

## About Blackside

Founded in 1968 by Henry Hampton, Blackside went on to become one of the nation's most acclaimed documentary film companies. Blackside is renowned for shaping the human stories behind the history into compelling films that inspire dialogue on the social and political issues at the core of American life.

Producing more than sixty major film and media projects, Blackside has provided many emerging filmmakers with the opportunity to learn their craft. *Eyes on the Prize*, the company's definitive history of the civil rights movement, won the Dupont-Columbia Gold Baton, the Peabody Award, Academy Award nominations, and numerous Emmys. Blackside has also brought many other award-winning productions to public television, including *The Great Depression*, *Malcolm X: Make It Plain*, *America's War on Poverty*, *This Far by Faith*, and *I'll Make Me A World*.

In recent years the company has undertaken a rebroadcast of *Eyes on the Prize*, accompanied by a major outreach program. Nearly two decades after its 1987 premiere, the series returned to PBS on *American Experience* this October. Three, two-hour episodes will air on three consecutive Mondays -- October 2, 9, and 16 at 9pm. An additional eight hours will be available at a later date.

The re-release of *Eyes on the Prize* was made possible by grants from The Ford Foundation and The Gilder Foundation. The series is a production of Blackside, Inc and was created and executive-produced by Henry Hampton (1940-1998). Blackside Principals are Judi Hampton, President and Veva Zimmerman, Vice President.

The 2006 broadcast of *Eyes on the Prize* will be supported by a National Outreach Campaign managed by Blackside and funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, with additional support provided by The Annie E. Casey Foundation. The outreach will bring awareness of the television series to a whole new generation of Americans and stimulate a national dialogue on human rights issues.

Currently, the company is focused on fundraising and reissuing other Blackside films.