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**KBYU to air Fourth of July Celebrations**

PROVO, UT – KBYU Channel 11 will celebrate America’s birthday by airing two special patriotic celebrations: “A Capitol Fourth,” live from Washington D.C., and “America’s Freedom Festival Patriotic Service 2008,” with featured speaker Glenn Beck. The programs will air on Friday, July 4, at 9 p.m. and 11 a.m. respectively.

The 28th Annual broadcast of “A Capitol Fourth,” hosted by Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning actor Jimmy Smits, brings together some of the country’s best-known artists like Grammy-winning musicians Huey Lewis and the News, “American Idol” winner Taylor Hicks, rock ’n’ roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis, Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell, classical superstar Hayley Westenra and soprano Harolyn Blackwell as they perform a selection of patriotic and celebratory music with the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of conductor Enrich Kunzel. Set on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol and surrounded by a number of the nation’s most picturesque monuments and memorials, the celebration features one of the country’s most spectacular fireworks displays, live cannon fire, and a special tribute to the American Olympic athletes with Gold Medal winner Scott Hamilton.

As a part of one of the largest freedom celebrations in the country, “America’s Freedom Festival Patriotic Service 2008,” features patriotic messages and music from distinguished speakers and performers. Radio and cable news personality Glenn Beck

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headlines the event as the featured speaker, and internationally renowned singer Michael Ballam brings out his talents to celebrate America's independence with a stirring rendition of the national anthem and other patriotic hymns and anthems. The service also includes musical performances by the Freedom Festival Concert Band under the direction of Donald Peterson, a prayer by Rabbi Benny Zippel of Chabad Lubavitch of Utah, and a patriotic speech by contest-winner Kyle Ludwig. The service originally took place on Sunday, June 29, 2008, in the BYU Marriott Center on the campus of Brigham Young University and was not broadcast live.

For more information about "A Capitol Fourth" or to obtain high-resolution photos, visit [www.pbs.org/capitolfourth/](http://www.pbs.org/capitolfourth/). More information about "America's Freedom Festival Patriotic Service 2008" can be found at [www.freedomfestival.org/public/event\\_details/18](http://www.freedomfestival.org/public/event_details/18).