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**ARCHIVES TO HOST PREVIEW SCREENING OF KEN BURNS' *COUNTRY MUSIC* ON SEPTEMBER 12**

Montgomery, AL (8/20/19) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will host an exclusive preview screening of highlights from the highly anticipated Ken Burns' documentary, *Country Music*, on **Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m.** in its Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. This event is presented in partnership with Alabama Public Television (APT). **Admission is free.**

Set to premiere on September 15, 2019, on APT, this eight-part, 16-hour documentary directed by Burns will take viewers on a journey through the compelling history of country music, a uniquely American art form. Much like the music itself, the documentary tells unforgettable stories of hardships and joys shared by everyday people.

"Nothing says Alabama more than the soulful sound of classic country music," said Steve Murray, director of the ADAH. "We are delighted to host a preview of what will be another terrific PBS documentary shedding light on an essential aspect of southern and American culture."

Artifacts related to Hank Williams' music and life from the ADAH's collection will be on display. Refreshments will be served.

For questions or additional information, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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