



C-SPAN will be LIVE from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture on Saturday, September 24 at 10am ET for the opening ceremony. In addition to airing the 10am outdoor dedication ceremony, American History TV on C-SPAN3 will begin coverage at 8am ET with sights and sounds from the museum and feature past programming including a recent "hard hat" tour of the new museum.



Opening Ceremony speakers include President Obama and founding Museum Director Lonnie Bunch. Also attending: First Lady Michelle Obama, former President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Rep. John Lewis (D-Georgia) and Smithsonian Secretary David Skorton. Jazz musician Wynton Marsalis will perform a composition created for the opening.

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture: Opening Ceremony **LIVE September 24, 2016 – Starting at 8 am ET** **American History TV on C-SPAN 3**

The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture opens its doors to the public for the first time on Saturday, September 24. American History TV will be LIVE from the National Mall starting at 8 am ET with sights and sounds leading up to the 10 am outdoor dedication ceremony.

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C-SPAN has been there from the beginning – from groundbreaking to assembling the collection that fills the Smithsonian's 19th and newest museum.

Between 8 am and 10 am, along with sights and sounds from the museum, we'll feature American History TV programming from over the years, including . . .

- Interviews with key members of the museum's design team
- A recent "hard hat" tour of the museum and its exhibits
- An interview with director Lonnie Bunch and curator Paul Gardullo about the museum's "Slave Wrecks Project"
- An early tour of the museum's artifact collection
- Selected museum oral histories with civil rights activists

The opening ceremony will re-air on American History TV Saturday, September 24 at 4 pm, 8 pm and midnight ET and at 8 am ET on Sunday, September 25.

All of this and more on C-SPAN 3's American History TV.

Watch live on C-SPAN. Listen on C-SPAN Radio. Watch online anytime at C-SPAN.org.