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WETA Television Delivers *Pizza in Washington*
— *New Local Documentary Premieres Tuesday, May 7 at 8 p.m.*
on WETA TV 26 —

Washington, D.C. — *Pizza in Washington*, a new local program from WETA TV 26, explores the flourishing pizza scene in Greater Washington. The documentary visits a dozen eateries, offering pizza from authentic Neapolitan to classic New York style, that embody the region's pizza renaissance. *Pizza in Washington* premieres Tuesday, May 7 at 8 p.m. on WETA TV 26 and airs throughout the month.

“As Washington’s local public television station, we are proud to once again feature local flavor, sights and sounds with a new program that provides an inside look into several top area pizzerias and the fascinating stories behind them,” commented Kevin Harris, vice president and television station manager of WETA. “*Pizza in Washington* is a dynamic, fun program that showcases one of the region’s favorite foods.”

The latest half-hour documentary from WETA reveals great places to enjoy pizza throughout Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. — from one restaurant with an oven made out of rock from Mt. Vesuvius, to another whose pizza is certified authentic in Naples, to a pizza truck that serves New York-style to on-the-go customers around town. Meet the chefs and enthusiasts who are passionate about their pie, serving their customers delicious pizzas to share with colleagues, friends and family.

Pizza in Washington continues a rich tradition of local programming on WETA Television that demonstrates the station’s commitment to the community, spotlighting its people, places and cultural offerings. Following the tradition of previous WETA productions such as *Breakfast in Washington*, *Neighborhood Eats* and *WETA Guide to Fine Dining* (available for streaming at weta.org), *Pizza in Washington* features a notable selection of Greater Washington eateries. Featured pizzerias include a long-time Washington fixture that has been offering deep-dish, thick-crust pizza since the 1970’s, a pizzeria that is a community institution in Bethesda and a Falls Church favorite that serves classic Neapolitan pies.

Glenn Baker serves as the executive producer of *Pizza in Washington* and Rebecca Tulkoff is producer.

The complete WETA TV 26 television schedule is available at www.weta.org. Viewers can watch over the air on channel 26.4, and on Comcast 26, Cox 26 and 802, Dish 8076, FiOS 26 and 471, and RCN 26. WETA HD is available over the air on channel 26.1, and on Comcast 220, Cox 1026 and 1003, FiOS 526, Direct TV 26 and 26-1, and RCN 613.

WETA Television and Classical WETA 90.9 FM are public broadcasting stations serving the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia with high-quality programming. Classical WETA 90.9 FM brings classical music, concerts and specials to Greater Washington. As the leading PBS station in the nation's capital, WETA Television broadcasts on four channels: WETA TV 26, WETA HD, WETA UK and WETA Kids. WETA Television celebrates the people and history of this region through programs such as *Breakfast in Washington*, *WETA Around Town*, *WETA Extras* and *The WETA Guide*. For national PBS audiences, WETA produces *PBS NewsHour*; *Washington Week with Gwen Ifill*; films by Ken Burns such as *The Central Park Five*; and performance specials from the White House, the U.S. Capitol and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Embracing the educational mission of public broadcasting, WETA creates leading public service websites such as www.ReadingRockets.org, www.LDOnline.org, www.ColorinColorado.org, www.AdLit.org and www.Brainline.org; and develops community outreach programs to engage people of all ages in the joy of lifelong learning. WETA's headquarters is located in Arlington, Virginia. Sharon Percy Rockefeller is president and CEO. More information on WETA and its programs and services is available at www.weta.org.

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