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Nearly two decades after its 1987 premiere, the groundbreaking *Eyes on the Prize* returns 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.

Produced by Blackside, *Eyes on the Prize* tells the definitive story of the Civil Rights era from the point of view of the ordinary men and women whose extraordinary actions launched a movement that changed the fabric of American life and embodied a struggle whose reverberations continue to be felt today. Winner of numerous Emmy Awards, a George Foster Peabody Award, an International Documentary Award, and a Television Critics Association Award, *Eyes on the Prize* is the most critically acclaimed documentary on Civil Rights in America. Monday - October 2, 2006:

Episode 1

Awakenings 1954–1956

9 p.m. (check local listings)

Individual acts of courage inspire black Southerners to fight for their rights: Mose Wright testifies against the white men who murdered young Emmett Till, and Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama.

Episode 2

Fighting Back 1957–1962

10 p.m. (check local listings)

States' rights loyalists and federal authorities collide in the 1957 battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High School, and again in James Meredith's 1962 challenge to segregation at the University of Mississippi. Both times, a Southern governor squares off with a US president, violence erupts—and integration is carried out.

Monday - October 9, 2006:

Episode 3

Ain't Scared of Your Jails 1960–1961

9 p.m. (check local listings)

Black college students take a leadership role in the Civil Rights Movement as lunch counter sit-ins spread across the South. Freedom Riders also try to desegregate interstate buses, but they are brutally attacked as they travel.

Episode 4

No Easy Walk 1961–1963

10 p.m. (check local listings)

The Civil Rights Movement discovers the power of mass demonstrations as the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., emerges as its most visible leader. Some demonstrations succeed; others fail. But the triumphant march on Washington, DC, under King's leadership shows a mounting national support for civil rights. President John F. Kennedy proposes the Civil Rights Act. Monday - October 16, 2006:

Episode 5

Mississippi: Is This America?

1963–1964

9 p.m. (check local listings)

Mississippi's grass-roots Civil Rights Movement becomes an American concern when college students travel south to help register black voters and three of them are murdered. The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party challenges the regular Mississippi delegation at the Democratic Convention in Atlantic City.

Episode 6

Bridge to Freedom 1965

10 p.m. (check local listings)

A decade of lessons is applied in the climactic and bloody march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. A major victory is won when the federal Voting Rights Bill passes, but Civil Rights leaders know they have new challenges ahead.

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