



**New Television Series *If You Lived Here*
Premieres February 15 at 8pm on WETA PBS and WETA Metro**

Local WETA Production Explores Neighborhood Living in the DMV

January 19, 2021 (Arlington, VA) – Finding a place to live can be both exciting and challenging. Join hosts and best friends Christine Louise and John Begeny as they tour homes and explore communities in the Washington, D.C. region, one neighborhood at a time. Discover the history and culture of these vibrant areas and learn more about the current real estate market in the new series *If You Lived Here*, premiering Monday, February 15 at 8pm on WETA PBS and WETA Metro.

“There are so many unique communities in the Washington, D.C. metro area that a prospective buyer can make their home,” said Miguel Monteverde, Senior Vice President and General Manager, WETA Greater Washington. “*If You Lived Here* is a fun way to learn about those communities and listed properties. This show is a perfect example of the new type of programming we are producing now, showcasing the best of life in the DMV.”

Longtime Washingtonians Christine Louise and John Begeny have been colleagues at WETA for 20 years, creating local WETA documentaries such as *Discovering Washington: Through the Lens*; *The Washington Cherry Blossoms: A Gift of Friendship*, winner of a National Capital/Chesapeake Bay Emmy; and a trilogy of films tracing the evolution of historic Alexandria, VA from the city’s early years to the present day. They are passionate about the region they live in, and have seen the evolution of Washington, D.C. and the surrounding areas over the years.

In each 30-minute episode, John and Christine explore three properties in one neighborhood with the help of an expert realtor: a starter home, a mid-level, and a “dream house.” After each tour, they compete with each other to guess the listing price. Follow these two friends as they venture across the DMV, and learn about homes on the market and the notable businesses nearby, as well as the character and history of each community. *If You Lived Here* explores places to call home in the Washington, D.C. area for newcomers and long-time residents alike.

Following a four-episode premiere on February 15 featuring H Street NE and Shaw in Washington D.C., Old Town Alexandria in Northern Virginia, and Silver Spring in Maryland, episodes will air on Mondays at 8pm on WETA Metro and at 9pm on WETA PBS.

Twelve neighborhoods throughout Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland are featured in the inaugural season of *If You Lived Here*:

Washington, D.C.

H Street NE
Petworth/16th Street

Shaw
Anacostia

Capitol Hill
SW Waterfront

Maryland

Silver Spring
Takoma Park
Hyattsville

Virginia

Old Town Alexandria
Falls Church
North Arlington

If You Lived Here, produced by WETA in association with Leapfrog Productions, is the latest local series slated for broadcast on the new WETA Metro channel, which features the best of PBS and life in the DMV. The channel is part of WETA's continuing mission to produce television that serves our community. WETA Metro is available over-the-air on channel 26.5 and via cable networks Verizon FIOS (channel 470) and RCN (channel 599); and is available to stream digitally via weta.org, YouTube TV and the PBS Video App.

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