

Behind the Scenes at the Omaha Playhouse Production, “A Christmas Carol” and Morse Bluff’s Kolache Queen Spotlights in November Episode of NET Television’s “Nebraska Stories”

“Nebraska Stories,” NET Television’s monthly series telling compelling, personal tales of Nebraskans and Nebraska life, shares a glimpse of NET Television’s upcoming documentary, “Casting Call to Curtain Call,” behind-the-scenes at the Omaha Playhouse performance, Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.” In another segment, get to know Nadine Racek, the 84-year-old Kolache Queen from Morse Bluff. These stories and more will be featured Friday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD.

Every November, the Omaha Community Playhouse performs Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” to sold-out audiences. But what the audience doesn’t see are the awkward, funny, strange and inspiring moments that happen long before the curtain even opens. “The full-length documentary, “Casting Call to Curtain Call,” will air Friday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. CT on NET1/HD.

After straining his vocal cords, Philip Zach of Lincoln never thought he’d sing again. He’d toured the world then sat in silence. Now, as his voice heals, Philip begins to put the final touches on a musical journey fueled in part by Kickstarter.

Meet a tenacious, smart, devout group of women who tackle challenging social issues. The Notre Dame Sisters of Omaha have made social justice their mission for 100 years. From educating the poor, to giving up their own group home to provide low-cost housing for seniors, the Sisters are a force for good whose only collective goal is to keep on giving. That, and to have a little fun while doing it.

In the small town of Morse Bluff, Nebraska, lives royalty. In fact, some call her the queen -- the Kolache Queen. For more than half a century, Nadine Racek has been mixing, kneading and baking delicious treats that have delighted people across the globe. Nadine has baked as many as 1,500 kolaches in one order and shipped them as far as Afghanistan. And, at 84, it doesn’t look like she’ll stop any time soon.

This “Nebraska Stories” episode will repeat on NET1/HD on Sunday, Nov. 4 at noon and 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 11 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 11, at 12:30 p.m.; and on Monday, Nov. 12, at 11:30 p.m. It will repeat on NET2 World on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 17, at 10 p.m. All times listed are in CT.

Viewers can watch the above segments and more by visiting the “Nebraska Stories” website at www.netnebraska.org/nebraskastories. Join us on Facebook to be a part of the “Nebraska Stories” conversation.

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