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LAKE ERIE: OHIO'S GREAT LAKE
A High Definition Documentary about Lake Erie

Toledo, OH - This northern shore of the United States was America's gateway to the west and a cradle of industry. Today, Lake Erie remains a shimmering natural wonder and a silent witness to history. WGTE Public Broadcasting explores the stories of Ohio's Great Lake in this new 60-minute, high-definition television production, LAKE ERIE: OHIO'S GREAT LAKE.

From the historical significance that helped in establishing America to the natural resources that have nurtured agriculture and industry, the documentary profiles the communities along the lake's shore and throughout the state of Ohio that are affected each day by Lake Erie. Using archival film, photographs, and high definition footage, WGTE illustrates how this invaluable natural resource influences virtually every aspect of the lives of those living near the lake.

"We feel that this documentary will help to inspire reflection on the historical importance of the lake and its landscapes in shaping Ohio's culture, industrial base, ethnicity and future," stated Greg Tye, WGTE's Senior Producer for the show.

The program examines the geology of how the lake was created, the Native American presence, the settlement of the state, the recreation the lake provides, and the impact of industry, agriculture and human interaction on the lake itself.

"Telling the story of Lake Erie is essential in the efforts to improve quality of life of all Ohioans while advocating for the preservation and enhancement of the lake's natural, historical and cultural resources," stated Darren LaShelle, Executive Producer and Director of Television Broadcast Services for WGTE.

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