It's time once again for a great American story!

Rediscover the American Spirit with……..

**AMERICA REVISITED**  
*A PBS Television Series*

People are coming together. Communities are being rebuilt.  
Lives are being changed.

**Why America Needs To Be Revisited**

It is no secret America is experiencing some of the toughest economic times in our history. Urban sprawl and mass transit have changed what was once considered the heartbeat of our communities, our downtown districts. Arthur Frommer once said, “(Those cities) that have substantially preserved their past continue to enjoy tourism. Those that haven't receive no tourism at all. It's as simple as that. Tourism does not go to a city that has lost its soul. “

Through *America Revisited* we will discover those places across our country whose souls are well intact, the towns and streets that recall our traditions and roots, our struggles and accomplishments. The streets of America are paved with golden memories, experiences and traditions. Should we ever forget our past, all we need is a stroll down these streets to remind us.

They remind us of the quintessential Main Street with its marble-topped soda fountains and mom and pop stores, neighborhoods with their bustling sidewalks and front stoop gatherings, artist enclaves with their free spirits and creative energy. Communities have decided to rescue their downtowns from the decay and dilapidation. They are coming together and picking themselves up by their bootstraps to make their downtowns better--to make America better!

These streets and trails, cities and towns are pivotal to our country and its sense of self. Their very existence demonstrates our individuality, the strength of our communities, and our sense of belonging and home.

Thankfully, there are visionary individuals and organizations that make it their life’s work to protect, preserve and reclaim these treasured parts of our culture. And there are places that are flourishing under their watchful eye. In fact, they are experiencing a true renaissance.

From St. Louis, Sanibel to Santa Fe, Princeton, Portsmouth to Pittsburgh, cities and towns across America are experiencing the positive impact of historical preservation and reclamation. Though their stories are different; their cultures, geography, opportunities
and obstacles varied; their renaissance shares striking similarities such as newfound economic and cultural success, stronger and safer neighborhoods, a greater pride in community, and even a profound boom in tourism.

*America Revisited: The Series*

Decades ago, conservationist Sidney Hyman wrote, “We want the signs of where we came from and how we got to where we are…We want to know the trails that were walked, the battles that were fought, the tools that were made. We want to know …the lessons that were taught by a brave failure as well as by a brave success.”

*America Revisited* is dedicated to those individuals, organizations and communities who recognize the power and importance of revitalization and are achieving great things because of it. It will spotlight and reflect those personalities within our communities who can captivate, inspire, and motivate others to roll up their sleeves and get right to it!

This miniseries will begin with 13 segments, 30 minutes in length. Each segment will focus on one community such as St. Louis, Missouri; Fulton, Kentucky; Detroit, Michigan; Louisville, Colorado; Sanibel Island, Florida; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Asheville, North Carolina; Galena, Illinois; Gulfport, Mississippi; Greensburg, Kansas; Fredericksburg, Texas; and Leavenworth, Washington.

Through archival footage and photography, current cinematography, architectural renderings and schematics, interviews and narration, *America Revisited* will explore each area’s history, tour its present, and contemplate its future.

We will see miracles seemingly happen before our eyes as dilapidated streets transform into vibrant shopping districts, historically preserved villages become tourist meccas, and crime-ridden streets return to neighborhoods filled with families and children.

We will see our government working for its people as local, state and federal tax credits and incentives make a pivotal difference in restoration and reclamation.

We will witness the remarkable change that can only come through collaboration and commitment and the impact it makes on neighborhoods, economics, and neighborhoods.

We will see what has always made America great: OUR PEOPLE--their visions, passions, and hard work that go into making things happen.

Through it all, we will demonstrate that buildings are far more than bricks and mortar; they are the placeholders of our dreams and memories. Cultures and traditions are built upon them, day-to-day life is lived in and amongst them, and futures are inspired by them.
America Revisited: A Spotlight on Renaissance

Renaissance is the central theme of this series, and people are the key to that renaissance. Rest assured, we will dedicate ample time to those with the vision to change their street, their town, their community, and their entire world.

We will meet these individuals, share their struggles and victories, warm to their can-do attitude, and watch as they roll up their proverbial sleeves and get to work.

Imagery, pacing and original music will complement and deepen each segment. No doubt there will be beautiful cityscape and charming scenes of life, but there will be grittier, darker images. In fact, we expect each episode to run the entire gamut of film style and emotion, each in its own unique way.

America Revisited: The Team

Samuel Koltinsky is the Executive Producer of America Revisited and a man with a passion for preservation. As the producer of “The Fall and Rise of Germany,” a two-hour documentary for PBS with international distribution in five languages, Mr. Koltinsky witnessed the rebuilding of the eastern block after the Fall of the Wall. This opportunity was the catalyst for a commitment to reclamation and restoration that is evidenced in his work and life.

Throughout his career, Mr. Koltinsky has received numerous awards and recognitions including the RIAS BERLIN Commission’s Award for Excellence for “The Fall and Rise of Germany,” the Award of Distinction from the International Academy of Visual Arts and Communicator Award, and Kentucky Historical Society Merit awards for his work on the My Kentucky Home documentary series.

In addition, Mr. Koltinsky created and organized the highly successful, nationally recognized and viral “Let’s Paint the Town!”--a community-based program designed to bring dilapidated downtown areas back to vibrant life. Thanks to its overwhelming success, this program earned numerous awards, including the Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation Award and the 2009 Preservation Award for Local History from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and more recently the national award. The soon to be released, “Main Street, More Than Just A Place!” which connects preservation and economic development guarantees to be an award winning show.

Jay McCain is also a Co-Producer of America Revisited and a principal at Ironbridge Productions. As owner of a full-service production company, Mr. McCain needs to have a full understanding of both the technical and artistic side of the industry. Luckily, he has an ample amount of both.

He has served as a technical advisor and is well versed in HD, standard definition and
film. His company offers two HD suites as well as the Panasonic HPX-3000 P2 HD with a full support package. Mr. McCain has also worked as a Director of Photography for well over 17 years and as a promotions writer prior to that. In fact, he won three Emmy awards for his work as well as awards from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

**Gary Albers** is a Co-Producer of *America Revisited* and a principal at Ironbridge Productions. Albers comes from the client side where he spent 14 years as the Vice President of Marketing for a nationwide Medical Imaging Company. Gary has a passion and vision for content development and the creative process of production. He also maintains an unshakeable commitment to non-profits. No wonder Ironbridge has been selected to produce the videos of The Bourbon Trail, The Carnegie Museum, United Way, and The Boys and Girls Clubs.

**Rediscovering Our Country Through America Revisited**

*America Revisited* is a travelogue, a history lesson, a celebration of both diversity and unity, and a rallying cry. It is a series that showcases that which makes our nation strong, our communities and sense of home, and our staunch refusal to let that which we love simply fall to ruin.

Through our selected towns and cities, we will present America for all it was, all it is, and all it can be. We invite you to take this journey with us. We promise it is one you will not soon forget!

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