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## Filmmaker Ken Burns To Speak On World War II Documentary

October 18, 2007

Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ken Burns will discuss his new historical series on World War II during "An Evening with Ken Burns" on Thursday, Nov. 1 at Illinois State University. The event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Braden Auditorium.



Burns will also speak at 2 p.m. that afternoon in Illinois Wesleyan University's Hansen Student Center, 300 Beecher St., Bloomington. Both events are free and open to the public. Burns' appearance is part of the Stevenson Lecture Series and a highlight of Illinois State University's 150th Celebration.

Burns' latest documentary production, *The War*, recently premiered on PBS. The seven-part series focused on how World War II impacted the lives of American families. Burns has been making films for more than 30 years and has produced some of the most outstanding documentaries in American history. His films include *Jazz*, *Baseball* and the highly-acclaimed series *The Civil War*.

The Stevenson Lecture Series, co-hosted by Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan University, was initiated in 1965 as a memorial to Adlai Stevenson II, former Illinois governor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

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