and essay contest called "Hearing

Her Voice, Telling Her Story," to honor everyday women.

Also premiering on HBO during Black History Month is the documentary, "Mighty Times: the Legacy of Rosa Parks" on Wednesday, Feb. 11 and the children's special about diversity, "Happy to be Nappy and Other Stories of Me" on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The network has scheduled encore viewings of "Miss Evers' Boys" on Monday, Feb. 9, the original documentaries "Lalee's Kin" on Saturday, Feb. 7, "Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives" on Mon-

day, Feb. 16 and the critically acclaimed theatrical release of "Antwone Fisher" on Saturday, Feb. 21.

In addition, the HBO films "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge" will show on Monday, Feb. 9, "Boycott" on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and "The Josephine Baker Story" on Wednesday, Feb. 11 on HBO2.

A slate of diverse programming for Black History Month on Black Entertainment Television includes the annual star-studded "Celebration of Gospel IV," hosted by comedian Steve Harvey at 9 p.m. Tues-

day, Feb. 24.

The historically-themed program "The Forts and Castles of Ghana" airs at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 and a "Jazz Sunday Brunch" series, which celebrates the resilience of the African-American spirit begins with "The Long Road to Freedom," hosted by Harry Belafonte at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.

BET's creative services department also has produced a series of Black History Month vignettes themed "History: Pass It On," featuring superstar Janet Jackson to air throughout February.



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