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### Houston Public Media Launches Local Multi-Media Collaboration Around *The Black Church*

*HPM, University of Houston and KTSU Produce Series of Original Programming The Black Church in Houston*

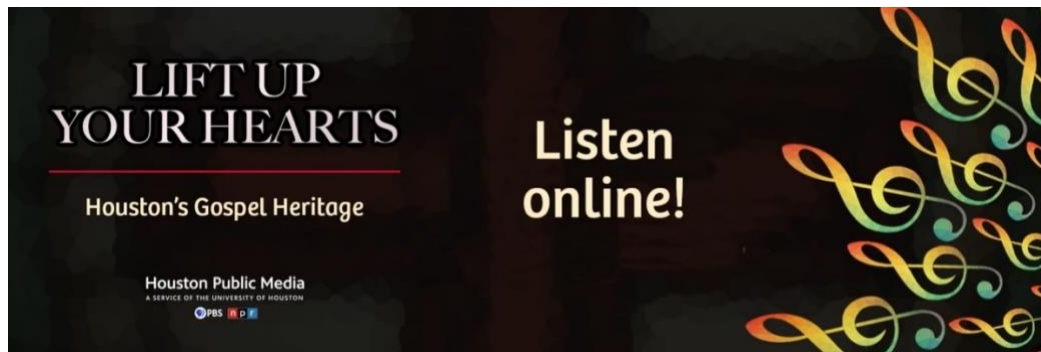


HOUSTON – (February 5, 2021) Houston Public Media TV 8 will broadcast [The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song Feb. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. on Houston Public Media](#). The two-part program, produced by PBS and WETA, is an [intimate special](#) from Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. It reveals the broad history and culture of the Black church, explores African American faith communities on the frontlines of hope and change, and features interviews with Oprah, John Legend, Bishop Michael Curry, Rev. Sharpton, Jennifer Hudson and many more.

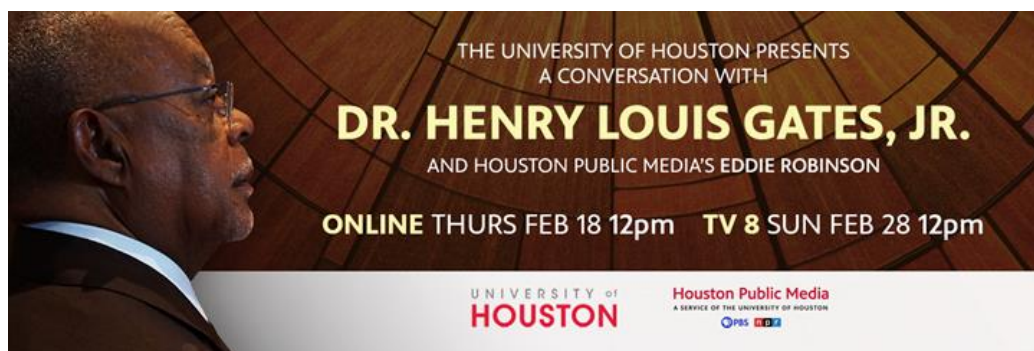


In partnership with KTSU, the public radio station of Texas Southern University, and The University of Houston Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Houston Public Media is producing companion programming focused on Houston's Black church. **Keeping the Faith: The Black Church in Houston and Lift Up Your Hearts: Houston's Gospel Heritage** is a two-part series that features interviews from

influential leaders of Houston who represent faith within the community. This series, and many others, can be viewed on the [Houston Public Media](#) website with additional videos being added throughout the month.



***Lift Up Your Hearts: Houston's Gospel Heritage*** is a radio program that highlights Houston's top gospel talent such as Yolanda Adams, Kim Burrell, Kurt Carr and many others. An encore presentation of *Lift Up Your Hearts* airs Sunday, Feb. 21 at 6 a.mn. on News 88.7.



To round out this local multi-media collaboration, Houston Public Media is partnering with the University of Houston Racial Equity and Social Justice committee to bring our community a discussion with Dr. Henry Louis "Skip" Gates, Jr. Houston Public Media anchor Eddie Robinson will have a one-on-one conversation with Dr. Gates, taking viewers on a journey through the history and culture of the Black Church. The virtual event is Thursday, Feb. 18 at noon. Visit [Houston Public Media](#) for a link to view the streaming event.

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### **About Houston Public Media**

Houston Public Media is a service of the University of Houston and supported with financial gifts from the community. Houston Public Media combines broadcast and digital assets to serve residents of Southeast Texas with trusted local news and entertainment, as well as national programming from NPR and PBS. With a combined weekly audience of more than 1.6 million, Houston Public Media is committed to delivering content that expands minds and possibilities with trusted information.

### **About KTSU**

Under the leadership of the TSU Board of Regents and Dr. Austin Lane, the President of Texas Southern University, KTSU-FM is a major component of outreach for the university, providing the community-at-large with non-commercial schedules of public affairs programming, jazz, blues, R & B oldies, gospel, reggae, neo soul, zydeco music and other special programs 24 hours a day. In addition, KTSU also serves as a training platform for students enrolled in the School of Communications.