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DIRECTOR'S BIO

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ROBERT KENNEDY REMEMBERED

Monday, June 23, 7:45 p.m., NEWSEUM

USA, 1968, 30 MINUTES

Narrated by Richard Burton

Shown simultaneously on all television networks during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, this moving tribute to a man who had hoped to win the presidency created a historic moment when it brought the proceedings to a standstill and the crowd, in tears, to its feet. Commissioned by the Kennedy family, the film begins with the funeral train to Washington, DC and follows the triumphs and tragedies in the late Senator's life with extraordinary newsreel footage, archival stills, and home movies.

The film was produced in only four weeks, two months after the Senator's assassination, in order to meet the Convention deadline. Guggenheim Productions, with the country's resources at its fingertips, worked around the clock to complete this film honoring RFK and the Democratic Party. ROBERT KENNEDY REMEMBERED is a poignant eulogy and compelling reflection on the spirit, quality, and commitment RFK brought to his life and work.

—Grace Guggenheim / Guggenheim Productions

CAPTURING THE MEDIA MOMENT AND REMEMBERING THE CANDIDATE

The program will include a panel discussion exploring the creation of the Kennedy campaign spots, their impact at the time, and the ongoing influence: how do TV ads define a candidate? The discussion will also explore the role of the filmed political biography, which in this case was crafted as eulogy defining our memory of the man and of a particular moment in history.

Among those appearing include: George Stevens, Jr., AFI's Founding Director; Frank Mankiewicz, Kennedy's press secretary; filmmaker Grace Guggenheim.

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2008 GUGGENHEIM SYMPOSIUM

The Charles Guggenheim Symposium was created in 2003 to commemorate the late, four-time Academy Award-winning filmmaker who made over 100 documentaries during an internationally acclaimed career that spanned half a century.

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The 2008 Guggenheim Symposium honors award-winning director, producer, writer and actor Spike Lee.