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## **C-SPAN Invites America to Tour the White House** *During* **C-SPAN's "White House Week," December 14—20**

**Washington, DC (December 2, 2008)** --As the nation turns its attention to the 44<sup>th</sup> First Family, Americans are invited to tour the White House through C-SPAN's upcoming **White House Week**, a weeklong presentation of original programming airing **December 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM (ET) on C-SPAN.**

The week debuts with C-SPAN's feature documentary, "**The White House: Inside America's Most Famous Home,**" **Sunday, December 14 at 9:00PM (ET).** The network continues with six nights of additional White House programming (see attached schedule).

C-SPAN was granted extensive access by the First Lady to document the White House in detail, showcasing the architectural beauty and historic events that define each of the rooms of this American icon.

Exclusive interviews with the current First Family, White House staff, and renowned presidential historians are featured throughout the week, providing viewers with an in-depth, historical portrait of the White House. These accounts are complemented with the rich collection of the White House Historical Association's archives.

"The White House is a grand old home, an office building, and a museum of American history. And, it is also the only private residence of a head of state that is open to the public, free of charge. President Bush and I are happy to share an insider's view of this special home where we live and work," said Mrs. Bush.

"Our weeklong series examines the White House from both an educational and historical viewpoint," said Susan Swain, president of C-SPAN. "We take viewers beyond the velvet ropes, into the private quarters and working areas of the residence, providing a rarely seen look into the home of our nation's First Family."

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**White House Week** airs nightly on C-SPAN at 9:00 PM (ET), December 14 –20.  
Programs include:

**Sunday, December 14**

*The White House: Inside America's Most Famous Home*

**Monday, December 15**

White House Tours by Presidents and First Ladies

**Tuesday, December 16**

Behind the Scenes at the White House

**Wednesday, December 17**

The Gardens & the Grounds

**Thursday, December 18**

The Lincoln White House

**Friday, December 19**

Encore Documentary Presentation followed by The Making of the Documentary

**Saturday, December 20**

Interviews with President & Mrs. Bush

**White House Week's** content-rich site ( [www.c-span.org/whitehouse](http://www.c-span.org/whitehouse) ) offers footage of the feature-length documentary, as well as extended interviews with historians and archival footage of past presidents and significant events throughout our nation's history.

A C-SPAN's original production, *White House Week*, was produced with assistance from First Lady Laura Bush and the White House Historical Association. Recorded in high-definition video to capture the beauty of the White House, this weeklong presentation airs on C-SPAN in standard definition and letterbox format. The series will be available in HD on DVD, and cable Video On Demand.

**About C-SPAN**

C-SPAN, the political network of record, was created by America's cable companies as a public service in 1979. C-SPAN programs three public affairs television networks; C-SPAN Radio, a Washington, D.C., radio station distributed nationally by XM Satellite Radio; and a video-rich website. C-SPAN is currently available in over 92 million cable and satellite households. For more information, visit [www.c-span.org](http://www.c-span.org).

**About the White House Historical Association**

The White House Historical Association, established in 1961, is a non-profit organization whose goal is to enhance public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. All proceeds from the association's trusts, publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and artwork for the permanent collection, assist in the preservation of the public rooms, and further its educational mission. For information about the association's outreach programs, please go to [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org).

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