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Tune In Saturday for “Early TV Memories” Stamp Dedication

What: “Early TV Memories” Commemorative Stamp Dedication

Who: Gloria E. Tyson, Chicago District Manager/Postmaster, USPS
Bruce DuMont, Founder/President/CEO, Museum of Broadcast Communications
Jack Hackman, *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* set designer,
colleague/friend of show creator Burr Tillstrom

When: Saturday, August 22 –12:00 p.m.

Where: Dedication ceremony- Keefer’s Kaffe, 20 W. Kinzie St.
“Hard Hat” tour of the new Museum of Broadcast Communications- 360 N. State St. (directly across from Keefer’s Restaurant at State and Kinzie Streets)

Background: The Chicago District will dedicate the *Early TV Memories* 20-stamp set, which includes *Kukla, Fran and Ollie* and *The Tonight Show*—classic television shows with strong Chicago connections.

KFO creator and puppeteer Burr Tillstrom graduated from Senn High School, and briefly attended the University of Chicago before joining the Chicago Parks District Theater as a puppeteer. *KFO* first appeared locally on Chicago’s first commercial TV station, WBKB (now WBBM), as *Junior Jamboree* in 1947. The show was renamed and transferred to WNBQ (now WMAQ) in 1948. *KFO* attracted a sizable fan base once it began airing nationally on NBC beginning in 1949.

The Tonight Show was first hosted by Chicago-reared entertainer and St. Thomas the Apostle/Hyde Park High School student Steve Allen, who is featured on the *Tonight Show* stamp. The Museum of Broadcast Communications, which is co-hosting the “Early TV Memories” event, maintains an extensive archive of Steve Allen’s classic television appearances, as well as episodes of *KFO*, in its online archives at www.museum.tv. The MBC is the only museum dedicated to broadcast history in the nation, and a “Hard-Hat” tour of the museum’s new 62,000-sq.ft. location will be offered after the stamps are dedicated.

The new stamps are available at Post Offices across the nation and at www.usps.com. An interactive gallery featuring some of the new stamps also is featured at www.museum.tv. Click on each stamp to watch a classic episode of featured shows from the MBC archives.

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