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### **“THE OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS-BACKSTAGE” BROADCAST PREMIER SET FOR JUNE 30**

Locally Produced Program Explores Band’s Rise From its Springfield Roots to International Stardom.

June 10, 2022 –**Ozarks Public Television’s** newest documentary, **“The Ozark Mountain Daredevils – Backstage”** is set to premier on Thursday, June 30 at 8:00 pm.

The 90-minute presentation explores the band’s rich 50- year history from early days as a “a ragtag collection of hippies, bohemians, and musicians of no fixed ambition” to their international recording success with chart-topping hits such as “Jackie Blue” and “If You Wanna Get to Heaven.” Through concert footage, archival images, interviews with band members, and music from the band’s expansive eight album catalogue, “The Ozark Mountain Daredevils-Backstage” tells the story of how a group of Springfield artists, with voices that produced harmonies often compared to the Beatles and the Eagles, became firmly established as one of the most iconic rock bands of the 1970’s music era.

Program producer Brent Slane said “The story of The Ozark Mountain Daredevils is multifaceted, from the band’s formation, their lyric writing, the vocal harmonies that lead to national and international success, and their continued perseverance and popularity for 50 years. It’s a journey that we are pleased to deliver for fans old and new alike”

Rachel Knight, Ozarks Public Television’s General Manager, agrees. “The Ozarks has an abundance of musical talent – from local bluegrass jams to community theatre. And yet, it’s not every day that a local band hits it big across the country and on the international stage. That is a story worth telling with depth and detail...and we’re honored to do just that.”

“Ozark Mountain Daredevils – Backstage” premieres on Ozarks Public Television’s main channel on Thursday, June 30 at 8:00 pm and re-airs on Sunday, July 3, 2022. The documentary will be available to stream on [video.optv.org](http://video.optv.org) on July 1 and DVD copies of the program will be available for purchase around the end of July.

### About Ozarks Public Television

Ozarks Public Television (OPT) is the region's PBS affiliate and includes full-power stations in Springfield (KOZK) and Joplin (KOZJ). OPT was created by the community – born of a grassroots effort to provide a home in the Ozarks for television programming that informs, entertains, and inspires. Decades later, OPT continues to deliver on that promise through four 24/7 programming services – OPT HD, OPT PBS KIDS, OPT Create, and OPT World. As part of its mission to encourage the exploration of ideas and their application to citizenship, OPT works to document, present, and preserve the history and local culture of the Ozarks through production of local series and films. OPT is jointly licensed with KSMU Radio, the region's NPR affiliate. Brought together in 2001, the stations formed Ozarks Public Broadcasting, licensed to and operated by Missouri State University.