



[i] INDEPENDENT LENS



Presented by the Independent Television Service (ITVS), the PBS weekly series **Independent Lens** is a film festival in your living room. Diverse subjects, unusual stories, uncommon TV made by independent thinkers—
Tuesday nights at 10 P.M. (check local listings).



Series host Susan Sarandon

WINTER 2005 SCHEDULE

A HARD STRAIGHT

by Goro Toshima
January 4, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 60:00

A gang member, a hustler and a small-time dealer discover that walking out the prison gates is just the beginning in this intimate film on the experience of doing time and trying to go straight.

A TOUCH OF GREATNESS

by Catherine Gund and Leslie Sullivan
January 11, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 60:00

Weaving archival footage together with interviews of former elementary school teacher Albert Cullum and his past students, this is a portrait of the lives transformed by a maverick teacher who enabled children to embrace their own inner greatness.

POWER TRIP

by Paul Devlin
January 25, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 90:00

Amid pervasive blackouts and corruption, an American energy company purchases a previously state-run electricity company in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia.

FEBRUARY ONE: The Story of the Greensboro Four

by Steven Channing and Rebecca Cerese
February 1, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 60:00

A co-presentation with South Carolina ETV. In a pivotal event of the Civil Rights movement, four college students stage a sit-in at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1960.

ON A ROLL

by Joanne Caputo
February 15, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 60:00

An honest, insightful and sometimes brutal portrait of radio talk show host Greg Smith, a man who refuses to allow his severe disability to keep him from living the American Dream.

THUNDER IN GUYANA

by Suzanne Wasserman
February 22, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 60:00

When the filmmaker's cousin, Janet Rosenberg Jagan, was elected Guyana's president seven years ago, she became the first American-born woman to lead a nation.

SISTERS OF '77

by Cynthia Salzman Mondell and Allen Mondell
March 1, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 60:00

Additional funding provided by Blockbuster

On an historic weekend in November 1977, 20,000 women and men attended the first federally funded National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas, where they hammered out resolutions that revolutionized the women's movement.

SUNSET STORY

by Laura Gabbert and Caroline Libresco
March 22, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 60:00

81-year-old Irja and her 95-year-old best friend Lucille are the only lucid residents at a senior citizens' home for political progressives, where they salvage support and community in their old age.

LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

by David Petersen and Mridu Chandra
March 29, 2005 @ 10 P.M.
 TRT 90:00

In one of America's poorest neighborhoods, a storefront church in Washington, D.C. serves as a beacon of hope, pulling parishioners through adversity and despair in the months leading up to Easter.

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Stay tuned for **Independent Lens's** Spring Season beginning in April.

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