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## **WGVU Productions Receive Aurora Awards**

(Grand Rapids, MI, January 29, 2009) WGVU Productions is happy to announce that four WGVU Productions have received honors from the 2009 Aurora Awards. The Aurora Awards are an independent film and video competition for commercials, cable programming, and documentaries, as well as industrial, instructional and corporate videos.

Platinum Best of Shows went to *Messiah with the Calvin Oratorio Society 2007* and *Battle Creek: Celebrating Flight 2008*. *Messiah* was a concert performance of the 88<sup>th</sup> annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah* by the Society. *Battle Creek* featured an up-close look at the Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival. Both programs were produced and edited by WGVU Producer/Director Deb Kirk.

Gold Awards were given to *Stefon Harris and Friends: African Tarantella – Dances with Duke* and *Coast Guard Festival Highlights 2008*. *Stefon Harris* featured a concert performance by the award-winning jazz musician and was produced and edited by WGVU Production Manager Philip Lane. It was also WGVU's very first high definition local production. *Coast Guard* covered the 2008 festival in Grand Haven, including footage from the many events and interviews with festival organizers and past and present members of the Coast Guard. The program was produced and edited by WGVU Producer/Director Jim Vander Maas.

Visit [wgvu.org](http://wgvu.org) to find out more about these and other award-winning WGVU Productions.

WGVU's continued mission is to provide educational, informative, and entertaining programs and events to the West Michigan community as a service of Grand Valley State University.

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